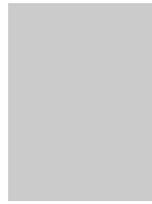




JORDAN

CITY NEWS



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Mission Statement

The foundation of Jordan is built on a small town historic presence that supports quality services, collaboration, leadership, and a well-planned future.

Nine File for Council Seats

Nine residents filed for three soon to be open seats on the City Council. Terms for Councilmembers: Joseph Thill, Jeremy Goebel, and Thom Boncher will expire on December 31, 2014. The following candidates have filed for office: Jeremy Goebel, Joseph Thill, Thom Boncher, Gene Flynn, Jason Chalupsky, John Herzog, Sally Schultz, Brenda Lieske, and Mike Franklin.

The public can vote for three of the above candidates at the upcoming General Election on November 4th at the Jordan High School. Voting hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where Do I Vote?



The City of Jordan has two voting precincts. Both precincts are located at the Jordan High School at 600 Sunset Drive. Precinct 1 is the area south of TH 282 and Precinct 2 is the area north of TH

282. Listed below are some housing developments that indicate the precinct you are to vote in:

Precinct 1

Arborview
Bluffs at Cedar Ridge
Bridle Creek
Heritage Hills
River Ridge
Sawmill Woods

Stonebridge
Sunset Bluffs

Precinct 2

Timberline
Wexford Square
Valley Green Park

To determine what precinct you live in, visit the Secretary of State's website at <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>.

Voter Eligibility

To vote in Minnesota you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- At least 18 years of age on election day
- A resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days
- Properly registered

Facade Grant Program

The Jordan EDA has a Façade Grant Program which will match 50% of project costs up to \$5,000. The grant dollars may be used for improvements to the exterior of buildings including brick replacement and repair, window and door replacement/repair, awnings and signs, exterior steps/entrances, landscaping and parking. We have had 3 different businesses apply and receive grant monies through this program just this summer and are using it as a catalyst for major private renovations.

Roets Jordan Brewery

The Jordan City Council approved an innovative plan to execute a lease with the Roets Jordan Brewery on the city-owned library building on Broadway.

This public/private partnership will open the door for the brewer to resume operations soon. If all goes as planned, Roets Jordan Brewery should still hit their pre-landslide goal of brewing in Jordan in early 2015.

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Downtown Advisory Committee Vacancy

The Jordan Downtown Advisory Committee (DAC) has an opening. This committee is looking for a candidate that has an interest in the future of downtown Jordan as well as a willingness to help guide the implementation of the City's Downtown Master Vision. Applications are available on the City's website. Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. This is a volunteer position.

Tree Trimming to Occur this Fall

Jordan Public Works will be trimming boulevard trees this fall that impedes their snowplowing efforts. Any branches that overhang the roadway will be trimmed so the snowplow equipment does not get damaged.



If you see the tree trimming equipment in your neighborhood, please remove your vehicles from the street, so crews have easy access.



A big thank you goes out to the volunteers at Hope Lutheran Church that helped beautify the log cabin. They created a few planting beds which included installing salvias, veronicas, hydrangeas, and heucheras. They also edged the beds with rocks and added mulch.

What's a Weedoo?

In June, the City Council directed city staff to research what could be done to remove the algae that was overtaking the Mill Pond. Public Works Director Haas found the solution in the Weedoo.

A Weedoo is a boat that is equipped with a conveyor belt that extracts the algae from the pond onto the boat deck. Then the algae is removed from the boat and loaded into a truck which is then brought to the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be placed onto an abandoned wastewater treatment pond.

Haas estimates initially it will take numerous hours to remove the algae, but anticipates next year it will be much easier as they will stay on top of the removal. Staff researched hiring a company to remove the algae and it would have cost approximately \$10,000 per time.

The Weedoo was purchased from a company in Florida for approximately \$25,000. The removal of the algae will not hurt the fish population but it will make for a much more pleasurable swimming experience.

Business Highlights



Minger Construction was established in 1984. They are an underground utility construction company that focuses a lot on highway construction. They can currently employ 50-70 employees during peak season. Their new headquarters will be located at 620 Corporate Drive in Jordan. This new headquarters will employ 15 people on site. Their site is about 16 acres that will include a 19,136 square foot building and an additional accessory building that will be 11,520 square feet.

Minger Construction was drawn to the City of Jordan for three reasons. **First** was the large amount of land at an affordable price. **Second** was easy access to a major highway and the **third** driving reason was the City of Jordan and its staff that were so welcoming. Minger Construction is very excited about the opportunity to join the Jordan Community!

2015 MnDOT Projects in Jordan

MnDOT is planning road and bridge construction in Jordan next summer. The project involves reconstruction of the pavement and traffic signal at the intersection of highways 169 & 282, reconstruction of the 169 pavement and rehabilitation of 169 bridges throughout the City limits, and work on the TH 21 and TH 282 bridges over Sand Creek.

Significant traffic impacts are anticipated, including reduced lanes, temporary access closures, and some detours yet to be determined. The project is expected to last the majority of the summer on highway 169 and roughly two weeks for the highway 282 and 21 bridge construction.

MnDOT has established a project website with some more information (<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy169jordan/>). MnDOT also plans to hold a public open house in Jordan this fall after they finalize their plans. Once a date for the open house has been set it will be posted on the City's website. If residents have any questions about the project, they are encouraged to contact MnDOT staff members Kirsten Klein at 651-234-7506 or Diane Langenbach at 651-234-7721.

CERC (Community Education Recreation Center)

The City of Jordan and the Jordan School District have started work on the Jordan Middle School addition and Community Education Recreation Center. The CERC will be a place in the community to host a variety of events. A new large gym, classrooms and community rooms, fitness room, and elevated walking track will be included with this addition as well as an outdoor classroom.

Phase I of the project has started.

Official Mapping

The Jordan City Council has taken a stand and are having official mapping done of the land that would need to be acquired to construct a new interchange at T.H. 282/CR 9 and Highway 169 in the configuration favored by the City Council.

This official mapping will protect accesses to Highway 169 for our Highway Commercial businesses in the area. This mapping will lay out a plan for those businesses and give them confidence their investments will be safe.

For more information on official mapping, check the City's website.

Winter Parking



What are the City of Jordan's Winter Parking Regulations?

City Ordinance 73.09 states there shall be no parking on city streets, alleys, or parking lots within the city of Jordan, when there is an accumulation of one and one half inches of snow or more, until the streets, alleys, and parking lots are plowed full width.

This ordinance is applicable to all city streets except that there is an area in the downtown where regulations are different. If you live on FIRST OR WATER STREET, BETWEEN MILL AND VARNER STREET, please refer to the (EXCEPTIONS) section of this notice.

EXCEPTIONS: If you reside on First or Water Street between Mill and Varner, an odd even parking system applies. For residents in these areas, the last digit of the day of the month determines which side of the street you should park on. If you park your vehicle for the night, make sure you park it on the side of the street it should be on after midnight.

EXAMPLE: It is 10:00 p.m. on December 21. You should be parked on the even side of the street (the side of the street that has residences or businesses on whose street address ends in an even number), because at midnight, it will be December 22.

Who is responsible for clearing specific roadways?

The city of Jordan Public Works Department is responsible for clearing approximately 35 miles of roads. Scott County maintains county state aid highways (including County Road 9, County Road 66, and County Road 61). The State plows TH Hwy 169, TH 282 and TH 21.

What roads are plowed first?

After a snowfall of one and 1/2 inches, plowing and salting operations begin on the main collector streets and then local streets, cul-de-sacs, alleys, and then city owned sidewalks and trails are cleared.

During the heavier snowfalls, street driving lanes are plowed. When the snow stops, streets will be plowed curb to curb. During these storms, street parking restrictions are enforced until streets are plowed curb to curb.

What are my responsibilities as a property owner?

Residential property owners are responsible for clearing snow/ice on sidewalks adjacent to residential properties within 24 hours and commercial properties within 12 hours. Please do not push snow into the street.

Where do I put my trash cart during a snowstorm?

Please keep your trash carts behind the curb on garbage collection days so they are not in the way of the snowplow trucks.

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City Hall Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.



City Council Meetings
1st Monday—6:30 P.M.
3rd Monday—6:30 P.M.

City Council Members

- Mayor Mike Shaw
- Jeremy Goebel
- Thom Boncher
- Terry Stier
- Joe Thill
- Tanya Velishek
- Jeff Will

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Calendar of Events



Yard Waste Pickup	October 25th & November 8th
General Election	November 4th



Thank you to all the individuals and organizations that adopted a planter or flower bed to help beautify Jordan. The community looks great because of their volunteer efforts.

Two Remaining Yard Waste Dates

Elite Waste Disposal will provide yard waste and brush pick up on the following two Saturdays: October 25th and November 8th. Please put your yard waste in compostable bags and have curbside by 7:00 a.m. Yard waste consists of grass clippings and leaves. Brush consists of limbs 6" or less in diameter and the bundles of brush can be up to five feet long and one foot wide. Valley Green yard waste is handled by a private contractor.

**Downtown Jordan
What Do You Envision It Should
Look Like?**

In the summer of 2015, the City will be doing some construction in the downtown area. First Street, from Broadway to Varner, and Water Street, from Broadway to Rice will be reconstructed to replace outdated buried utility lines, the streets will be dug up and an opportunity is created to make improvements to the downtown area's public infrastructure. The City has collected a great deal of input from downtown business and property owners, but the City is still looking for even more input from the community. If the streets are to be dug up, what do you think the City should put back? What do you think downtown should look like? Please take 5 minutes to fill out an online survey on the City's website and let us know!

A project website is available which contains a great deal of information about the project as well as a questionnaire. The address is listed below and links are also available on the City's website. http://www.bolton-menk.com/jordan/2015_street-utility-index.html.

For more information about the project, residents can also contact Mike Waltman at 952-890-0509 or mikewa@bolton-menk.com.



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