



# JORDAN CITY NEWS

THE FOUNDATION OF JORDAN IS BUILT ON A SMALL TOWN HISTORIC PRESENCE THAT SUPPORTS QUALITY SERVICES, COLLABORATION, LEADERSHIP, AND A WELL-PLANNED FUTURE.

April 2010

## Jordan Conducting On-line Parks, Trails, Natural Resource Survey

Where should trail linkages be made? Should the City designate on-road bicycle lanes? What park improvements are needed? What natural resources should be preserved? The Jordan Park and Recreation Commission **needs input** from residents and businesses in Jordan on these and other important questions. Input will be used as a part of the development of a Master Parks, Trails and Natural Resource Plan.

An on-line survey is available between April 5, 2010 and May 10, 2010 at: <http://tiny.cc/jordanparks> If residents prefer to submit a paper copy of the survey, it may be obtained on the city's website at: [www.jordan.govoffice.com](http://www.jordan.govoffice.com), under the Community Growth Options link, or at the City of Jordan's city offices at 210 East First Street or at the Public Library. Copies of the survey will also be available for completion at the City of Jordan's booth at Celebrate Jordan, to be held April 11<sup>th</sup>. One survey per adult is allowed.

Results of the survey will be presented at the May 24, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, which will be held at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

For more information relating to the survey or Master Parks, Trails and Natural Resources plan, please contact: Joe Janish, Senior Planner at 952-492-2535 or Consultant Joanne Foust, MDG, Inc. at 952-758-7399.

## New Employee



The City of Jordan recently hired Andy Splinter as the City's Accountant/Utility Billing Clerk. Andy received his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He previously worked for Abdo, Eick & Meyers and assisted with the City of Jordan's audit. Andy enjoys golf and is a big Twin's baseball fan.

## Adopt a Flower Planter or Flower Bed Program

If you are interested in adopting a planter or bed in the City of Jordan, please contact City Hall at 492-2535. There are eight pots and seven flower beds that need to be planted. As of this printing, one planter and one bed have been adopted. Volunteers would be required to purchase the plants, plant the flowers, weed, and water as needed. Please consider this volunteer opportunity.

## Council Seats Open

Candidate filings open August 3rd through August 17th. There are three seats available on the City Council. They are four-year terms beginning in January 2011.

### How to File for Office:

To run for a Council seat, you must file at City Hall located at 210 E. 1st Street from August 3rd—August 17th between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The following criteria must be met to file for office:

- The candidate must be an eligible voter
- The candidate will have maintained residence in the city for 30 days before the election
- The candidate must pay the \$2 filing fee at the time of filing
- The candidate is, or will be on assuming the office, 21 years of age or more

For more information, call City Hall at 492-2535.

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## Special Points of Interest:

*Beautify Jordan—Adopt a Flower Planter or Flower Bed*

*Spring Tips*

*Burning Permits*

*Severe Weather Awareness Week*

*Dog Tags Required*

## Yard Waste Dates for 2010



AS OF JANUARY 1, 2010, STANDARD BLACK PLASTIC LEAF BAGS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE. ALL YARD WASTE MUST BE PLACED IN (COMPOSTABLE) BAGS. BIODEGRADABLE BAGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED EITHER.

Elite Waste Disposal will be picking up yard waste curbside on the following Saturday's: June 12th, July 24th, September 18th, and

November 13th. Yard waste includes: lawn clippings, garden waste, and brush. Lawn clippings should be placed in (compostable) lawn bags, while brush should be bundled in groups no longer than 5 feet long and 1 foot in diameter securely tied with twine. Items must be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. Yard waste pickup is limited to City of Jordan residents only. Valley Green yard waste is handled by a private contractor.

## Spring Tips for Lawns and Lakes

A message from: **Scott County Joint Stormwater Education Program & Clean Water MN** -

It's a common urge in Minnesota – as soon as the weather warms up we all want to get out into the yard and start working on something. After all, the season is short and we all want to make the most of it! As you head out with shovel and rake in hand, remember that how we care for our yard affects the health of our rivers, lakes, and wetlands. Follow these lawn care tips for cleaner water:

**Keep soil in place!** Bare soil from your lawn can easily wash away with rain and fill in wetlands, rivers and lake bottoms. In addition to destroying wildlife habitat, dirt carries phosphorus, the plant nutrient that turns lakes green with algae. Cover bare areas of soil with mulch or vegetation.

**Rake up and sweep up!** Sweep up left over sand and salt from winter applications and save to reuse next winter. Rake up leaves that fell late in the fall because they are also a source of phosphorus. Also, pick up any litter that was buried under snow piles this winter.

**Pick up after pets!** In addition to containing phosphorus which turns lakes green with algae, pet waste contains bacteria which can lead to beach closings. Pick up pet waste and place in the trash. Never use storm drains for disposing pet waste!

**Follow the law!** Minnesota's new lawn phosphorus fertilizer law requires the use of phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer unless when seeding a new lawn or a soil test shows need for phosphorus fertilizer. More info here:

[www.mda.state.mn.us/phoslaw](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/phoslaw).

You can learn more about these tips by visiting the *Minnesota Water – Let's Keep it Clean* website at [www.cleanwatermn.org](http://www.cleanwatermn.org). Or contact Dan Miller at the Scott Soil & Water Conservation District at 952-492-5424 or [dmiller@co.scott.mn.us](mailto:dmiller@co.scott.mn.us).

## Spring and Fall Cleanup Days for City of Jordan Residents Only (May 22 & October 16)

Spring and Fall are the perfect times to clean out your garages and homes of items you no longer want or need. Residents of Jordan have an opportunity to dispose of those items at the Jordan Clean Up Days. Elite Waste Disposal will be handling the clean up. Elite Waste Disposal is located at 845 Corporate Drive in the Timberline Industrial Park off of County Road 9. Hours for the clean up are 7:00 a.m.– noon both days. Listed below are the costs to Jordan residents. This list is not all inclusive.

### Per Item Costs to Residents:

**Appliances:** Includes dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, freezers, furnaces, garbage disposals, humidifiers, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, trash compactors, washers, and water heaters \$19.00

Air conditioners and water softeners \$35.00

**Household Refuse:** TBD at time of drop off

**Furniture:** Twin mattress \$19.00

Full/Queen/King mattress \$35.00

Couch \$30.00

Recliners \$30.00

\*Subject to SWMT (Solid Waste Management Tax)

### **Batteries:**

Car \$12.00

Truck \$15.00

Cell Phone \$3.00

Lap Top \$5.00

### **Electronics:**

CD player \$15.00

Lap top \$15.00

Fax machine \$19.00

Monitor \$30.00

Printer (small) \$15.00

Printer (large/laser) \$35.00

TV 13-19" \$31.00

TV 20-27" \$35.00

TV 28" - larger \$45.00

Treadmill \$40.00

Typewriter \$15.00

### **Lawn and Garden:**

Barbeque grill \$20.00

Lawn mower \$20.00

Riding lawn mower \$50.00

Roto tiller \$20.00

Snow blower \$20.00

**Tires:** Car \$10.00

Light truck \$15.00

Glass, plastic, cardboard, paper, aluminum, and scrap metal—FREE

**Call Elite Waste Disposal at 952-445-4301 with Questions or visit [www.elitewastedisposal.com](http://www.elitewastedisposal.com).**

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## Watering Requirements

Sprinkling restrictions are in effect in the City of Jordan.

These restrictions apply to all water customers of Jordan seven days a week, year round. The restrictions are the **odd/even** system, plus **time** restrictions.

- Customers whose home or business address ends with an odd number may sprinkle the lawn only on odd numbered days.
- Customers whose home or business address ends with an even number may sprinkle the lawn only on even numbered days.

No sprinkling is permitted between the hours of **10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**, regardless of the home or business address. A 30-day exception will be allowed for new seed or new sod.

- In the event of violations, an administrative charge per instance will then be applied:
- 1st violation—\$25.00
- 2nd violation—\$50.00
- 3 or more violations—\$100.00

## Severe Weather

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 19-23. Jordan will participate in the statewide tornado drills on Thursday, April 22 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m.

## Automatic Payment Plan

Now you can pay your utility bill from your checking or savings account automatically—no checks to write, no stamps to buy, and no late payments. It's free, fast, and easy to do. If you are interested in this program, please contact the utility department at city hall to register. You will be asked to complete an authorization form and provide a voided check. Call City Hall at 492-2535 with questions.

## Water Meter Changeouts

The City is in the process of changing out residents water meters, as the current meters are reaching the end of their battery life. Residents can call anytime during business hours 8:30—5:00 to make an appointment for your meter replacement. It takes approximately 15-20 minutes. A public works employee will need to turn off the water during this installation and will need to get access to your water meter which is usually located in the basement or utility room.

## Beach Area

The beach area in Lagoon Park will be ready soon for swimmers. Please note that no lifeguards are on duty. City Staff has made contact with Lake Restoration and they plan on treating the Mill Pond twice for algae growth.

### \*\*\*Upcoming Meetings\*\*\*

**Jordan City Council Work Session to be held on April 19th at 7:30 p.m. at the JHS Auditorium to discuss the proposed gravel mining operation in Sand Creek Township and its impact on the City of Jordan. Residents are invited to attend.**

**Residents recently received their Notice of Valuation and Classification regarding the market value and classification of their property. If the property information is not correct or you disagree with the values, you can call the assessor or plan to attend the Open Book meeting on May 12th at the Taxation Department. located at the Scott County Government Center between 8 a.m.—7 p.m. This is a less formal, less intimidating approach for residents to discuss their property valuations. If you still object to your value or classification, you can attend the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization or by writing a letter. If you have any questions, please contact the Scott County Taxation Department at 952-496-8971.**

## Building Permit Reminders

A permit is required for most projects including, but not limited to: retaining walls, re-roofs, re-siding, windows, sprinkler systems, decks, finish basements, and fences. Permit applications and written instruction are available at City Hall. It's a good idea to plan ahead if you are contemplating a weekend project as permits may take 5-7 business days to process. Questions regarding the permit process may be directed to Joe Janish Senior Planner, at (952) 492-2535. Code questions and inspection appointments should be directed to the Building Inspector at (763) 479-1720.

## Dog Tags Required

Dog tags are issued for the calendar year. Proof of rabies vaccination and payment of a \$10.00 fee is required. Tags are available at City Hall from 8:30-5:00, Monday—Friday.

## Recreational Burning Permits

Recreational burning permits are required for campfires. The fee is \$20 for the calendar year and can be obtained at City Hall. If you plan on purchasing a contained outdoor fire permit, a burning permit is still required. Fire size is restricted to a maximum of 3'x3'. Burning of leaves is prohibited. It takes a day or two to process applications, so please plan accordingly.

## Upcoming Events

Jordan City Council Work Session On Proposed Gravel Mining Operation	April 19 7:30 p.m. JHS Auditorium
Iron Man	April 25
City-Wide Garage Sale	May 8
Jordan's Open Book Meeting	May 12
At Scott County Re: Valuations	
Spring Cleanup Day	May 22
Yard Waste Pickup	June 12, July 24, September 18, & November 13
Memorial Day Parade	May 31
Pork in the Park	June 26
Jordan Valley Bike Tour	June 26
Arts Festival	June 26 and June 27
Scott County Fair	July 28—August 1
Scott County Threshers	August 6,7,8
Firefighter's Dance	
Steak/Chicken Fry	August 14
Jordan Car Cruise & Dance	September 10
Heimatfest	September 11
St. John's Fall Festival	September 19
Fall Cleanup Day	October 16

## Farmer's Market



Check the next newsletter for Farmer's Market information.

## City-Wide Garage Sale

Jordan's Annual City-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Jordaness Lions, is scheduled for Saturday, May 8th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Deadline for signup is May 1st. If you want to be included on the map, the fee is \$10.00 and checks should be made payable to Jordaness Lions. Please fill out the form below and mail to Sue Quatmann, 6305 W. 190<sup>th</sup> Street, Jordan, MN 55352 along with the fee. Questions, call Sue at 952-492-3417. Maps will be available at: Radermacher's Fresh Market, Broadway Market and City Hall. The Police Department will also participate in the sale and will be selling items at the Police garage, located next to the Mini-Met Baseball Park on Rice Street.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Items To Be Listed – Limit To Ten Words:

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*View City Council meetings online at [www.jordan.govoffice.com](http://www.jordan.govoffice.com).*

### CITY OF JORDAN

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

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

#### 2010 City Council Members

**Mayor Pete Ewals**  
**Jeremy Goebel**  
**David Hanson**  
**Mike Shaw**  
**Jeanne Marnoff**  
**Tanya Velishek**  
**Sally Schultz**

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