



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 2011

Spring Tips for Lawns and Lakes

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 yard 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. Grass clippings, tree seeds and leaves are also sources of phosphorus – keep them out of the curb and gutter in the street. After mowing, sweep sidewalks, driveways and streets clean of grass clippings.



Keep storm drains clean. They are connected to a nearby stream or lake!

- **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. Collect pet waste in plastic bags and place in the trash or flush down the toilet. Never use storm drains for disposing pet waste!

- **Soak up the rain!** Natural landscapes soak up rain like a sponge. When possible, direct your downspouts onto your lawn and landscape so the rain water can soak in. If you are adventurous, you can create a raingarden, a shallow depression designed to capture and soak up rain water. Keep an eye out for a raingarden workshop this summer!

Follow the law! Minnesota's 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.

For more information on spring yard care for clean water, visit www.scottswcd.org or contact Dan Miller at the Scott Soil & Water Conservation District at 952-492-5424 or dmliler@co.scott.mn.us.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all residents and business owners for your patience in surviving one of the snowiest Minnesota winters on record. Jordan Public Works did an excellent job in keeping our street safe and clear for travel. It was evident Minnesota nice was used numerous times from neighbors helping neighbors shovel out their driveways, residents keeping hydrants accessible, and business owners keeping their sidewalks cleared for customers.

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Yard Waste Dates for 2011



Remember to use COMPOSTABLE BAGS for your yard waste. Elite Waste Disposal will be picking up yard waste curbside on the following Saturday's: June 4th, August 6th, October 1st, and November 12th. 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.

County Road 66 Upgrade

Scott County intends to install a new 6" concrete overlay to County Road 66 from Hillside Drive to US Highway 169. This type of improvement is designed to last 35-50 years. The project is expected to begin in June/July and be completed August /September. A detour will be implemented.

New Public Library Hours

The new hours for the Jordan Public Library were effective March 1, 2011:

Monday	1 to 8
Tuesday	10 to 5
Wednesday	1 to 8
Thursday	10 to 5
Friday	closed
Saturday	10 to 2
Sunday	closed



What Causes Basement Flooding?

Most likely, water enters a basement during a period of heavy rainfall or when the snow melts rapidly during a thaw in the spring. In such cases, a basement can get wet due to:

- Lack of gutters
- Lack of proper gutters
- Plugged gutters and/or downspouts
- Downspout discharge located too close to house
- Poor drainage around houses
- Crack or leak in the basement walls
- Foundation drains crushed or plugged
- No sump pump in sump pump pit
- Sump pump not large enough
- No battery back-up for sump pump
- Wastewater back-up into basement

Check out the City's website at jordan.govoffice.com for prevention measures.

Spring and Fall Cleanup Days for City of Jordan Residents and Sandcreek Township Residents (May 21 & October 15)

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.

Appliances: Includes dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, freezers, furnaces, garbage disposals, humidifiers, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, trash compactors, washers, and water heaters \$20.00

Air conditioners and water softeners \$37.00

Household Refuse: TBD at time of drop off

Furniture: Twin mattress \$20.00

Full/Queen/King mattress \$37.00

Couch \$32.00

Recliner \$32.00

Batteries:

Car \$13.00

Truck \$16.00

Cell Phone \$4.00

Lap Top \$6.00

Electronics:

CD player \$16.00

Lap top \$16.00

Fax machine \$20.00

Monitor \$32.00

Printer (small) \$16.00

Printer (large/laser)

\$37.00

TV 13-19" \$33.00

TV 20-27" \$37.00

TV 28" - larger \$48.00

Treadmill \$42.00

Typewriter \$16.00

Lawn and Garden:

Barbeque grill \$21.00

Lawn mower \$21.00

Riding lawn mower \$53.00

Roto tiller \$21.00

Snow blower \$21.00

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

FREE. Call Elite Waste at 952-445-4301 with questions.



Tires: Car \$11.00

Light Truck \$16.00

American Cancer Society

You can join the movement and fight back against cancer! The American Cancer Society's Cancer Prevention Study-3 will be coming to the Scott County Relay for Life on Friday, July 8, at Vaughn Field, Shakopee. As a participant in this study, you can help the ACS understand how to prevent cancer. CPS-3 will help us better understand the genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors that cause or **prevent** cancer. For more information, visit cancer.org/cps3. To register call Ruby Winings at 952-445-6354, or go to Cps3scottcounty@gmail.com.

Watering Restrictions

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.

Tornado Safety Information

Tornado Drill Day is Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. The following information was provided by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety—Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management:

BEFORE THE TORNADO

A tornado watch highlights an area where tornadoes are likely to develop. Continue your normal activities during a tornado watch, but keep track of the latest weather reports, and be ready to get to a shelter. Tornadoes develop quickly.

IN THE HOME

Go to the basement. Get under a table, work bench, or some other sturdy furniture to protect yourself from falling debris. A stairwell is also a good place to hide during a tornado.

IF YOU CANNOT GET TO A BASEMENT

Go to a small, interior room on the lowest floor. Closets, bathrooms and interior halls afford the best protection in most cases. Get under something sturdy or cover yourself with blankets, and stay away from windows.

IN AN APARTMENT, SCHOOL OR OFFICE BUILDING

Move to the lowest level to the innermost room—or go to a pre-designated shelter area. Stay away from windows! In a hallway, crouch down and protect your head from flying debris. Avoid areas with glass and large expanses of roof with no supports.

IN A MOBILE HOME, CARE, TRUCK OR OTHER VEHICLE

Abandon your mobile home or vehicle as quickly as possible and find a sturdy shelter—preferably a permanent structure. Avoid bridges—they act as wind tunnels. People who try to escape a tornado by driving away in a vehicle often don't make it; they get caught in deadly winds.

IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE WITHOUT SHELTER

Lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding. Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location. Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter. Protect yourself from flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.

New Employee Joins City Staff



Katie Reed is the new City of Jordan's Accountant/Utility Billing Clerk. She started her employment with the city on March 28th. Ms. Reed had worked for the City of Chanhassen in their utility billing department for five years prior to coming to Jordan. Ms. Reed is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

Sump Pumps

Due to the heavy snowpack and rain this spring, some sump pumps within the community have been running nonstop. Just a friendly reminder it is against city ordinances to discharge sump pump water into the municipal sanitary sewer mains. This water should be piped outside not into the floor drains. Discharge of this water into the sanitary sewer mains increases the wastewater treatment costs and quantities.

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



Dog tags are issued for the calendar year. Proof of rabies vaccination and payment of a \$10.00 fee is required.

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. 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.

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.

2011 City Council Members

- Mayor Pete Ewals**
- Jeremy Goebel**
- Thom Boncher**
- Mike Shaw**
- Joe Thill**
- Tanya Velishek**
- Sally Schultz**

Upcoming Events

Easter Egg Hunt	April 16
Lagoon Park	
City-Wide Garage Sale	May 7
Spring Cleanup Day	May 21
Yard Waste Pickup	May 30
	June 4, August 6,
	October 1, & November 12
Memorial Day Parade	May 30
Mayor's Cup	June 3
Raceway Park	
Pork in the Park	June 25
Jordan Valley Bike Tour	June 25
Arts Festival	June 25 & 26
Scott County Fair	July 27—July 31
Scott County Threshers	August 5,6,7
Firefighter's Dance	
Steak/Chicken Fry	August 13
Jordan Car Cruise & Dance	September 9
Heimatfest	September 10
St. John's Fall Festival	September 18
Fall Cleanup Day	October 15

City-Wide Garage Sale

Jordan's Annual City-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Jordaness Lions, is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th 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. 190th 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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Check out the Jordan Police Department Facebook page. The direct link is: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Jordan-MN-Police-Department/139652096076910>.