2015 Downtown Improvements

The City will be undertaking a reconstruction of three blocks of street and utilities downtown this summer. Beginning in April, reconstruction of Water Street between Highway 21 and Rice Street, and reconstruction of First Street, from Highway 21 to Varner Street, will take place. The streets, sidewalks, and utilities will be replaced, and aesthetic upgrades to the streetscape along these roadways will occur including the addition of trees, planting beds, wayfinding signage, and informational kiosks. More information about the project including renderings of the proposed finished product can be seen at: https://www.bolton-menk.com/jordan/2015_street-utility/index.html. A link to this page is also available on the main City website. The majority of this work will be completed within about 8 weeks of construction beginning.

Later in the summer, improvements to the City Hall Parking Lot and nearby alley are proposed along with a potential new public parking lot at the site of the former collapsed building at 116 1st Street. The City has these improvements out for bid by contractors and the City will be deciding in May whether to move forward with that work. Following the parking lot and alley construction, a final layer of pavement will be placed on the downtown streets. Rice Street, First Street between Varner and West, and Water Street between Rice and Varner will also have their pavement resurfaced.

All downtown improvements are proposed to be completed prior to Heimatfest in September with the bulk of construction anticipated to occur in the late spring and early summer. Questions about the downtown improvements can be directed to Mike Waltman, Asst City Engineer, of Bolton & Menk at 952-890-0509 or mikewa@bolton-menk.com.
Other City Construction Projects this Summer

Resurfacing of Jennifer Lane and Rebecca Drive in the northerly part of the City is proposed to occur this summer. More specifically, the resurfacing will involve removing the upper 2 inches of pavement and replacing it with a new layer of asphalt between the existing curbs. This process will take about 2 weeks to complete and minimal, if any, access disruptions are anticipated.

Rehabilitation of the pavement and addition of storm sewer is proposed on Helena Street near Highway 21. The project will involve replacement of the existing pavement and a storm sewer system to capture runoff from Highway 21 in a more efficient manner. Construction on Helena Street is anticipated to take about 3-4 weeks once initiated.

Sidewalk construction along the east side of Sunset Drive is proposed for this summer between Eischens Lane and Cedar Lane Drive near the middle school. This project will also involve the addition of flashing pedestrian signals with push buttons ("RRFBs") at the intersections of Sunset Drive with Cedar Lane Drive and further north at Creek Lane near Firemen’s Park. The City was fortunate to receive an $80,000 grant through the federal Safe Routes to School program to fund this project which will take about 2-3 weeks to construct once it begins.

After a contractor is lined up for these projects and a schedule is provided to the City, residents in these project areas will receive a project specific newsletter with details in advance of construction. In the meantime, questions about these projects can be directed to Mike Waltman, Asst City Engineer, of Bolton & Menk at 952-890-0509 or mikewa@bolton-menk.com.

Summer 2015 Construction on State Highways

This summer MnDOT will be reconstructing Highway 169 from north of Highway 21 to south of Highway 282/County Road 9 in Jordan. Crews will also replace bridge joints, add center median barrier and an improved drainage system to address known hydroplaning issues, and resurface Highway 169 bridges over Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), Sand Creek and Highway 21. Work will also include replacing bridge joints and resurfacing the Highway 282 bridge over Sand Creek. Work on Highway 21 will include applying a protective coating over Sand Creek and repairing bridge joints over UPRR.

The project along 169 is proposed to start in April and be completed in the fall. Along 282 and 21 the project will be completed in shorter phases spaced sporadically throughout the summer. For more information about this project, Jordan residents can visit mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy169jordan/.

MnDOT is inviting all area residents and business owners to attend an open house to learn about a major improvement project on Highway 169. The open house will be held Tuesday, March 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the SCALE Regional Public Safety Training Facility, 17706 Valley View Drive in Jordan. Open house attendees will be able to ask questions of MnDOT project staff and view exhibits showing significant traffic impacts, several detours and revised routes.

Business Highlights: Talk of the Town Liquors—400 Seville Drive, Jordan 952-492-7811

Aspiring entrepreneurs and 3 longtime friends Ravi Anasuri, Sudhakar Japa and Ravinder Sagi, are the new owners of Talk of the Town Liquors. Each owner has very diverse business backgrounds in insurance, health care, telecom, retail, airlines and are now exploring their own business opportunities in a community close to their homes in Scott County.

What drew you to Jordan?
We were looking for a small business to start closer to home, found the business in Jordan which led us to find out how nice, quiet and peaceful Jordan is. Jordan has the potential to attract more residents and continue to grow. We really like the community pride among residents to make Jordan a better place, it really motivated our decision to do business in town.

What do you enjoy about your business?
Exploring our first business, learning about customer interests and accommodating varieties of products including local, domestic, imported craft beers, wines and spirits. Working with our staff and catering to what our customers’ needs are, has been very exciting.

Any last thoughts?
Come on out to Talk of the Town Liquor where you will find better selection and the best price! We are on facebook, store specials are often posted there! www.facebook.com/talkofthetownliquors
Clancy’s and Country Inns and Suites

Clancy’s will be building a new 5,400 square foot restaurant with a bar, meeting space and an outdoor patio on Triangle Lane.

Country Inns and Suites will be a three-story 62 unit hotel which will include free high-speed Internet, elevator, fitness center access, business center, customer laundry facilities, meeting room, patio and a swimming pool.

The Planning Commission will be reviewing the site and building plans at their April 14, 2015 meeting and the final review will be with the City Council on April 20, 2015. The construction is hoped to begin in the early summer and finished by the end of 2015. For more information on this project, contact the Jordan City Administrator Tom Nikunen or Economic Development Specialist Andrew Barbes at 952-492-2535.

Clancy’s

Country Inns and Suites
**Spring and Fall Cleanup Days**  
**May 16, 2015 and October 10, 2015**

Residents of Jordan and Sand Creek Township have an opportunity to dispose of unwanted items at the Jordan Clean Up Days. Elite Waste Disposal will be handling the clean up. Items have to be brought to Elite Waste Disposal which 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 and Sand Creek 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 $22.00

Air conditioners and water softeners $39.00

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

**Furniture:**
- Twin mattress $24.00
- Full/Queen/King mattress $39.00
- Couch $37.00
- Recliners $37.00

**Batteries:**
- Car $14.00
- Truck $18.00
- Cell Phone $5.00
- Laptop $7.00

**Tires:**
- Cars $12.00
- Light truck $18.00

**Electronics:**
- CD player $18.00
- Laptop/Typewriter $18.00
- Fax machine $22.00
- Monitor $34.00
- Printer (small) $18.00
- Printer (large/laser) $39.00
- TV 13-19" $35.00
- TV 20-27" $39.00
- TV 28" - larger $50.00
- Treadmill $44.00

**Lawn and Garden:**
- Grill:  Gas or charcoal $23.00
- Propane tank $34.00
- Lawn mower—push $23.00
- Riding lawn mower $56.00
- Roto tiller/snow blower $23.00

Free: Scrap metal, glass, plastic, cardboard, paper and aluminum

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**Yard Waste Dates for 2015**

Elite Waste Disposal will provide yard waste and brush pick up on the following Saturdays: May 23rd, August 15th, October 24th, and November 7th. **Plastic bags are no longer acceptable** when bagging your yard waste. **You must use compostable bags** for all yard waste that you would like to bag. Elite Waste Disposal will pick up bags of yard waste and bundles of brush curbside or in the alley. (Please ensure that all bags or bundles are out 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.

**New Deck Construction**

There are now new state building codes if you are building a new deck! Please refer to the Minnesota Department of Labor website if you are thinking of building a new deck this summer. The Minnesota Residential Building Code 2015 Chapter R507 references the requirements for new deck construction. **If you have more specific State Building Code questions, please contact 651-284-5868.** Please note Metro West Inspections will no longer be accepting deck plans from Lowes, Home Depot, or Menards.

**Veterans Park Pavers**

If you are interested in purchasing a memorial stone paver to be installed in Jordan Veteran’s Memorial Park by this Memorial Day, the paver should be purchased by April 15th. Cost is $200 and the forms are available at City Hall. The 16” x 8” granite paver will be installed with their name, branch of service, and years served. Veterans need not be Jordan residents.

**Internal Building Improvement Grant Program**

The purpose of this program is to assist building owners with the implementation of Jordan’s Downtown vision. Also to encourage continuation of a viable downtown by allowing prime retail sales, service uses, office, entertainment facilities, public and semi-public uses. **Eligible Applicants:** Include mixed-use building owners and tenants of downtown (C-1 or C-2) businesses that have been established for one or more years within Jordan. All applicants must provide matching funds. Grant funds on ADA specific projects there will be a 1:1 ratio and a 2:1 ratio on all other qualified projects for grants. ADA projects have a max grant of $5,000 and all other qualified projects have a max of $2,500. **Eligible Uses:** Electrical updates, plumbing and ADA specific projects.

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**American Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony**

American Legion Post No. 3 will be holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Thursday, August 20th at 6:00 p.m. Anyone wanting to have your discarded flag properly disposed of may bring it to Lagoon Park on August 20th. Or you can drop off your discarded flags at Hometown Bank or call Butch Mamer at 612-209-5978.
Reminders!
There are watering restrictions seven days a week, year round in Jordan. The restrictions include 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. A 30-day exception will be allowed for new seed or sod.

Remember most lawns need only 1" of water a week. The best time to water is between 3-9 a.m. when it is the coolest and the least amount of wind.

Dog tags are available at City Hall for $10 for a calendar year. Please bring in your proof of rabies vaccination when you register your animal.

Recreational burning permits are required for campfires. The fee is $20 for the calendar year. Fire size is restricted to a maximum of 3/3. Burning of leaves is prohibited.

Hydrant Flushing to Happen This Spring
The city of Jordan Public Works Department will be flushing the entire water system again this summer on the last two weeks in April and the first week in May. Keep an eye on the City’s website and signs in your neighborhood for specific dates when the flushing will occur.

If you have rusty water after the system is flushed in your area, turn on the outside water faucets first and then all inside faucets and flush your system. The water should clear up in 10-15 minutes.

Commission Openings
The city of Jordan has openings on their Planning Commission, Park Commission and DAC (Downtown Advisory Committee). If you are interested in applying, please call Laura at City Hall 492-2535.

National Night Out
The Jordan Police Department is in the beginning stages of planning National Night Out 2015. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 4th. If you are interested in being a block captain for this year’s event, please contact Jordan Police Officer Angie Otto at aotto@ci.jordan.mn.us or at 952-492-2009.

Code Red
To sign up for Code Red, community notification system, go to the City’s website and click on the link. The notifications include: severe weather warnings, evacuation notices, public safety notices, and missing child reports, etc.

Paying your Utility Bill
The City of Jordan offers many different options for paying your Utility Bill.

Auto Pay: Sign up with a Checking account and receive a one time $20.00 credit on your account. The City will deduct the amount due from your checking account on the Due Date posted on your bill. Please contact Jayme at 952-492-2535 with questions or if you would like to sign up.

**When you Sign up for Auto Pay through the City of Jordan, you can take advantage of our Monthly or Budget Billing

Monthly Billing: You would receive a bill every month rather than every two months, making your water bill half of what it normally would be and making it easier to track your payments.

Budget Billing: Allows account holders to pay the same amount each billing, based on the previous year’s usage, which will help avoid fluctuations in charges. A catch-up provision in November will adjust for over or under charges throughout the year.

Pay with Check: Checks can be dropped off or mailed to City Hall at 210 East First Street.

Online: You can pay your bill at www.jordan.govoffice.com

Phone: Bills can be paid over the phone with PSN at 1-877-885-7968
Jordan's Annual City-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Jordaness Lions, is scheduled for Friday, May 8th and Saturday, May 9th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. You can participate on both days or just one day. Please note which option you would prefer on your application. Deadline for signup is May 1st. If you want to be included on the map, there is a $15.00 donation required. 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 donation. Questions, call Sue at 952-492-3417. Maps will be available at: Radermacher’s, 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.

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Address: ________________________________
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Friday Only ______ Saturday Only______ Both Days_______

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Jordan Fire Department Open House

The Jordan Fire Department is hosting an Open House on Sunday, July 19th from 11-2 at 501 Varner Street N. There will be fire truck rides, tours of the station, food, and free giveaways and much more. Come and check out the station and meet some Jordan Firefighters.

City Council Meetings
1st Monday—6:30 P.M.
3rd Monday—6:30 P.M.
2015 City Council Members
Mayor Mike Shaw
Jeremy Goebel
Brenda Lieske
Jeff Will
Mike Franklin
Tanya Velishek
Terry Stier