



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.

Watering Regulations

These restrictions apply to all water customers of Jordan seven days a week, year round, regardless of the source of water. 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 unless new seed or sod was installed. **Overseeding an established lawn is not considered new seed.**

Use Less, Conserve More & Save Money

Ah summer... warm days, lawn watering and car washing. But the land of 10,000 lakes needs your help to conserve water this summer and keep our lakes and rivers in good shape for boating, fishing and wildlife. When you turn on your tap, water is pumped from underground water resources to your faucet. The underground water resources also provide water to our lakes and rivers below the ground surface. Even though we live in the land of 10,000 lakes, it is important to consider how you're using drinking water during the high demand of the summer.

Did you know that lawn irrigation accounts for about **40%** of domestic water use during the summer months? Try

these tips to cut down on your water bill and conserve our precious water resources.

Keep your lawn at 3 inches in height. A taller lawn keeps the moisture in the soil and shades out any weeds from establishing.

Water your lawn only when it's needed. Use a tuna can to measure the amount you water. When the tuna can fills up during a watering you know your lawn has had enough. If you have an automatic sprinkler make sure you have a rain sensor that will shut off the system when it rains.

Apply a new layer of mulch. Spread some mulch around the base of trees, shrubs and landscape plants to help keep moisture in and reduce the amount of water needed.

Reduce the amount of turfgrass. Plant a native garden that can withstand the hot summers and cold winters. Native plants only require watering during initial establishment. Check out www.bluethumb.org for more information on native plant gardens.

Follow the City Watering Restrictions.

These tips will help conserve water resources and save you time and money as well. For more information on water conservation tips contact Dan Miller with the Scott Clean Water Education Program at 952-492-5424 or dmiller@co.scott.mn.us. Or visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more ideas.

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Special Points of Interest:

Firefighters Dance
Thank you to Volunteers
Baseball Field

National Night Out

The Jordan Police Department regrets that they will be unable to coordinate this year's National Night Out event on August 3rd. Budget and staff cuts have forced the department to prioritize resources and to scale back in a number of areas. Unfortunately this is one of the programs that are affected.

Individual neighborhoods who wish to celebrate the event this year may coordinate the event by visiting the NNO web site: <http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno/about.html> for information. They then should call the Police Department at 492-2009 to advise of the location of their block party and any accommodations they will need such as street closures, barricades, etc. A list of participating neighborhoods will be distributed to law enforcement, ambulance and fire personnel. Representatives of public safety will make appearances at each block party.



Special thanks to all the individuals and organizations that adopted a planter or flower bed to help beautify Jordan. The community looks great because of their efforts. Check out the City's website for the list of individuals and groups that volunteered.

CITY COUNCIL/STAFF CONTINUE STRATEGIC PLANNING; ADVISORY COMMISSIONS DEVELOP STRATEGIC PLANS

Since 2007, the City Council, Department Heads and City Administrator have been conducting strategic planning sessions. These sessions have been facilitated by Don Salverda, Donald Salverda and Associates, a consultant from Roseville, Minnesota. In 2007, a Mission Statement and Values Statement were established and those principles have been reaffirmed in 2009 and again in 2010. If you have been to city hall, the city council chambers, public works or the fire station recently, you will notice the posting of the Mission Statement and Values Statement. The City Council, Department Heads and City Administrator are committed to these very important principles.

The city's Mission Statement reads as follows:

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

The city's Values Statement is as follows:

Excellence and Quality in the Delivery of Services
Fiscal Responsibility
Ethics and Integrity
Visionary Leadership and Planning
Proactive and Progressive
Professionalism
Cooperation and Teamwork
Positive Relations with the Community

Both the Mission Statement and Values Statement provide the basis upon which the city government functions and conducts its business.

As part of the strategic planning process, the City Council and staff developed ongoing, 1-3 year and 5-10 year goals. Subsequent to developing these goals, the city administrator developed preliminary action plans to carry out those goals. By conducting strategic planning, the city of Jordan has a "road map" in which to follow today, tomorrow and into the future.

In order to be even more cohesive and to make sure that the advisory commissions are on the "same page of music" as the city council, one of the activities cited in the preliminary action plan was to have the city's advisory commissions – Economic Development Authority (EDA), Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission, develop their respective strategic plans. Beginning in February of this year, each of the commissions began working on their own plans and subsequently, met individually with the city council to discuss those plans. All 3 advisory commission plans have been agreed to by the commissions and the city council. In the fall of this year, all 3 of the commissions will meet with the city council to interact with each other and review each of the plans.

What all of this means is that the city council sets the overall strategic plan for the city of Jordan. Each of the advisory commissions' obtains direction through this strategic plan and further develops its individual plan to coincide with the overall city plan. The bottom line is that the city council, staff and advisory commissions are all working together to solidify a road map for the city. If residents are interested in reviewing the overall strategic plan and/or the plans of the individual advisory commissions, please go the city's website or contact the city administrator's office to obtain printed copies.

Annual Firefighters Dance

The 42nd Firefighter's Dance/Steak/Chicken Fry is scheduled for August 14th at the Ridges at Sand Creek Golf Course located at 21755 Ridges Drive in Jordan. The dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. and music will be provided by the Schlepstocks. If you are interested in dinner, it will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. The meal consists of your choice of either steak or chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, and a dinner roll.

Pool on Top of Decks

How safe is a pool on a raised deck? A raised deck attached to your house is required to be designed to support 40 pounds per square foot of live load, or the weight added by the normal use of a deck is designed to support 40 pounds per square foot plus the weight of the deck.

When a resident adds a pool on a deck the amount of weight added can add a great deal of live load. A pool with just 12" of water adds 7.5 gallons of water per square foot at the weight of 8.33 pounds per gallon. So a pool with water just 12" deep, the water in the pool is adding 62 pounds per square feet, which exceeds the 40 pounds the required design load.

New Baseball Field is Cooperative Effort

If you have driven past the high school recently, you may have noticed that work is underway on the upgrade of baseball field #2. The project is a result of many contributions and many people donating time, labor and equipment. Major financial contributors (so far!) are: Jordan School District \$45,000, Minnesota Twins \$10,000, Jordan Fire Department \$10,000, Jordan Baseball Association \$9,000, Jordan Lions \$5,000, 2004 State Baseball Tournament Fund \$4,000, Jordan Brewers \$2,000, Jordan Jaguars Softball \$2,000, Jordan Hubmen Baseball/JAYBA \$2,000. The total amount of monetary donations is currently at \$89,000. Project organizers hope the total will reach \$100,000 in the near future. Major contributors of expertise, labor, materials and equipment include the City of Jordan, Ames Construction, Chard Tiling & Excavating, Bolton & Menk, Ahlbrecht Masonry, Herman Landscaping/Trucking, John Betchwars, Scott Equipment, MVEC, Don Hartman, Siwek Lumber, Mike Behr Design, Buresh Construction. There are also many others who have donated their time to organize the project, fund-raise, write grants, etc. The City is proud to be a part of this cooperative effort!

New Employee



Scott Haas was recently hired to fill a vacancy in the Public Works Department. He resides in East Union and will be a great asset to the department.

Fall Cleanup Day—October 16th

Residents of Jordan have an opportunity to dispose of unwanted house and garage items at the Jordan Clean Up Day. Elite Waste Disposal will be handling the clean up at their site 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. 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

Furniture: Twin mattress—\$19.00

Full/Queen/King mattress—\$35.00

Couch—\$30.00

Recliners—\$30.00

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

Scrap metal, glass, plastic, cardboard, paper, aluminum—FREE

Call Elite Waste Disposal at 952-445-4301 with questions or visit www.elitewastedisposal.com.

2011 Budget Calendar

August 16—City Council Budget Workshop

September 7—Approve the preliminary property tax levy

November 1—Discuss budget/levy meeting date for 1st meeting in December

November 15—City Council Budget Workshop

December 6—Hold Budget/Levy Meeting

December 6—Approve 2010 levy and budgets

This calendar is a set of goals that is subject to change throughout the process based on Council direction.

CITY OF JORDAN

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

www.jordan.govoffice.com

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

City Council Members

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

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Upcoming Events

The following is a list of activities for the upcoming season:

- **Yard Waste Pickup Date—July 24, Sept. 18, November 13**
- **Scott County Fair-July 28-August 1**
- **Scott Carver Threshers Festival- August 6,7,8**
- **Primary Election—August 10**
- **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**
- **General Election—November 2**

Jordan ECFE 6th Annual Craft Show
Jordan High School—600 Sunset Drive
Saturday, October 9, 2010
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Jordancraftshow@yahoo.com

Yard Waste Pickup

The remaining yard waste pickup dates are: July 24, September 18, November 13. Please remember to use **(compostable)** lawn bags.

City 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.