

JORDAN

CITY NEWS

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.

July 2011



Beginning June 1, 2011, the new **Take It To The Box** program is offering residents a convenient way to safely dispose of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications. The program is offered through a partnership among the Scott County Meth Task Force, the Scott County Sheriff's Office, and local city police departments—is the first medication drop-off program of its kind in the south metro area.

Scott County residents can drop off unused medications—including prescriptions, over-the-counter, and pet medications, as well as liquid medications in leak-proof containers, and illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia (such as pipes and other objects)—in any of the six **Take It To The Box** drop boxes.

These **Take It To The Box** medication disposal boxes are available seven days a week, 24 hours a day, starting June 1:

- Shakopee—Scott County Sheriff's Office, main lobby (301 Fuller Street, on the corner of 4th and Fuller)
- Savage-6000 McColl Drive, front vestibule of the Police Department
- Prior Lake-4649 Dakota Street SE, front vestibule of the Police Department
- New Prague-118 Central Avenue North, vestibule of City Hall/Police Department south side

These two locations are available Monday through Friday:

- Jordan-210 East First Street, front main lobby at City Hall (8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.)
- Belle Plaine 420 East Main Street, main entrance of the Police Department (7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.)

Prepare your medication for disposal by leaving the medication in the original container, removing your name and personal information. Keep the name of the medication visible on the container, then bring the medication to one of the agencies listed above and drop medication into the disposal box. **All drop-offs are anonymous.** The drop box locations have padded envelopes available for placing liquid and breakable bottles into for disposal.

If disposing of illegal drugs and/or drug paraphernalia (such as pipes and other objects), please put them in a paper bag or other container for privacy before dropping them into the disposal box. The opening of the drop box is about three by 10 inches; it is designed so that once something is dropped into the box, it can be taken out only by a law enforcement officer and is emptied daily. Periodically, a police officer and a chemist from a qualified disposal company will sort the medication. Medicines will then be taken to a licensed site to be incinerated at extremely high temperatures. **Please note: sharps/needles and infectious waste cannot be accepted.**

The **Take It To The Box** program is a very cost effective program. Funding has come from local law enforcement agencies, the Scott County Meth Task Force, and the Scott County's Sheriff's Office. **There is no charge to individuals when medications are dropped off.** For more information about Scott County's Prescription Drug Drop-Off program, residents can call Selina at (952)496-8244.

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Fall Cleanup Day

Town Hall Meeting

American Legion Flag Burning Ceremony

2011 National Night Out

The Jordan Police Department is in the planning and preparation phase for the 28th annual National Night Out to be held on August 2, 2011. This nation-wide event was created to:

- Develop crime prevention awareness.
- Generate support for and interest in crime prevention programs.
- Strengthen community spirit and build police-community relations.
- Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime.



In 2010, across the nation over 37 million people in 15,110 communities participated in National Night Out across all 50 states. This event has also expanded to include Canadian cities, U.S. territories, and military bases worldwide. With the participation of the citizens of Jordan, National Night Out 2011 will positively impact many more people and will be a bigger success than it has in the past.

Last year, Jordan residents organized 16 individual block parties across the city bringing together many friends, families, and neighbors. If you are interested in serving as a block captain for this year's National Night Out, please contact Officer Jacob Rudolph at jrudolph@ci.jordan.mn.us or at 952-492-2009 no later than July 10. If you have previously served as a block captain, an officer of the Jordan Police Department will be in contact with you soon.

Thank you for making National Night Out a success in Jordan! We look forward to meeting with you to make this year's event an even bigger success!

Jordan Resident Survey on Business Development

The Jordan Economic Development Authority (JEDA) is seeking input from Jordan's residents on the types of businesses and services you would like to see in the city, as well as your current shopping routine. This information will be used to assist in target marketing efforts as well as the retention and expansion of existing businesses.

The EDA is asking residents to complete an on-line survey by August 1, 2011. The survey, which includes about 30 questions, can be found on-line at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JordanMN>. Residents will need to input the password: Jordan55352 to access the survey. In lieu of completing the on-line survey, a paper copy of the survey may be obtained at and returned to city hall at: 210 East First Street, Jordan, during regular business hours. Copies of the survey will also be available at the Jordan Library.

A comprehensive summary of the survey results will be presented to the EDA at their August 16, 2011 meeting. The EDA will also conduct a drawing for two prizes; each \$50 in Jordan Chamber of Commerce Dollars, for those who complete the survey and submit contact information.

The survey is being completed as a part of a Technical Assistance Planning Grant the JEDA received through the Scott County Community Development Agency.

The JEDA strongly encourages your participation. Your input will help in further commercial development in the City! For more information on the survey, contact City Administrator Ed Shukle at: 952-492-2535 or EDA Consultant Joanne Foust at: 952-758-7399.

Highway 169 Pedestrian Crossing Meeting

The City of Jordan will have an informational meeting regarding a possible pedestrian over/underpass of Highway 169. The intent of the meeting is to explain project possibilities and obtain input from affected property owners and other interested parties. The meeting will occur at the Jordan High School (600 Sunset Drive) on Tuesday, July 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Groundbreaking for Oak Terrace Senior Housing of Jordan



Annual Firefighters Dance

The 43rd Firefighter's Dance/Steak/Chicken Fry is scheduled for August 13th 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 Shaw Brothers. 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.

Water Conservation Tips

In the midst of summer, lawns may begin turning a faint shade of brown. Don't worry though; your lawn isn't dead it's going dormant during the hot weather. Follow these tips to help conserve our lakes and streams:



Keep your lawn at 3 inches in height. A taller turfgrass 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.

Plant a tree. A tree provides shade for your lawn, keeping moisture in the soil and it reduces the need for frequent watering.

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 lawn. Plant a beautiful native garden that can withstand the hot summer weather. This will give you more time in your lawn chair than on your lawn mower. Visit www.BlueThumb.org for more information about native gardens.

Follow the City Watering Restrictions.

- Watering is NOT permitted between 10 am and 6 pm daily.
- Odd numbered addresses may water on odd numbered days.
- Even numbered addresses may water on even numbered days.

Email Notification List

Looking to receive meeting agendas by email or just City news? Join one of our new email list groups. Go to the City's website at: Jordan.govoffice.com to sign up.

Fall Cleanup Day—October 15th

Residents of Jordan and Sandcreek Township 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—\$20.00

Air conditioners and water softeners—\$37.00

Household Refuse: TBD at time of dropoff

Furniture: Twin mattress—\$20.00

Full/Queen/King mattress—\$37.00

Couch—\$32.00

Recliners—\$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

Tires: Car—\$11.00

Light truck- \$16.00

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

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

2012 Budget Calendar

August 15—City Council Budget Workshop

September 6—Approve the preliminary property tax levy

October 17—Possible additional Council Budget Workshop

November 7— Discuss budget/levy meeting date for 1st meeting in December

November 21—City Council Budget Workshop

December 5—Hold Budget/Levy Meeting

December 5—Approve 2010 levy and budgets

This calendar is a set of goals that is subject to change throughout the process based on Council direction. Budget workshops will be broadcast on the Cable Access Channel.

CITY OF JORDAN

210 E. 1st Street
Jordan, MN 55352

Phone: 952-492-2535
Fax: 952-492-3861

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

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Upcoming Events

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

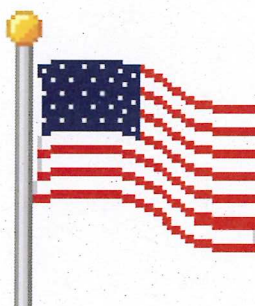
- **Town Hall Meeting—July 16**
- **Scott County Fair-July 27-July 31**
- **National Night Out-August 2**
- **Yard Waste Pickup Dates—August 6, October 1, & November 12**
- **Scott Carver Threshers Festival- August 5,6,7**
- **American Legion Flag Burning Ceremony—August 8**
- **Firefighter's Dance**
Steak/Chicken Fry-August 13
- **Jordan Car Cruise & Dance-September 9**
- **Heimatfest-September 10**
- **St. John's Fall Festival-September 18**
- **Jordan ECFE Craft Show—October 8**
- **Fall Cleanup Day—October 15**

Jordan ECFE 7th Annual Craft Show
Jordan High School—600 Sunset Drive
Saturday, October 8, 2011 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Jordancraftshow@yahoo.com

Yard Waste Pickup

The remaining yard waste pickup dates are: August 6, October 1, and November 12th. Please remember to use **(compostable)** lawn bags.

American Legion Flag Burning Ceremony



The American Legion Post No. 3 will be holding a Flag Burning Ceremony on Thursday, August 8th at 6:00 p.m. Anyone wanting to have your discarded flag properly disposed of may bring it to Lagoon Park on August 8th. There will be a short ceremony starting at 6:00 p.m. You can drop off your discarded flags at Hometown Bank or call Butch Mamer at 612-209-5978.

Town Hall Meeting—July 16th

The next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 16th from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. at Ballard-Sunder Funeral Home located at 104 1st Street West. The meeting is an opportunity for residents to meet with Councilmembers to discuss any issues or concerns they may have.



Paying Your Water Bills
by Mail or in Person



The Automatic Payment Plan (ACH) allows us to notify your bank how much your water bill is and when it is due. Your payments are then sent to us automatically from the bank on the due date, eliminating the need for you to mail a check or stop by city hall to pay your bill. The ACH plan also eliminates the chance of missing the due date and incurring late charges.

You will still receive a utility bill indicating the due date and amount due, but it will state that you are enrolled in the automatic payment plan and do not need to do anything further – payment will automatically be made on the due date.

Enroll in the automatic payment plan through the City of Jordan now and
be included in the drawing for **FREE WATER!**

- A drawing for everyone who is enrolled in ACH will be held on December 30 to award a resident an account credit in the amount of their January water bill (up to \$150).
- If you aren't already enrolled in ACH yet, be one of the first 100 people to sign up and receive a **\$20 account credit**.
- Everyone who is signed up for ACH is eligible for monthly billing and budget planning. Both options will allow you to better budget your monthly expenses, with a catch-up provision in November for the budget plan option.

If you are interested in any of these options please stop by or
call city hall at 952-492-2535



We will give you an authorization form to fill out and
return to us with a voided check – **THAT'S IT!**

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210 1ST ST E
JORDAN, MN 55352-1598

952-492-2535

DIRECT PAYMENT APPLICATION

I authorize the CITY OF JORDAN to initiate electronic debit entries to my _____ Checking Account (or) _____ Savings Account for payment of my utility bill.

I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law. This authority will remain in effect until I have cancelled it in writing.

Customer Name _____ **Service Address** _____

Account _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Financial Institution (Please Print) _____

Financial Institution Routing Number _____

Financial Institution Account Number _____

Financial Institution City and State _____