SolSmart Program

Adding to our position as a steward and leader in environmental conservation, is the City's recent commitment to achieving Bronze designation within the SolSmart program. SolSmart is a new national designation program, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative* through the Solar Powering America by Recognizing Communities (SPARC) initiative, designed to recognize communities that have taken key steps to address local barriers to solar energy and foster the growth of mature local solar markets.

* The U.S. DoE SunShot Initiative has set a goal to reduce the installed cost of residential solar to $1.50 per watt by the year 2020. Though costs have declined dramatically over the last decade (and by over 40% since 2010), the national average cost for residential solar is still around $3.50 per watt.

The SolSmart program primarily seeks to address “solar soft costs,” or business process or administrative costs that can increase the time and money it takes to install a solar energy system — costs which are then passed on to solar customers. While only certain local government procedures (such as permitting, planning, and zoning) are the source of some soft costs, local governments are in a unique position to reduce soft costs and take action to promote the use of solar locally.

The SolSmart designation program will provide high-profile, national recognition for communities that have made it cheaper and easier for solar customers to invest in solar energy. In addition, achieving designation will send a signal to solar companies that a community is “open for solar business,” attracting new businesses and helping designees share in the economic development benefits attached to the solar industry. To learn more about our commitment to lowering barriers to residential and commercial/industrial solar PV implementation, contact Planner Fuerst at nfuerst@jordanmn.gov.

New Water and Sewer Rates for 2020

At their December 2nd meeting, the Council approved Ordinance 2019-08 setting the 2020 fee schedule which includes the new water and sewer rates.

Water Usage Charges:
- $6.03 per thousand up to 15,000 gallons
- $7.71 per thousand from 15k-30k gallons
- $9.39 per thousand over 30k gallons

Water monthly availability charge $11.03

Sewer Usage Charges:
- $7.01 per thousand gallons

Sewer monthly availability charge $14.42

Storm sewer residential per month $6.93

Street Lighting Fee:
- $1.93 per month

These new rates will go into effect January 1, 2020. Your bills will increase approximately 2.38% or $2.01/month in 2020.

If you have any questions about your utility fees, please feel free to call Morry Schaefer, Finance Director, at 952-492-7922.
Who is responsible for clearing specific roadway? The City of Jordan Public Works Department is responsible for clearing approximately 35 miles of roads. Scott County maintains county state aid highways (including County Road 9, County Road 66, and County Road 61). The State plows TH Hwy 169, TH 282, and TH 21.

What roads are plowed first? After a snowfall of one inch, plowing and salt operations begin on the main collector streets and then local streets, cul-de-sacs, alleys, and then city owned sidewalks and trails are cleared. During the heavier snowfalls, street driving lanes are plowed curb to curb. During these storms, street parking restrictions are enforced until streets are plowed curb to curb.

Where do I put my trash cart during a snowstorm? Please keep your trash carts behind the curb on garbage collection days so they are not in the way of the snowplow trucks.

Consider Going Organic
Organic materials, which include food and compostable paper, make up about 25% of our trash by weight! Participating in an organic recycling program keeps food scraps and other compostable materials out of the trash. Instead of going to the landfill or incinerator, this organic material can be used to replenish soil, reduce erosion, and prevent polluted storm water runoff from contaminating wetlands, lakes and streams.

Jordon offers weekly organics curbside cart collections. If you have the yard waste weekly cart service already the extra cost per year is $60. If you don t have the yard waste cart service already the cost per year is $150 to add both. We also have a grant that will pay you a $40 reimbursement once you sign up to help promote organics. Questions? Visit: http://jordanmn.gov/organics-recycling/