

## CITY OF JORDAN

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1st & 3rd Monday—6:30 P.M.

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Terry Stier  
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## New Flood Maps from FEMA

In 2005 FEMA began the process of updating its flood maps for Scott County. A year later, FEMA published a draft version of proposed mapping for the County. The City of Jordan (and others) identified several flaws in those maps, including some areas of the City which showed 100 year flood elevations three feet higher than is possible. Had these 2006 maps been adopted, significant unnecessary flood insurance impacts would have occurred to many properties in Jordan.

The City of Jordan appealed the 2006 maps. In 2016 that appeal was accepted by FEMA and new maps developed by FEMA in 2018. In late August the City was notified by FEMA that these new maps will become effective on February 12, 2021. The DNR has made available a preliminary version of the map here: [ftp://ftp.dnr.state.mn.us/pub/waters/floodplain/County\\_data/Scott/Prelim\\_DFIRM/](ftp://ftp.dnr.state.mn.us/pub/waters/floodplain/County_data/Scott/Prelim_DFIRM/). FEMA will be providing copies of the final maps to the DNR and the City in the coming weeks. The City will also make the final maps available on its website once received.

Based on FEMA's maps, some properties will be added to the floodplain and others will be removed. The City anticipates lenders and/or insurance agents will reach out to property owners in late 2020 or early 2021 with property specific information.

Over the next several months, following this news, the City will be working on:

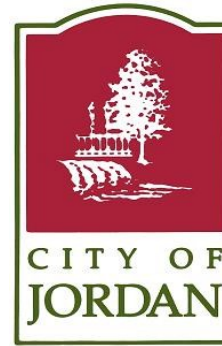
- Updating its webpage dedicated to this subject with the latest maps and information
- Developing its own maps to identify properties that are anticipated to be added or removed from the floodplain as a result of the newly mapped boundary.
- Developing information for the public including 1) Interpreting the flood maps, 2) FAQs with respect to flood insurance and changes to it, and 3) City contacts for specific questions

On a related note, the City is continuing to pursue a flood control project involving the construction of a certified levee and related improvements. The project is planned to be funded in large by funding from the State of Minnesota. The state funding is only available following passage of a bonding bill, and the City of Jordan is awaiting results of that state legislative process before any decisions can be made regarding a flood control project.

Additional information can be found through the City's website or directly at [www.jordanmnengineering.com](http://www.jordanmnengineering.com).

## Planning Commission Opening

We have one openings to serve on a commission: 1) Planning Commission. This is a great way to help serve your community. If interested, please contact Nathan Fuerst, Planner/EDA, at 952-492-7929 or [nfuerst@jordanmn.gov](mailto:nfuerst@jordanmn.gov).



# 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.



## New Organic Compost and Yard Waste Collection Site

The City is excited to announce the construction of a household organics and yard waste collection site! Funded by a grant from Scott County, the new collection site is located in the Jordan Police Department parking lot. City residents will be able to recycle their household organic waste for free. The attached yard waste drop off will give residents a local option to drop off or-

ganic yard waste. This site is intended to offer an additional amenity for Jordan residents while increasing waste diversion from the landfill. Stay tuned for the grand opening later this fall and more information on how to sign up!

## Absentee Voting for November 3, 2020 General Election Begins on September 18th

You no longer need a reason to vote by absentee. Absentee voting begins 46 days before each election and can be done either by mail or in-person. For the November 3 General Election, absentee voting begins on September 18th. If you live within the city limits of Jordan, absentee voting is available at City Hall during normal business hours of Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Direct balloting begins on October 27th and runs through November 2nd at 5:00 pm. Direct balloting means your ballot can be directly placed into the tabulator, bypassing the envelope process. We also offer absentee voting on Saturday, October 31, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. In an attempt to keep voters and elections staff safe during COVID-19, please consider the following options:

**Register to Vote.** Please visit [MNVOTES.ORG](http://MNVOTES.ORG) and register to vote before election day. If you are not able to pre-register, you can register on election day with proof of eligibility. Please bring your Minnesota Driver's License with current address, **or** a photo ID with a bill containing your name and current address, **or** bring a person that you know and is registered in your precinct to vouch for your residency.

**Absentee Vote by Mail through Scott County.** Request a ballot at [MNVOTES.ORG](http://MNVOTES.ORG). Ballots will be mailed around September 18th. Complete and return your ballot in the envelope provided. Scott County also offers in-person voting at Scott County Public Works, 600 Country Trail E in Jordan from 8:00 -4:30 pm for residents of Scott County.

**Absentee Vote In-Person.** Absentee voting begins September 18 and runs through November 2nd, Monday-Friday from 8:30-5:00 pm. You must be a resident of Jordan.

**Optional Drop-off Ballot Locations.** Scott County is adding extra ballot drop-off locations throughout Scott County. Some locations are at the City Halls of Jordan, Shakopee, Prior Lake and Savage during their normal business hours.

**View Sample Ballot.** You can see your sample ballot at [MNVOTES.ORG](http://MNVOTES.ORG) about 45 days before election day.

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# Things You Should Know

## New Roundabout Coming to Jordan in 2021!

The City of Jordan has field numerous safety and congestion concerns from residents regarding the intersection of Creek Lane & Highway 282, dating back to at least 2006. Most notably, area residents have struggled with the north-bound Creek Lane left turning movement onto Highway 282. The significant delays have caused motorists to make poor choices at times, picking gaps in 282 traffic that are too small for them to safely merge with 282 traffic. This has resulted in a crash problem and safety concerns at the intersection.

In 2016, the City approached MnDOT to have a traffic signal installed at the intersection. The intersection does not meet warrants for a traffic signal however, and its installation would create more traffic delay at the intersection and worsen the crash problem over existing conditions. As a result, MnDOT would not be allow a signal to be installed, but a roundabout would be supported.

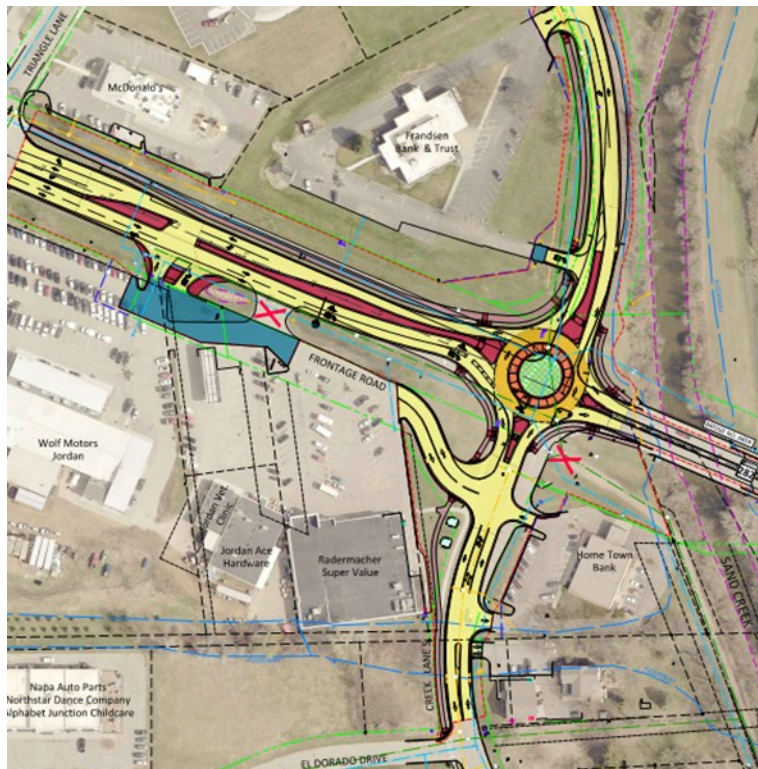
A roundabout at the intersection will address both short term issues and long term goals. In the short term, the roundabout will reduce delay for Creek Lane motorists and reduce the severity of crashes, and allow truck movements through the intersection to continue. From a long term view, the roundabout will position the area for the new interchange at 169/282/9 and manage a steady stream of traffic long into the future as traffic volumes in the growing community continue to similarly grow.

Recognizing the need, in 2017 through 2019, the City of Jordan applied for several grants to fund a roundabout at the intersection. The City has successfully received the following competitive grants to address this intersection:

- \$125,000 Corridor Readiness grant from the Scott County CDA (2018)
- \$1,000,000 Local Road Improvement Program Grant from the State of Minnesota (2018)
- \$710,000 Cooperative Agreement Program Grant from the State of Minnesota (2019)

The roundabout will be built during the summer of 2021. The project features the following significant improvements:

- \* A single lane roundabout will be built at the intersection of Creek Lane & Highway 282 to replace the existing two-way stop intersection.
- \* A new "3/4 access" will be installed along 282, between Wolf Motors and Radermachers.
- \* The Highway 282 pavement will be reconstructed between Sand Creek and Triangle Lane.
- \* Creek Lane between Highway 282 and Highway 169 will be reconstructed. This area will be reconfigured to align with the new roundabout at 282 and made compatible the future interchange on 169. Creek Lane will therefore be widened to three lanes, with the center being a continuous left turn lane for improved access to businesses.



Additional information and project contacts for the roundabout project can be found through the City's website or directly at [www.jordanmnengineering.com](http://www.jordanmnengineering.com).

# Things You Should Know

## Crosswalk Safety as Kids Head Back to School



After 5 years of participation in the Minnesota Green Step Cities Program, The City of Jordan recently surpassed any other City in Scott County by achieving step 4. This was accomplished by measuring and reporting various city performance metrics including:

- Building & Lighting Energy Usage
- City Fleet Efficiency
- Walking, Biking, & Other Transportation Options
- Land Use
- Open Space, Parks & Trail Availability
- Stormwater Management

Notable Statistics:

- 💡 26% of city-owned buildings and property are lit using LED lights
- 🌳 100% of city land is within 1/2 mile of park land
- 🏠 56% of new housing permitted in 2019 is classified as affordable

For Step 5, the City must demonstrate progress on performance metrics. To get involved in the city's "green" efforts, contact the Planning staff.

About the Program:

Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. This free continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership, is based upon a menu of 29 optional best practices. Each best practice can be implemented, as decided by city elected officials, staff and community members, by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2 or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight actions. These voluntary actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction,



## Brentwood Terrace Apartments Construction Nearing Completion

Work on new senior apartment buildings near Highway 169 is well underway by Scott County CDA!. The project is expected to be complete by the end of November, with anticipated move-ins to begin in December 2020. Currently, Brentwood Terrace is almost 50% reserved. For more information on the project, including information on how to apply for an apartment, please visit <https://brentwoodterraceapts.com/>.

## Mousse Winery Open House on Labor Day

The long-awaited opening of Mousse Winery is almost here! Mousse Winery will be hosting an Open House on **Monday September 7, 2020** from 3pm to 6pm at 115 1st St. E. Mousse specializes in sparkling wines and also offers hard ciders and traditional wines. Stop by for some wine and food samples, meet the owners and winemakers, and see the new tasting room and patio! RSVPs are encouraged but not required on their website at [www.moussewinery.com](http://www.moussewinery.com). Be prepared to socially distance and wear your mask when not eating or drinking. The tasting room will open for regular business hours on September 11 and table reservations can be made on the website.

