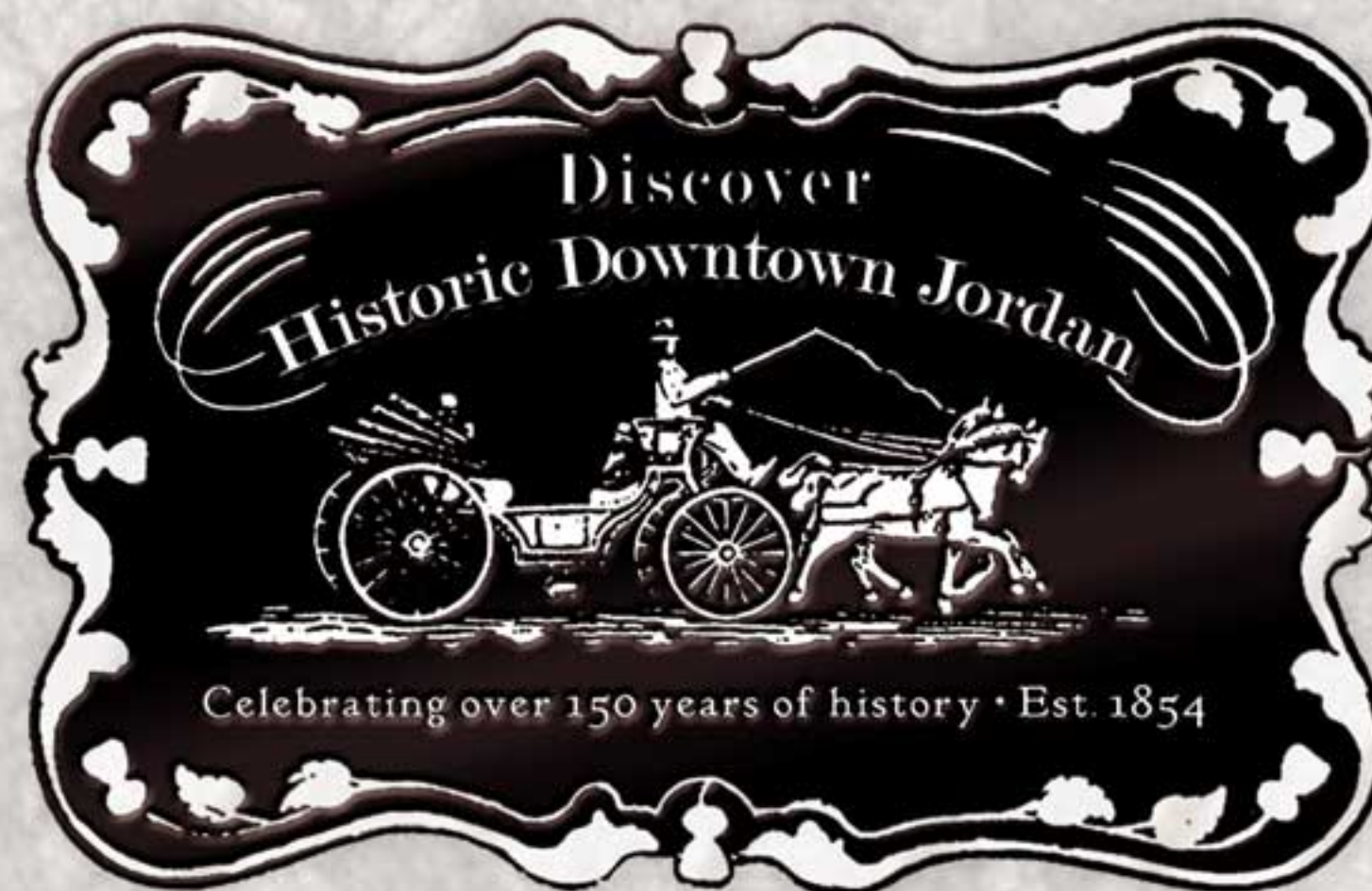


Welcome
to
www.explorejordan.org

Founded in 1854, the charming City of Jordan is a hidden jewel surrounded by the bluffs and rolling green hills of the beautiful Minnesota River Valley.

Jordan offers you a cozy small-town environment steeped in its own unique traditions, such as local artisan fairs and the Jordan Valley Bike Tour.

Only twenty miles from the southwest metro area and just 30 minutes from Minneapolis.



**A Walking Tour
of
Historic Sights**

It was round about 1902...

...the Hilgers and Schutz private brewery parks great expansion was drawing hundreds of weekend excursionists to Jordan. Take a walk among the buildings that have stood along these streets for over a century and imagine the bustle of visitors as they detrain the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway, greeted by white painted rocks against the hillside spelling Welcome to Jordan. City folk retreating to the small town for a picnic in the park or a treat from the concessions. Couples waltzing under the conical roof of the massive 64-foot circular pavilion to the music of a grand orchestra or sweet sounds of the Jordan Cornet Band wafting from the nearby bandstand. Revelers enjoying the merriment of the Cigar Makers festival or the vaudeville acts at the Scott County Fair. Sporting fans gathered on the latticed bleachers of the ballpark, enjoying some of the best hometown baseball in the country.

Discover Jordan and live a little history.

A Century of American Heritage in Historic Jordan

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* Denotes buildings listed on the National Historic Register



Discover Over a Century of American Heritage in Historic Downtown Jordan

1. 225 Water Street • Circa 1870*

Originally Lebens Harness Shop, John Lebens manufactured and sold harnesses and leather goods here for 57 years. The building then operated as a variety store for decades, serving up assorted sundries to the city. In that tradition, this beautiful structure is now home to 225 Water Street Inc., a Creative Arts & Holding Company and CCG Event & Digital Video Productions. • 952.492.6492

2. 232-234 Broadway Street • Circa 1917*

Built on a vacant lot where a bandstand once stood, it provided new quarters for the Peoples State Bank. The Jordan newspaper boasted that its "new marbled halls" included "polished mahogany, sturdy and opulent bronze and bland tile, with a white and tan interior color scheme and exterior of tapestry brick and Kasota stone."

3. 240 Water Street • Circa 1875*

Originally a three story building, its top floor was later removed. It was once occupied by Mrs. Annie Rogge's Hat Shop & Pierre's Saloon & Prohibition era "Confectionary." The building is currently Water Street Antiques, featuring a collection of multi-dealer shops filling 3 storefronts. • 952.492.6918

4. 224 Water Street • Circa 1875*

Originally Ruppert's Bar. Many Water Street buildings once had front ironwork balconies & this adornment still remains on this historic structure. This building has housed Ley's Saloon, Roderick Dress Shop & Hats and Al Berg Barbers. Today the building is High Financial Investment & Insurance. • 952.492.3500

5. 218 Water Street • Circa 1892*

Casper Roderig started Minnesota Volksfreund German language newspaper here in 1892. Businesses since include the Jordan Independent and People's Weekly newspapers, Karl's Red & White Store and Roman Radermacher's Red Owl Grocery. The building is currently LB Antiques. • 952.492.3071

6a. 216 Water Street • Circa 1870*

Adjoining the drug store, with a vault near the prescription counter, Scott County Bank operated here until 1903. Reorganized as Peoples State Bank, it operated here until moving to Broadway Street, then occupied by the Post Office. The building is currently Sew Special Bridals & More. • 952.492.6116

6b. 214 Water Street • Circa 1870*

Juergen's Drug Store, the original hub of Jordan business – with the bank on one side and post office on the other, provided key services for the area. In 1896, when the telephone made its debut in Jordan, the first operator switchboard was behind the then Juergens Drug Store prescription counter.

6c. 208 Water Street • Circa 1870*

Used from 1876 thru 1916 for the Jordan Post Office, this building later housed Jordan's second telephone office. Most buildings of this era were constructed of distinctive home brewed Jordan brick. Cedar Valley Tax Service & Photography Studio. • 952.314.4633

7. 204 Water Street • Circa 1864*

The Fritz Pelant Log Cabin was originally the home of the Fritz Pelant family. This small one-room log building, situated towards the back of the lot, was moved to this site from New Prague in 1979. The original building on this site housed Mr. Hutzikers Jewelry in the front half and the telephone office in the back. The building is currently Grandpa's Hideout.

8. 200 Water Street • Circa 1914

The Feed Mill was constructed on this site because of Sand Creek. Water was necessary to operate grind stones of the mill, and this served as the perfect location. Later this spot became the Feed Store. Currently the Feed Mill Restaurant, always a place to get together to catch up and enjoy some truly delicious home cooked food. • 952.492.3646

9. 102 Water Street • Circa 1950

Family home of John Pilney, a Bohemian immigrant, this building also served as a tailor shop, saloon, and half-way/boarding house. However, the saloon with a deer head over the door proved to be Pilney's downfall, as he died in 1883 of delirium tremens. Currently Maureen Carlson' Center for Creative Arts • 952.492.3260

10. Varner Street • Circa 1855*

The Ambrose Freedman Log Cabin is a memorial to Scott County's pioneer settlers. Moved to its present location on land donated by Clement Nachbar in memory of his pioneering parents, Mathias Nachbar and Wilhelmina Mertens Nachbar, who settled near Jordan in 1855. Restored in 1931, dedicated in 1937.

11. 119 Water Street • Circa 1896

Frank Pekarna bought the business from his former employer in 1896 and it has been a family tradition for over a century. Take a trip to Pekarna's Meat Market, meet the family and shop for some world famous home-made sausages, fresh meats and incredible baby back ribs. Pekarna's Meat Market • 952.492.6101

** 106 First Street East

If you're getting thirsty, just walk around the corner and stop at Awakenings Coffee Shop and Cafe. • 952-492-6430

12. 200 First Street East • Circa 1892

Herman and Margarit Herder ran a cigar factory here until it became Rudd's Pharmacy and then a hair salon. Currently Storekeepers Antiques with a gorgeous side garden.

13. 116 Second Street East • Circa 1885

Originally City Hall, Fire Station and Jailhouse. Built of native Jordan brick, this building housed fire-fighting equipment & the city jail on the first floor with City Council Chambers & city government offices above. The building is currently The Vinery Floral & Gifts. • 952.492.5222

14. 311 East Second Street • Circa 1908

Jordan pioneers desired education for their children as much as a church, and established St. John's school in 1866. In 1877, a two floor school house was constructed and staffed in 1879 by the Sisters of Notre Dame replacing the lay teachers that served until that time. Replaced in 1908 with the current structure, students held classes in an old apartment behind the priest's garage. The building now lays empty, as students have relocated to the new school north of St. John's church. Listed on the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota's 2007 Ten Most Endangered Historic Places.

15. 313 East Second Street • Circa 1867

Catholic services started in private homes during 1854, the year Jordan was established. The first church in the town of Jordan proper was built in 1858. The current structure of native sandstone was completed in 1867. The Calvary Cemetery is at the top of the hill east of the church. The St. John Baptist Catholic Church also houses St. John's Parochial School. • 952.492.2640

16. 221 Broadway Street • Circa 1888*

Frank Nicolin & his sons dominated the affairs of Jordan, often referred to as Nicolinville during the 1800's. Frank, a four-term Jordan Mayor and accomplished entrepreneur, held the Nicolin Mill, Nicolin Opera House & a stone quarry among his many holdings. The mansion was built in 1888 & was considered the finest residence ever erected in Scott County. Since the Nicolin era the residence has been, Kaiserhof Hotel, Mertz Hotel & the Nicolin Inn. The building is currently the Nicolin Mansion Bed & Breakfast, fully reconditioned in the original design tradition of the times. • 952.492.6441

17. 231 Broadway Street • Circa 1876*

Originally the Nicolin Opera House and Mammoth Store this building was the scene for masked balls, oyster suppers, wedding receptions and early movies. The building is currently Carasim Coffee Shop. • 952.492.5553

18. 301 Broadway Street • Circa 1895*

Joseph Kehr, "The Pioneer Druggist" started business in 1880 in a two-story frame building in Jordan. Kehr Hospital adjoined the building at the rear. Dr. Jane practiced here in the 1890's, later joined by Dr. Schneider. Surgical operations were performed here, but mostly removal of tonsils, the occasional flu, broken arm and birth of babies. The hospital operated until the mid-1930's. The building is currently the Empire Wok Chinese Restaurant. • 952.492.5556

19. 415 Broadway Street • Circa 1868

The Jordan Brewery Inc., got its start sometime during the mid-1800's when businessman, Frank Nicolin opened a general store and a brewery in Jordan. Owned by Schutz and Kaiser, and later Schutz and Hilgers, the brewery enjoyed success during the early years of Jordan. The hill behind the building is laced with storage caves utilized by the brewery for aging their product. The building is currently Brewery Antiques • 952.492.7833

20. Mini-Met Baseball Park

Since 1888, the baseball park now known as the Mini-Met has served up baseball, bandstand concerts, state fairs and picnics. Adjacent the beautiful Lagoon Park, Mill Pond and Sand Creek Waterfall, enjoy finishing your day with this special experience.

parks of JORDAN



- 1 Timberline Park
- 2 Brentwood Park
- 3 Jackie Holzer Park
- 4 Riesgraf Lions Park
- 5 Freedman Log Cabin
- 6 Pekarna Park
- 7 Mini-Met Ball Park
- 8 Fireman's Park
- 9 Lagoon Park
- 10 Hwy. 21 Rest Stop
- 11 Sawmill Park
- 12 Bridle Creek Park
- 13 Stonebridge Park

Park Classification	Trail Areas	Baseball/Softball	Nature Areas	Horseshoe Pits	Basketball Courts	Volleyball Fields	Playground	Pleasure Skate Rink	Winter Hockey Rink	Warming House	Skateboarding	Restroom Facilities	Picnic Area	Parking (Off-Street)
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S R A	Constructed in 1876 on Water Street, this log cabin is now owned and maintained by the city of Jordan, and located on Varner Street.													
S R A	S W	S W	Y S									Y S		
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S R A	Located east of State Hwy. 21 (north of bridge), currently a gravel parking lot, but is a potential trailhead in the future.													Y S
C P	Recently acquired by the city, with planned improvements soon.													
N P	S W												Y S	
N P		Under Construction												

NP	Neighborhood Park	Open space for passive recreation for all ages within a neighborhood, typically designed to connect with trails to other parks/neighborhoods.
CP	Community Park	Designed to serve several neighborhoods and are under municipal administration.
CWP	City-Wide Park	Multi-Purpose recreation area to meet the needs for all age groups.
SRA	Specialized Recreation Area	Typically not designed for multi-purpose recreation, but have specific purpose (i.e. the Log Cabin is an historic site not always open to the public).

Park Hours: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Reservations: Reservations may be made through the Community Ed office at (952) 492-6211.

Other Attractions: Golf courses, horseback/riding lessons, campgrounds, River Valley State Trail.

U.S Highway

State Highway

County Road

Water

Park

Trail