



"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

mandan messenger

May meetings

City Commission, May 3 and 17, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board, May 2 and 16, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board, May 9, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission, May 10, 2 p.m., Morton County Courthouse.

City Planning and Zoning Commission, May 23, 5:15 p.m., City Hall

Walk on May 21

The Mandan Dacotah Lions Strides walk for diabetes is May 21 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Mandan Lions park. The fee is \$25 per walker with all money going to Camp Sioux for Diabetic Children and eye machines for the local area.

City, county populations grow

The 2010 Census numbers released in March show substantial growth since the year 2000. Mandan's population is pegged at 18,331, up 9.6 percent from 16,718 in the previous decade. Similarly, Morton County's population climbed 8.6 percent to 27,471, up from 25,303.

Across the river, Bismarck grew by 10.3 percent to 61,272 and Burleigh County's population expanded by 17.1 percent to 81,308.

The combined metro area population is now 108,779, compared to the 94,719 recorded in the 2000 Census. This is an increase of 14.8 percent overall.

2010 CENSUS FACTS

Race

- Mandan – 93.7% white, 3.9% American Indian, 2.4% other.
- Bismarck – 94.1% white, 3.6% American Indian, 2.3% other.

Housing units

- Mandan – 7,950
- Bismarck – 28,648

Occupancy

- Mandan – 96%
- Bismarck – 95%

Sidewalk improvement participants welcomed

The City of Mandan annually seeks bids for construction and replacement of sidewalks and driveways in the public right-of-way. Property owners may sign up to have the low bidding contractor do concrete work adjacent to their property. The property owner needs to sign an agreement to authorize the work. The cost is then special assessed to the subject property. The agreement may be

downloaded from www.cityofmandan.com.

Concrete work in the right-of-way also may be executed by the property owner or a licensed and bonded contractor of their choice. A \$10 permit from the Planning and Engineering Department is required. The work must comply with department specifications. Engineering staff will inspect the project before cement is poured to make sure it meets specifications.

Sidewalks and driveways within the right-of-way should be replaced if there is excessive cracking or breaking up of the concrete (1-inch of displacement or more due to settling or heaving) or spalling and popping of the surface resulting in roughness and exposure of the aggregates making up the concrete. Such problems may present tripping hazards to pedestrians or impediments to people traveling in wheelchairs.

For more info, call 667-3225.

Heart River bridge to be replaced in 2011

The N.D. Department of Transportation is planning in 2011 to replace the Heart River Bridge located 4 miles west of Mandan on the I-94 business loop (Highway 10). The N.D. DOT has decided against an onsite temporary bypass during the removal and reconstruction of the bridge due to its excessive cost. The traveling public will be detoured to Interstate 94. The project is expected to get underway in June.

OPPORTUNITY

The Mandan Tomorrow - Economic Opportunity and Prosperity Committee is planning to further explore and then launch an investment group in 2011 to leverage community development projects and/or retail and restaurant projects.

Possibilities include the formation of a Renaissance Fund Organization, which allows the investor a 50 percent state income tax credit over five years, provided the investment remains in place for at least 10 years.

Another avenue might be the formation of a corporation similar to Bismarck Industries, which has helped to underwrite construction of new buildings for new primary sector businesses such as Aetna (formerly U.S. Healthcare) and Coventry Health Care.

If you are interested in investing in Mandan, please contact committee staff liaison Richard Mower of the Bismarck-Mandan Development Association, phone 222-5530.



Community marketing defines Mandan as a place of opportunity, community, achievement & adventure



The "Made in Mandan" marketing campaign being introduced this year focuses on great things associated with our community for residents, businesses and visitors. A 2010 community progress report was recently sent to all 58554 mail recipients to share news and statistics about growth and advancements. The report is also posted at www.cityofmandan.com.

Mandan's official guide for visitors and tourists has been revamped in cooperation with the Mandan Progress Organization and Parks and Recreation District. The new guide is designed to meet the needs of the visitor by providing a listing

of all restaurants, bars, lodging establishments and attractions. The previous brochure only listed businesses that advertised. Brochures have been provided to N.D. Tourism for placement at rest areas throughout the state. Brochures will also be distributed locally and are available at the MPO office, 411 W Main, phone 751-2983.



Another aspect of the community marketing plan just emerging is a series of billboards that will highlight Mandan's widespread sources of adventure. The billboards are in response to input received from the 2009 strategic planning process indicating that residents and business representatives wanted a greater presence for



Mandan on Interstate 94 to invite travelers into the community. The first billboards tout the Sport and Recreation Show planned for May 14 and Mandan's golf courses.

The community marketing plan is being executed with guidance from the Mandan Tomorrow - Leadership, Pride and Image Committee through the City of Mandan Business Development and Communications Office. For more info, visit www.madeinmandan.com.



Community gardens continue

The Morton County NDSU Extension Service for the third year is coordinating a community garden program in cooperation with the Mandan Park District and City of Mandan. The garden is located near Memorial Highway by the soccer fields off Longspur Drive. Plots are 20-feet square. A deposit of \$25 and rental fee of \$25 is required. Anyone wishing to be involved should contact the NDSU Extension Office, phone 667-3340.

Fire hydrant flushing planned late April through mid-May

The Public Works utility division will be flushing fire hydrants April 18 to May 20. Crews will begin flushing in the northwest section of the city and finish in the southeast portion. Fire hydrants are flushed in the spring and fall to make sure they are working properly and to maintain the quality of the water supply by flushing out any sediment and rust and bringing fresh water into the ends of distribution lines. For info, call 667-3240.

ON-LINE POLL RESULTS

Respondents mixed on subject of electronic utility billing

The on-line poll for March asked, "If the City of Mandan implemented electronic utility billing, would you use it?" There were 78 respondents. Thirty-six percent said yes, 30 percent said no, 24 percent picked "uncertain/need more info," and 8 percent indicated they don't own property in Mandan's corporate limits.

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Sign up to receive notice of city meetings and news releases in the "E-mail Updates" section of www.cityofmandan.com. Meeting dates and agendas are available.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What do you think of "Made in Mandan" community marketing projects so far?

Visit www.cityofmandan.com by May 1 to respond.