



July meetings

City Commission, June 30 and July 15, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board, July 7 and 21, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board, July 14, 4:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission, July 14 and 29, 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

City Planning and Zoning Commission, July 28, 5:15 p.m., City Hall

New online billing system to be ready in June

The City Finance Department has been working with its utility billing software company to address programming and integration issues before launching a new online billing system. Check the City website (www.cityofmandan.com) in June. The system is expected to go live by the second week. Customers will be able to view water bills online, see current balances, and make payments or set up auto payments. They can also opt out of paper bills.

Grass mowing, weed spraying required

Noxious weeds and vegetation must be cut or sprayed to be maintained under a 6-inch maximum height. Failure to comply results in the property being cut or sprayed by the City with cost applied to special assessments for the property. A City ordinance requires property owners at a minimum to mow tall grasses or spray weeds by May 1, June 1, July 1, Aug. 1, Sept. 1 and Oct. 1 of each year. To report violations, call the Fire Department at 667-3288.

Note: Dandelions are not a noxious weed.

Volunteers asked to help pick up litter Saturday, June 21

City of Mandan officials are working with concerned citizens to plan a special day devoted to keeping Mandan litter free. Volunteers willing to help pick up trash are asked to gather Saturday, June 21 at 8:30 a.m. at Spirit of Life Catholic Church, 801 First Street SE in the activity center. Please use the north parking lot.

The initial gathering will be an opportunity to receive instructions, trash bags, safety vests (until gone) and gloves if needed. Volunteers are asked to wear long pants and to bring protective work or garden type gloves. Dental gloves will be made available for those in need of gloves. Refreshments and a morning snack will be provided. Organizers have a goal of recruiting 50 to 100 helpers for the task. Mandan resident Amy R. Schmidt helped spearhead the event with a request to City Commissioners and is assisting with coordination.

More information about the litter clean-up day will be posted at www.cityofmandan.com as details become available. Volunteers may sign up on the website under the "Meeting & Event Registration" tab. Registration is helpful for planning purposes, but is not required. Citizens have also launched a "Keep Mandan Beautiful" Facebook page. In the event of inclement weather, please check the City of Mandan website for information about postponement and an alternate date and meeting location.

Proposed routes. Businesses, civic organizations and youth groups are invited to take a route. Some areas targeted for clean-up during the June 21 event, depending upon numbers of volunteers, include but may not be limited to the following:

- 19th Street SE – from Highway 6 to Highway 1806
- McKenzie Drive SE – from Marina Road SE to 40th Avenue SE
- Third Street SE – from Sixth Avenue SE to 24th Avenue SE
- Twin City Drive SE – from Main Street to Tuttle Avenue (Twin City Estates) and Bismar Avenue (from Twin City Drive to Memorial Highway)
- Mandan Avenue – from Main Street to Old Red Trail
- Missouri Drive – from Main Street to Mandan Avenue
- West Main Street – from 8th Avenue to Heart River Bridge;
- Old Red Trail – from Sunset Drive NW through the Seven Seas Inn

Business involvement. Businesses may support the event by cleaning up their building exteriors, awnings, lots, fence lines and landscaping. Donations of refreshments, food for an appreciation lunch and door prizes are welcome. Commitments to date include water from Dan's Supermarket, Little Caesar's Pizza, and garbage bags through Scuba One. To contribute, call volunteer Amy R. Schmidt at 471-6099.

Long-term assistance requested. Please help keep multi-use paths, parks and the public right-of-way along streets and roads clean. The City of Mandan has an Adopt-A-Street program in which organizations, businesses and individuals are asked to commit to picking up litter in areas two times per

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FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

The City of Mandan allows the public to light fireworks July 2 and 3, noon to midnight, and July 4, noon to 2 a.m. on July 5. There is a \$75 fine for any violation.

Street resurfacing projects planned this summer

The City of Mandan was allocated \$843,243 from the state legislature in the 2013 biennium for extraordinary roadway maintenance purposes. The funding was for non-oil producing counties and cities. The City of Mandan is applying funds toward its local 20 percent match for projects under the urban road funding program of the N.D. Department of Transportation. The NDDOT approved three street resurfacing projects for 2014:

- 9th Street NE, from Main St to Fourth Street.
- 40th Avenue SE from Memorial Highway to South Bay Dr SE (flood-related damage)
- Longspur Drive from Third Street SE to 32nd Avenue SE

The projects may begin in July. Streets that received an overlay last year with the funding included 46th Avenue SE and Second Street NW from Collins Avenue to Sixth Avenue NW. Funds were used in other areas for concrete repair, joint sealant and curb repair.

Mandan Industrial Park project pushed back due to lack of bid interest. In other street news, the City did not receive any bids for the Mandan Industrial Park project. The Engineering and Planning Department will work with the consulting engineer to address concerns about responsibility for traffic control and some design changes. The proposed plan is to rebid the project this fall for 2015 construction.

Litter clean-up, June 21

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year for a two-year period. The Public Works Department has recently received commitments for clean-up in 2014-15 of the following public areas (these areas may also be included in the June 21 event depending upon turn-out and need at that time):

- East Main Street – Memorial Highway to Twin City Drive SE; MFRA Engineering
- Sixth Ave SE – Main to Third Street SE; Centre, Inc.
- Old Red Trail – Collins Avenue to Mandan Avenue; Mandan Diner and Soda Fountain
- Old Red Trail – Sunset Drive to Collins Avenue; led by Judy Lishout with participation from approximately 16 other families and individuals.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Street program, contact the City of Mandan Public Works Department at 667-3240 or visit the Public Works section of the city website.

State highways. City officials are in communication with the N.D. Department of Transportation about the status of its Adopt-A-Highway program and the need for any additional volunteers for state roadways in the Mandan and Morton County area. One section in need of adoption is part of the I-94 business loop on the north side from Twin City Drive to the Grant Marsh Bridge. City leaders appreciate the efforts of groups that have adopted state highways in the Mandan area and encourage these groups to come out on June 21 to clean up their designated areas. The NDDOT handles some highly trafficked areas for safety reasons.

Builders asked to keep sites clean. The City of Mandan's Building Inspection Department is working with area developers and builders to keep construction sites cleaned up. Contractors are asked to have areas near their sites picked up of debris before or on June 21.

Parade & fireworks clean-up. City officials remind community members and visitors to please clean up after lighting fireworks over the Fourth of July. Garbage from fireworks has particularly been a problem in years past in the area of Dacotah Centennial Park, the location of the rodeo grounds, and neighboring businesses.

Possible annual or bi-annual event. Mandan Public Works Director Jeff Wright says he hopes with help from community members and avoidance of litter and blowing trash that clean-up events may not be needed in the future. He holds out the possibility for an annual spring and/or fall event as needed, potentially in conjunction with the City of Bismarck.



ADVENTURE



Summer concert series. The Bismarck-Mandan Musicians Association continues its annual concerts on Mondays to Thursdays from June 9 to Aug. 14. Concerts are held outdoors from 7 to 8 p.m. in Dykshoorn Park on West Main Street. The Lions serve hamburgers and brats on Tuesdays in the park from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The line-up of bands and vocalists is posted at www.cityofmandan.com in the Visitor section under Events.

135th Mandan Rodeo Days July 2-4. The celebration has been named the N.D. Tourism Event of the Year. Enjoy professional rodeo competition, Art in the Park, a Fourth of July walk/run, the Independence Day Parade, fireworks, an all-class reunion, and more. For a complete schedule, visit www.mandanrodeo.com.

Great Western Exposition. July 11-13 Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park and the Mandan Progress Organization are partnering on this new event. There will be an army encampment, food and craft vendors, wagon rides, an artillery demo, and more. July 12 features a military and veterans appreciation picnic with a concert of patriotic music by the West River Winds and a party that night on Cavalry Square with the band "32 Below."

Wild West Grillfest Aug. 15-16. Enjoy delicious grilled foods from local eateries and live music.



gluten free store a destination

Lisa's Gluten Free & More opened at 211 W Main Street in 2012. Attracted by the storefront and off-street parking, owners Lisa and Jay Helseth say the cost of doing business is less in Mandan. They appreciate community events and promotions that draw people to Main Street and their specialty store. Their sales and customer base are growing. Visitors are shocked to find one of the premier gluten free stores in the country in a small city like Mandan.



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Mandan Business Development Office • Phone 701-667-3485
www.cityofmandan.com/businessdevelopment

COMMUNITY MARKETING
Mandan businesses are invited to participate in testimonial ads in print, radio and social media for the purpose of business attraction and improving the image of Mandan's business community as a whole. The ads revolve around the theme "Opportunity: Made in Mandan" and feature stories about successful businesses in Mandan. For info about benefits, costs and criteria, call 667-3485.



Water meter upgrades to begin in June

Installation technicians from Thirkettle's subcontractor, Total Backflow Resources Inc., will begin upgrading or replacing water meters in Mandan properties in mid-June. Property owners will receive notification letters approximately 10 to 14 days before work begins in their neighborhoods. Each property's appointment date and time will be communicated via personalized post cards that will arrive five to seven days before the appointments. Property owners who are unable to accommodate their appointment times must call Total Backflow Resources, Inc. at the number on the card to reschedule. Reminder phone calls will be made to property owners the day before each appointment as a courtesy.

Appointments will generally take about 30 minutes, however the installation technicians may require up to a two-hour window of time to arrive at each property. Someone over age 18 must be present during installation. The City and its contractor need cooperation from property owners to continue providing water services. Failure to allow a technician to make the required water meter upgrades to a property could result in temporary water service suspension which includes an operator's fee from the City.

Property owners are asked to remove any belongings in the 3-square-foot area around their water meter assemblies prior to their appointments. The water meter project will impact nearly all of the 6,600 water meters in the city and is scheduled to be completed in January 2015. An FAQ document about the project can be found at www.cityofmandan.com, under the Announcements section.

Citizens ask about covenants for residential developments

The City of Mandan has received questions from citizens in residential subdivisions about compliance with covenants restricting certain aspects of property use and construction in the subdivision. Examples include architectural standards for sheds and fences as well as conditions for parking of campers. Such notices would have come from the developer or homeowners association.

Covenants are different than local zoning ordinances in that they are between private parties rather than involving a governmental entity. Zoning ordinances are recorded as local laws "on the books" whereas covenants are recorded in private deeds, either as deed restrictions or as neighborhood compacts between private parties.

Covenants are used to help retain property values by creating neighborhoods that look safe and well-maintained. Property owners should receive information about any covenants in their real estate closing contracts. Home and lot buyers are advised to review these documents carefully.

ON-LINE POLL RESULTS

Many Mandan residents grew up in the community

May's informal, on-line poll asked, "What prompted you to choose Mandan for your residence?" Respondents were asked to select their primary reason from a list of options. The leading reason, selected by 37% of the poll's 86 respondents, was "I grew up in Mandan (or my significant other did)." Affordability/availability of housing ranked second, picked by 22% of respondents. Other results: 13% proximity to employment/business, 12% location or type of home (river, historic, hilltop, etc.), 7% quality of schools, 3% small town atmosphere/sense of community, and 6% other.

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Receive E-mail Notices

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

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What Mandan Park District facility or feature do you use the most?

Visit www.cityofmandan.com by June 30 to respond.