



"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

mandan messenger

August meetings

City Commission, Aug. 2 and 16, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board, Aug. 1 and 15, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board, Aug. 8, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission, Aug. 9, 2 p.m., Morton County Courthouse.

City Planning and Zoning Commission, Aug. 22, 5:15 p.m., City Hall

Concerts underway

Enjoy concerts Mondays to Thursdays through Aug. 18 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Dykshoorn Park. Download the schedule at www.musiciansassociation.org. The Dacotah Lions serve burgers on Tuesdays.

Flood info round-up

Morton County approved for individual and family assistance. Morton County has been approved for federal flood aid under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Individual Assistance Program. The program will not cover all flood damages, but is designed to relieve the impact of losses for people with low and moderate incomes. The program can help cover costs for temporary housing, repairs to homes, and funding toward replacement of a home that has been destroyed. "Other Needs Assistance," may cover medical, transportation, moving and storage, and other expenses associated with personal loss due to flooding. People who have lost their jobs or unable to reach their place of work may also receive assistance. To register, call 1-800-621-3362 or go to www.disasterassistance.gov.

FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers Open. North Dakota residents who have been affected by flooding that began April 7 can visit the N.D. Department of Emergency Services and FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) if they have questions about recovery programs. The area center is at the Bank of North Dakota, 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck. The center is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. until further notice. Residents who plan to stop by the DRC are urged to register for assistance before their visit by calling 1-800-621-3362 or visiting www.disasterassistance.gov. Customer service reps from the U.S. Small Business Administration will also be available to answer questions about the SBA disaster-loan program and assist with applications. FEMA mitigation specialists will provide information and answer questions about cost-effective rebuilding and repair techniques to reduce property damage in future disasters.

Receipts required for extended rental assistance. The first check many North Dakotans affected by flooding will receive from the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be for one month's rental assistance. Many recipients will be able to qualify for additional rental assistance, but only if they are able to show proper use of the first month's payment by providing a verifiable receipt. Generally, a verifiable receipt is one with a phone number for the business or person providing the lodging. When homes are inaccessible due to a disaster, FEMA generally provides one month of rental assistance. Additional assistance may be provided on a month-by-month basis while the homes remain inaccessible.

Ground water flows. The Mandan City Commission held a special meeting June 28 to discuss the option of installing a dewatering system to protect basements in flood impacted areas. The proposed system consisted of 17 wells approximately 100 feet deep at a cost of \$2.7 million. The commission tabled action on the matter because the Army Corps of Engineers has lowered its releases, which should have a positive effect on the ground water flow situation.

Citizens advised to keep sandbags in place. Citizens are reminded to continue protecting their homes and advised not to remove sandbags at this point. While flows are forecasted to decrease, they are still expected to stay at high levels in July and August and could change with a significant weather event.

ADVENTURE

Buggies-n-Blues. The annual classic car show and music festival was postponed in June due to flood impacts and the need to keep Main Street open for trucks hauling clay. It has been rescheduled for July 30-31.

The event features the "Past Due" band playing Saturday night in Dykshoorn Park beginning at 8 p.m. Gates open at 5 p.m. Admission is \$3. The car show will line Main Street on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. with more live music in the park. For more info: www.buggies-n-blues.org

Wild West Grill Fest. This event is planned for Aug. 19-20. It showcases grilled foods from local restaurants, caterers and other industry professionals along with live music. Friday night's band is "The Ravens." Saturday night's band is "Dirty Word." For more info, call the Mandan Progress Organization at 751-2983 or visit www.mandanprogress.org.



MANDAN'S ECONOMY

As of May 2011 compared to the prior year to date:

~ 1% city sales tax· up 21.0% at \$655,736.

~ 1% restaurant and lodging tax· up 4.7% at \$116,124;

~ 2% hotel occupancy tax· up 9.1% at \$16,426.

New restaurants in the works

Mandan should have three new restaurants before year's end. Dean's Steakhouse opened in March at 2815 Memorial Highway, the Harvest Brazilian Grill is opening at 308 W Main Street, and the City of Mandan is working with Mama Maria's Italian Restaurant on purchase and business incentive agreements for the transfer of a building at 116 E Main.

Dean's Steakhouse is in the location of the former Speedway and Primesteer restaurants under new ownership with a great chef and menu. Dean Ulmer of Mobridge, S.D., re-opened the restaurant with choice cuts of beef as the star of the show. In addition to prime rib and steaks, the menu features ribs, seafood, poultry and sandwiches with pasta entrees soon to be added. The restaurant also has a full bar and patio. Live music is offered occasionally. Hours are 4 to 9 p.m. with a brunch on Sundays. For more information, call 751-4567.

The **Harvest Brazilian Grill** should be open by the end of July. Edgar Oliveira is renovating the former JC Penney building with assistance through the City of Mandan's Storefront Improvement and Renaissance Zone programs. Oliveira explains that the Brazilian barbecue concept is characterized by large cuts of meat served table side on skewers by "passers" who cut the meat right onto the customer's plate. The meats include ribeye, New York strip, top sirloin, top sirloin cap, flank steak, sausage, chicken and pork loin. The Harvest Brazilian Grill will also serve pasta, burgers, sandwiches and other entrees. The restaurant will be open seven days a week with lunch and dinner service. For more info, call 701 254-5806.

With two years of success in East Grand Forks, **Mama Maria's Italian Restaurant** is planning to open a restaurant in Mandan. Managers Chad Thomas and Nick Hallerman recently received approval on a proposal to acquire and renovate the Marcovitz building. It is a contributing building to Mandan's historic district, constructed in 1926. A late fall opening is anticipated. Check out the menu at www.mammamariasrestaurant.com.

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The City of Mandan is working on a drop location for sand bags when it is appropriate. Sand bags that have touched river water need to be treated differently than those that have not.

Mosquito control. Public works crews are making efforts to remove areas of standing water to minimize mosquito breeding areas. They also are working with Custer Health to treat areas where the water has little or no current and is less than two feet deep. Larvacide briquettes are harmful only to mosquito larvae. They don't kill adult mosquitoes, dogs, cats, fish, frogs, trees, shrubs or grass.

Be aware of health issues related to flood clean-up. Flooded homes and high water bring health dangers into a home such as mold, spilled chemicals, damaged septic systems, contaminated wells, rodents and vermin, contaminated food, waterborne diseases, higher mosquito populations, and damaged buildings and materials. Guidance is available. Contact Custer Health at 667-3370 or go online to www.ndhealth.gov/flood and www.custerhealth.com.

Separate landfill items. Please keep sheetrock, insulation, carpet, and other items that cannot be burned separate from lumber, plywood, trees, and other items that can be burned. This will greatly help landfill staff.

Flood hotline. Call Morton County Emergency Management at 667-3307. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. After hours and weekends, call 667-3250 for city issues or 667-3330 for county issues.

ON-LINE POLL RESULTS

City receives good marks for flood control

The on-line poll for June asked, "How do you rate Mandan's handling of the flood situation so far?" There were 98 respondents as follows: 53% exceeds expectations, 29% meets expectations, 10% below expectations, and 8% selected "don't know."

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What should be the longest dance for the 2012 Independence Day Parade?

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