



mandan messenger

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December meetings

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

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

Park Board, Dec. 8, 4:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission, Dec. 8 and 30, 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

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



Small Business Saturday, Nov. 29

Join communities across the nation in supporting hometown businesses and kick off the holiday season in style! Explore Mandan businesses for unique gifts and enjoy special shopping deals on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 29.

Downtown Mandan will be filled with holiday spirit throughout the day. Welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus as they parade from Hardee's to the 300 block of West Main Street. The parade kicks off at 10:45 a.m. Santa and Mrs. Claus will take pictures and visit with children at the Harvest Grill, 308 West Main Street, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Doses of nostalgia will be plentiful with caroling, covered wagon rides and s'mores at the Mandan Progress Organization. Watch as Dykshoorn Park lights up with Christmas Spirit. The annual Christmas light display will be turned on at dusk.

Collins Place redevelopment project complete

State and local officials celebrated the completion of Collins Place, 100 Collins Ave., at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 22. Gov. Jack Dalrymple and Rep. Kevin Cramer participated in the ceremony.

The redevelopment project on Mandan's historic Main Street includes 29 state-supported affordable housing units and prime retail space. The City of Mandan made the property available for redevelopment, selling the land for

\$1 per square foot, or \$16,250, and the North Dakota Industrial Commission authorized a \$1.1 million Housing Incentive Fund allocation to support the housing development. The Mandan City Commission helped by granting Renaissance Zone status.

Collins Place is a four-story building with about 3,000 square feet of commercial space. Businesses interested in leasing the commercial space may call Dakota Commercial and Development at (701) 721-8047.



City plans downtown street improvements

The City's Engineering Department is proposing a street improvement district project in downtown Mandan in 2015. The project focuses on an area north of Main Street to Fourth Street, between Fourth Avenue NE and Mandan Avenue.

The department chose the area for two reasons. A 2012 pavement condition index assessment study categorized the majority of the area's streets as unsatisfactory. In addition, the Public Works Department plans to replace water mains in the area during the same time-frame, a project that requires the removal of a fair amount of asphalt.

The engineering department plans to hire an engineering consultant to put together plans and specifications for the project and help with project administration. Once a consultant is hired, the department will create a general scope and estimate. Property owners in the proposed district will be notified once the plan is complete.

The Finance Department set aside \$75,000 in the city sales tax fund for the planning of this downtown street improvement district project. The construction of the streets would be paid for by special assessment method and assessed to benefiting properties. For more information, contact the Engineering Department at 667-3225.

Mandan stores offer discounts through Dec. 30

Mandan businesses are offering special discounts through Dec. 30. A flyer showing locations of participating businesses and listing sales is available at www.mandanprogress.org.





"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

Snow removal reminders

Clean sidewalks of snow and ice. Property owners are required to remove snow and ice from their sidewalk within 24 hours after its deposit. If not removed, the City may do so and charge the property owner. Report problems to City Engineering at (701) 667-3225. Please also clear the area

around mailboxes and fire hydrants.

Do not put snow from your property on the street. City ordinance prohibits deposits on any street or public place of any material which may be harmful to the pavement or surface thereof or which may do injury to any person, animal or property or render the same unclean or a nuisance, including snow, dirt, rubbish or garbage.

48-hour parking restrictions. It is unlawful for any person to park or leave standing on any public street or highway within any residential district, mobile home park or trailer court in this city, any vehicle or motorcycle for a period longer than 48 hours consecutively.

Sanding & plowing information

Generally 4-inches of snow accumulation requires plowing of all routes. Public Works reminds residents to remove vehicles from the street as soon as possible after a storm. Following are route priorities created to provide for the safe and orderly movement of traffic throughout the city during all weather conditions, including severe winter storms. A map showing snow removal routes is posted at www.cityofmandan.com in the City Departments section under Public Works and the Street Department. For more information, call (701) 667-3240.

Priority 1: Major arterial routes. High traffic volume streets and business districts.

Priority 2: School emergency routes. Network connection for students, parents, teachers and school bus operations to eight public schools and two private schools.

Priority 3-4: Residential routes and alleys. Network connection to all residential areas.

Please stay back. Be cautious when snow removal and sanding operations are underway. These vehicles must stop and back frequently. Please try to stay a minimum of 50 feet behind them. Please remember a typical snow plow is wider than most driving lanes.

Snow hauling. Begins on Main Street and in the central business district. Signs are posted to restrict overnight parking on streets (typically east-west in direction) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and on avenues (typically north-south in direction) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Public parking lots are next, followed by other major arterials, public schools and residential areas.

City leaders thank you for your cooperation and patience with snow removal during winter storms.

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Online poll focuses on Family Wellness center

October's online poll asked, "Will you join the Family Wellness Center when it opens?" Of the 108 respondents, 17 percent plan to join the Family Wellness Center, 54 percent do not plan to join and 30 percent were uncertain or needed more information. City website polls are informal and not scientific.

Market research conducted by the YMCA and Mandan Park District in 2011 indicated that location and convenience are the biggest reasons people don't currently join the YMCA. The Raging Rivers location is perceived as convenient and is expected to become a destination. The YMCA conservatively estimates that 2,200 memberships units, representing 6,500 individuals, from Mandan and Bismarck would patronize a new YMCA in the southeast Mandan location. Total annual visits to the Mandan center are pegged at 240,000. YMCA members will be able to use either the Bismarck and Mandan recreational facilities. For more information, visit www.familywellnessbismarck.com.

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Fire	667-3288
Human Resources	667-3217
Landfill	667-0184
Library	667-5365
Municipal Court	667-3270
Police	667-3250
Public Works	667-3240
Special Assessments	667-3271
Utility Billing	667-3219
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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Does Mandan need a new or renovated City Hall?

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