



February meetings

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

School Board, Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m. and Feb. 16 at 7 p.m., City Hall

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

County Commission, Feb. 11 and 23 at 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

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

Sweetheart Dinner, Feb. 13

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park will host a Valentine's Day dinner at the Custer House on Feb. 13 beginning at 5:45 p.m. Relax as you listen to music of the period and enjoy a specially prepared dinner for you and your sweetheart.

Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. For more information, call 667-6340.

Hike in Mandan's backyard

Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park will host more than a dozen hikes in 2015. Hikes include:

- Feb. 14 - Sweetheart Hike
- March 13 - Leprechaun Leap Hike
- April 3 - Fools Hike
- May 8 - Mother's Day Hike
- June 4 - National Trails Day Hike
- June 19 - Take Dad to the Park Hike
- July 17 - Beat the Heat Hike
- July 23 - Custer's Color Change Hike
- Aug. 14 - Dog Days of Summer Hike
- Sept. 18 - Fall Colors Hike
- Oct. 23 - Little Monsters Hike
- Nov. 6 - Blaze Orange Hike
- Dec. 11 - Light the Blockhouse Hike

Improvements underway at library

The first three phases of the Morton-Mandan Public Library's new strategic plan are underway. The library strategic planning committee determined projects based upon needs identified through a community survey in 2015. More than 540 community members responded. Projects include:

- **Dedication of space for library programming.** Survey results indicated a desire for more library programming. Space is being reserved to accommodate these programs. Beginning in February, the Starion Financial Room will be used exclusively for library events. The change will help eliminate scheduling conflicts and provide a secure storage area for supplies. The "cafe" room will still be available to the public for use as a meeting space. The room has improved wireless accessibility and other amenities. Another room previously used to house the library's teen collection will also be available.
- **Expansion of the teen collection.** To accommodate its growing teen collection, the library is removing outdated audio and video materials and adding new shelving units.
- **Introduction of adult programming.** The library will introduce two book clubs for adults in February. "Books and Brews," for adults in their 20s and 30s, will meet the second Tuesday of every month. The first meeting is scheduled for Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Harvest Brazilian Grill, 308 West Main Street. Another book club targeting residents 40 and older will meet the first Thursday of every month at the library, beginning Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. Selected books will be available through the library in both print and digital form.

The first three phases of the strategic plan are expected to be completed by June 2016. A fourth phase, planned for 2017, will focus on the best use of space and the potential for expansion. The Morton-Mandan Public Library Board of Trustees will develop a budget for a feasibility study and establish a non-profit, tax exempt foundation. For more information, visit www.cityofmandan.com/library or call the library at 667-5365.

Library offers free digital collections

The Morton-Mandan Public Library is now offering free digital content to library users through Freegal Music, Freegal Movies, Freading eBooks and Zinio.

Free music. Freegal Music provides free and legal copies of more than 8 million songs. Library users can download up to five songs per week.

Free movies. Freegal Movies provides free streaming of movies and television series. Library users can watch three movies or TV episodes each week. Each selection has a 48-hour viewing period, allowing for multiple viewings.

Free digital books and magazines. Freading eBooks offers books from hundreds of internationally-known publishers for digital download. Library users are given six digital tokens each week, which are used to download books. The amount of tokens required varies depending on the value assigned by the publisher. Unused tokens will rollover to the next week for a four-week period. Zinio allows library users to download full digital copies of magazines.

For more information on digital content available through the library, visit www.cityofmandan.com/library or call 667-5365.





"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

NEW MANDAN BUSINESSES

- Agassiz Seed
2318 Twin City Dr.
- Bearscat Bakehouse
111 5th Ave. NE
- Crossfit Mandan
4101 21st St. SE #13
- SBL Truck Repair
2909 Twin City Dr.

NEW LOCATIONS

- Hirsch Florist
211 W. Main St.
- Pulse Fitness
112 2nd Ave. NW

2016-2019 road improvement projects planned

The N.D. Department of Transportation has allocated funds through the Transportation Improvement program based on expected federal funding for the following projects.

2016

1. **Traffic signals on Memorial Highway.** The project consists of adding a new traffic signal at 40th Avenue SE and installing a permanent signal at 46th Avenue SE.
2. **Traffic signal improvement at Main Street and Twin City Drive.** A signal will be replaced and upgraded.
3. **Old Red Trail.** This project will include widening the roadway from Highland Road NW to 40th Avenue NW and adding curb and gutter.

2017

1. **Replace and upgrade traffic signals on Main Street.** The project will improve the functioning of traffic signals and provide pedestrian control of the walk cycle.
2. **Reconstruct and widen 27th Street NW from 1806 to 8th Avenue NW.** This project includes widening of the roadway and the addition of curb and gutter, providing better access to the middle school and nearby developing areas.
3. **10th Avenue SW.** The project includes concrete pavement repair from the Heart River Bridge to Main Street.

The City's portion of project expenses will most likely be a combination of sales tax, general fund tax dollars and special assessments to benefiting properties. For more information, contact the Engineering Department at 667-3225.

City Commission endorses 2020 road project applications

The City Engineering Department has submitted requests to the Metropolitan Planning Organization for N.D. Department of Transportation funds in 2020 for 10 projects. The City Commission approved the project prioritization in December. The projects are largely the same as those submitted last year for 2019. None of the projects were approved for 2019 due to federal funding constraints.

Urban Regional Projects. Eligible for 80 percent federal funding, requiring a 10 percent state and 10 percent local match.

1. **Highway 1806.** Improvements include partial reconstruction of the roadway from the Mandan Avenue interchange to the intersection of 1806 and 27th Street NW, traffic signalization and turning lane improvements at the intersection with Old Red Trail, a northbound left turning lane on 27th Street NW and shoulder widening.
2. **Main Street concrete pavement repair.** This project consists of spot repairs to paved areas of Main Street between 10th Avenue West and Twin City Drive.
3. **Memorial Highway, phase I.** A full reconstruct of the roadway with a new typical section to implement safety and pedestrian-friendly elements, including a multi-use path. It would also address drainage issues and replace other utilities as necessary. The project is planned to be broken into three phases, with each phase to be complete in three-year increments to allow it to fit within the funds available during each funding cycle. The entire corridor from 46th Avenue SE to Main Street is expected to take about nine years to complete once initiated.

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MAKING HAPPY FACES. Feil Orthodontics is celebrating the second anniversary of establishing a clinic in Mandan, a city previously lacking this service. As a Mandan native, Dr. Blake Feil always considered Mandan as an ideal location and was well aware of the opportunities. He and Dr. Dan Keith have been expanding their available appointment times in Mandan to better accommodate a growing family of patients.

Dr. Feil tells other entrepreneurs considering a Mandan location, "If you provide good service and are known to consistently fulfill and exceed client expectations, then Mandan residents will respond in huge numbers." Their clinic location, near the Mandan Middle School, primarily caters to Mandan youth. They also draw clients to the clinic from elsewhere in North and South Dakota.

READY TO ASSIST. Learn how your business can benefit from a Mandan location. For information about properties, programs and more, visit www.cityofmandan.com/businessdevelopment or call 667-3845.

COMMUNITY MARKETING

Mandan businesses are invited to participate in testimonial ads in print and social media for the purpose of 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 information about benefits, costs and criteria, call 667-3485.

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Urban Roads Projects. Eligible for approximately 80 percent federal funding with about a 20 percent local match.

1. **Intersection of McKenzie Drive SE and 46th Avenue SE.** Reconstructs the degraded section of McKenzie Drive SE from the southbound ramps and adds traffic signals to improve the functioning and safety of the intersection. If approved, the project could be completed in 2017, replacing the reconstruction and widening of 27th Street NW from Highway 1806 to 8th Avenue NW.
2. **Reconstruction of 8th Avenue NW.** Improves and widens the road from Old Red Trail to 27th Street NW.
3. **Extension of Sunset Drive NW.** Links the Sunset interchange on I-94 to Highway 1806 at 38th Street NW. Depending on development, the project may be phased.
4. **Extension of Division Street East.** Provides an alternate east-west route from the central portion of Mandan to I-94, by extending this street from 8th Avenue NE to Mandan Avenue.
5. **Extension of Division Street West.** Once linked to Lohstreter, the street would provide an alternate route to the high school and Sunset Drive from existing neighborhoods and planned new developments.
6. **Extension of 8th Avenue NW.** Links Highway 1806 to Sunset Drive from 27th Street NW to 39th Street NW. The project may be broken into phases.
7. **Reconstruction of Old Red Trail.** Reconstructs the roadway west of 40th Avenue, where the 2016 project is expected to end, to 56th Avenue NW.



Animal waste ordinance addresses concerns

"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

An ordinance approved by the City Commission at a December meeting establishes requirements for removal of pet waste. Pet owners are required to immediately remove pet waste deposited beyond the boundaries of their property. In addition, pet waste on the owner's property must not be allowed to accumulate to the extent that an odor is noticeable and pet waste must be removed from an unenclosed front yard. To report violations, call 667-3250 or visit the Report a Concern section of www.cityofmandan.com.

Recycling program benefits community

Collection of recyclables begins in January. Recycling services are being provided to all single family residences and multi-family units with individual trash receptacles. Options for larger units may be considered in the future.

Items recycled in Mandan will be hauled to a materials recovery facility in Minnesota. The facility uses specialized equipment to sort materials into fibers, metals, plastics and glass. The items are then transported to other facilities to be recycled into useful new products.

Although there is a cost to the program, recycling will save money in the long-term. Mandan's landfill does not bury household garbage. Reducing the amount of regular household waste collected will reduce the City's hauling costs for transporting garbage to the Bismarck landfill. Recycling keeps materials out of the landfill, extending the life of the facility.

For more information on the City's recycling program, visit www.cityofmandan.com/recycle.

April 11 filing deadline for local elections

The deadline for filing petitions for the 2016 local elections is April 11 at 4 p.m. Candidates may begin circulating petitions on Jan.1. The earliest day to file is Jan. 4.

Morton County. Three county commission seats are up for election, those held by Bruce Strinden, Ron Leingang and Cody Schulz. Positions are four-year terms. Candidates must submit petitions to the auditor's office in the Morton County Courthouse. The Morton County primary date is June 14. Top candidates will advance to the Nov. 8 election.

City of Mandan. Mandan residents will vote for the mayor, a position currently held by Arlyn Van Beek, and two, four-year city commission seats, currently held by Mike Braun and Sandy Tibke. The position of municipal judge is also up for election. The four-year seat is currently held by DeNae Kautzmann.

Mandan Park Board. Two, four-year terms expire in 2016. The seats are currently held by Wanda Knoll and Kevin Allan.

Mandan School Board. Three, three-year terms expire in 2016. The seats are currently held by Tim Rector, Leland Fleischer and Lori Furaus.

Candidates for City Commission, Park Board and municipal judge must file petitions with the city administrator. School Board candidates must submit a statement of interest to the School District. City Commission, Park Board and School Board elections will be held on June 14. For more information, visit the Election Procedures section of www.cityofmandan.com.

December poll question extended through January

The December poll question has been extended through the month of January due to a late online posting and an early holiday printing deadline. Extending the poll will provide the opportunity for more people to respond.

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& Zoning 667-3225
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Public Works 667-3240
Special
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Utility Billing 667-3219
Waste Water
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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

How would you rate Mandan's awareness of competitive positioning?

Visit www.cityofmandan.com by Jan. 28 to respond.