



June meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Buggies-n-Blues, June 6-7

Buggies-n-Blues, Mandan's annual classic car show and music festival, will be held June 6 to 7. Cruise over to Main Street to take a look at some of the sweetest rides around.

The event kicks off with live music in Dykshoorn Park at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 6. A classic car parade follows at 8 p.m. The fun continues on Sunday, June 7. Classic cars will line Main Street and musicians will perform on the bandshell stage.

Volunteers needed for Slide the City event, Aug. 29

The Mandan Park District and Mandan Progress Organization are seeking volunteers for the Slide the City event on Aug. 29.

Between 120 and 150 volunteers are needed to run the festival. For every volunteer, \$60 will be donated to help fund Mandan's universal playground. Volunteers get a free t-shirt, free lunch and a free slide!

For more information, call the Mandan Park District at 751-6161 or visit www.slidethecity.com.

Sales tax, school board on June 9 ballot Recreational facilities to be considered

The following proposed amendment to the Mandan Code of Ordinances will be placed on the ballot:

Shall the City of Mandan amend its Mandan Code of Ordinances to adopt an additional three fourths of a percent (0.75%) tax on gross receipts of retailers from all sales at retail and use tax as permitted by NDCC Ch. 57-39.2, as amended, from time to time, to be dedicated (i) to the financing and construction by the Mandan Park District of:

- a new two-rink hockey arena, including gymnastics facilities;*
- a new football and track field; and*
- conversion of Lefty Faris football and track field into ball fields;*

The estimated cost of the project is \$22,000,000. Such sales and use tax revenues shall be pledged to the payment of bonds issued for such construction in anticipation of the collection and receipt of such sales and use tax, and if so pledged, the sales and use tax may not be repealed so long as any such bonds or bonds refunding the bonds are outstanding.

The sales and use tax shall expire at the time all project costs are paid and the bonds issued to finance construction of the project are paid.

A "YES" Vote means you approve the city measure as summarized above.

A "NO" Vote means you reject the city measure as summarized above.

If this proposed amendment receives a majority of "YES" votes, it will be enacted by the City of Mandan.

Voters to elect four to School Board

Four positions on the Mandan School Board are up for election. Following are the candidates on the ballot:

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| At-large (three-year term) | At-large (one-year term) |
| • Rick Horn | • Leland A. Fleischer |
| • Caroline Kozojed | |
| At-large rural (three-year term) | |
| • Sheldon Wolf | |

How to Vote

Only residents in Mandan city limits may vote on the sales tax issue. Residents from throughout the Mandan Public School District may vote for the school board.

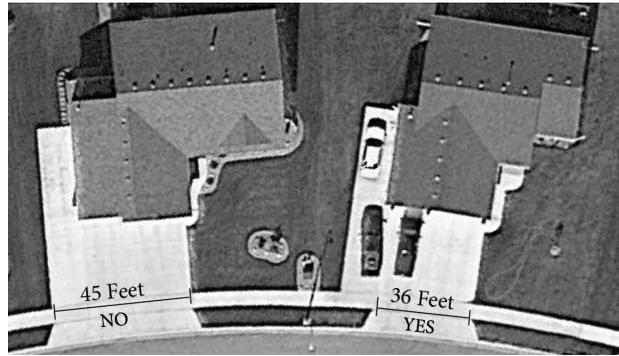
Absentee Voting. Residents may vote for the proposed sales tax measure by absentee ballot at Mandan City Hall, 205 Second Avenue NW. People may apply for an absentee ballot through the Secretary of State's website or in person at City Hall. Absentee ballots for the School Board election are available at the Brave Center, 901 Division Street NW.

Election Day Voting. Election Day voting will be held June 9 at the Brave Center and Spirit of Life Roman Catholic Church, 801 First Street SE. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



For more information on any of these projects, contact the Engineering and Planning Department at 667-3225.

City Commission approves maximum driveway width



The City Commission recently approved a maximum width for driveways on residential lots. Each lot may have two driveways, but the combined total width of the driveways cannot exceed 36 feet plus all required flares, measured at the curb line.

At an April 7 meeting, the City Commission indicated it would grant variances for

homeowners who had taken out a concrete driveway permit prior to the ordinance change, but who had been unable to complete the project due to weather or other extenuating circumstances. Projects need to be completed in 2015 to receive the variance. Homeowners need to apply for the variance. It is not automatic.

Any lot not used for residential purposes may have a maximum of two driveways, each not to exceed 40 feet in width, separated by a distance of not less than 24 feet measured at the curblines of each side of the lot that fronts upon a public street.

New policies and construction specifications. The Planning and Engineering Department also recently implemented new policies and updated the construction specifications related to sidewalks and driveways. Contractors within the City of Mandan are required to follow the new changes. For a complete list of changes, contact the Planning and Engineering Department at 667-3225.

Permit required for work in public right-of-way

The City Commission recently took action to require a permit for all construction work in the public right-of-way. Prior to the change, permits were only required for the construction of driveway aprons and sidewalks. Permits are now required for any activity within the public right-of-way.

Each person or company that performs work on public property that is not part of a city contract must obtain a permit from the Planning and Engineering Department. The permit fee is \$20. Each permit issued will be for work related to one property or one location and will be valid for 90 days. If work is not completed by the end of the construction season, the permit will expire and a new permit will need to be obtained at the beginning of the next construction season.

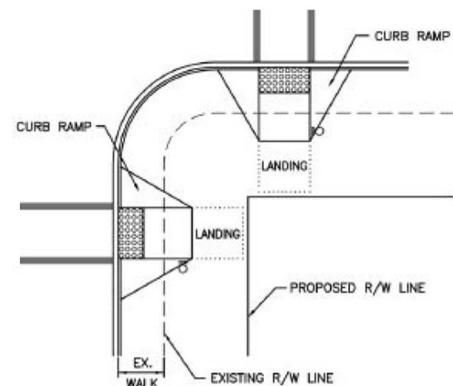
Main Street sidewalk project to begin in June

The first phase of a sidewalk improvement project along Main Street will begin in June. The N.D. Department of Transportation project will help bring Mandan's downtown corridor into compliance with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) codes and guidelines by updating curb ramps and sidewalk and business entrances adjacent to curb ramps.

The project is broken into two phases:

- Collins Avenue to 10th Avenue West (2015)
- Collins Avenue to Memorial Highway/Mandan Avenue (2016)

Possible lane closures can be expected along Main Street during construction. The project is expected to be completed by 2017.





Mandan approved for \$4 million in Hub City funding

Legislators passed House Bill 1176 in April authorizing \$250,000 of funding for each percentage of oil and gas related employment above a base of 1 percent. The funding is for cities with a population of 12,500 or more. For Mandan, which has oil and gas employment of 8.02 percent, the legislation will equate to between \$4 million and \$4.5 million of new funding for the biennium. As a growing city, Mandan has a multitude of projects in need of funding. The City Commission will be working with department managers to prioritize projects for consideration

Contact Assessing Office about valuation questions

The City of Mandan Assessing Department issued notices in April to property owners with a real estate valuation increase of \$3,000 or more and 10 percent or more. Valuations were considered by the Mandan Board of Equalization at an April 21 meeting.

Property owners concerned about their valuations are urged to contact the Assessing Department for a review as soon as possible by calling 701-667-3232. The city assessor's deadline for adjustments to data is May 15 to allow for submittal of records to the Morton County Director of Tax Equalization. After that date, property owners may still request a review, but any adjustments to value will need to be addressed through an application for abatement.

Residents who wish to challenge values need to appear at the Morton County Board of Equalization meeting on June 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW.



Tax exemptions available for elderly, veterans & disabled

Homestead Tax Credit. The Homestead Tax Credit is for homeowners and renters age 65 or older or permanently and totally disabled persons. Qualified applicants receive a reduction in property taxes on their primary residence or a refund for part of their home or apartment rent. The income allowance is \$42,000, after certain deductions. The maximum allowance for assets is \$500,000. Homeowners may apply for the credit by completing an application and submitting it to the City Assessing Department.

Disabled Veteran Tax Credit. Tax credits are also available for disabled veterans. The Disabled Veterans Property Tax Credit benefits veterans who were honorably discharged or retired from the armed forces and have a service connected disability of 50 percent or greater. The exemption is equal to the percentage of the disabled veteran's certified rated service connected disability, applied against the first \$150,000 of the true and full valuation of the fixtures, buildings, and improvements of the person's homestead.

Detailed requirements and applications are available at www.cityofmandan.com under the Assessing Department section. For more information, call 667-3232.

NEW MANDAN BUSINESSES

- Ace African Market
500 1/2 Main Street W
- Haag Signs
2020 3rd Street SE Suite B1
- Harris Law Office
104 Second Avenue NW
- Seven Fires Business
Solutions
2201 40th Avenue SE #63



"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

Fire Department receives improved ISO rating

The Mandan Fire Department recently received an improved rating from the Insurance Service Offices (ISO). The rating increased from a 4 to a 3. It is influenced by several factors, including the city's water supply and emergency communications system. Other indicators include staffing, training and equipment.

The rating could improve homeowners insurance premiums. The fire protection class for the community is a major factor in determining discounts. A lower fire protection number often results in a lower premium.



Police Department welcomes code enforcement officer



Joseph Camisa, Jr. is Mandan's new code enforcement officer. As the City's code enforcement officer, Camisa will interpret and enforce municipal, property maintenance, housing and zoning codes.

Camisa originally hails from New York City. Before joining the City, he worked as a licensed insurance producer and title examiner. He previously worked for the U.S. National Park Service and U.S. Department of Defense. He has lived in North Dakota for more than seven years.

Spray noxious weeds, mow tall grass

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 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.*

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Respondents would like to see more trees along Main Street

May's informal online poll asked, "Would you like to see more trees planted along Mandan's Main Street?" Of the 113 respondents, 60 percent said they would like to see more trees planted, 35 percent said no, and 5 percent were unsure.

The National Main Street Center explains that trees can provide a softened touch to a harsh downtown area, providing an interesting, attractive business environment. They do this by giving the area a unified appearance even if stores vary widely in architectural design. They also "soften" hard building materials, sidewalks and harsh streets and add color, character and seasonal variety.

The city arborist is in the process of examining Main Street for feasible placement given sidewalk widths, utilities and business storefronts. He will estimate project costs and provide recommendations on tree species for potential consideration.

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Administration	667-3215
Airport Authority	663-0669
Assessing	667-3528
Building Inspection	667-3230
Business Development & Communications	667-3485
Cemetery	667-6044
Engineering, Planning & Zoning	667-3225
Finance	667-3213
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
Waste Water Treatment	667-3278
Water Treatment	667-3275

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 summer event are you most looking forward to?

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