



# mandan messenger

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## June meetings

**City Commission**, June 7 and 21, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**School Board**, June 6 and 20, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**Park Board**, June 13, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**County Commission**, June 9 and 28, 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

**City Planning and Zoning Commission**, June 27, 5:15 p.m., City Hall

## Buggies-n-Blues, June 11-12

Buggies-n-Blues, Mandan's annual classic car show and music festival, will be held June 11 and 12. Cruise over to Main Street to take a look at some of the sweetest rides around. Classic cars will line Main Street and musicians will perform on the bandshell stage. The event kicks off with live music in Dykshoorn Park at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 11. A classic car parade follows at 8 p.m. For more information, visit [www.buggies-n-blues.org](http://www.buggies-n-blues.org).

## Summer concert series

More than 30 bands will play in Dykshoorn Park this summer as part of Mandan's summer concert series. Beginning on June 6, performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. every Monday to Thursday through Aug. 17. The Dakotah Lions will serve hamburgers and brats every Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.mandanprogress.org](http://www.mandanprogress.org).

## Candidates for June 14 election announced

Local elections will be held on Tuesday, June 14. The following candidates are running for office:

### Mayor

- Shannon Reichenberg
- Tim Helbling
- Arlyn Van Beek (incumbent)

**City Commission.** Two seats are up for election.

- John Shultz
- Mike Braun (incumbent)
- Karl Liepitz
- Scott Davis

**Municipal Judge.** Incumbent De Nae Kautzmann is running unopposed.

**Park Board.** Two seats are up for election. The candidates are:

- Wanda Knoll (incumbent)
- Kevin Allan (incumbent)
- Wade Meschke

**School Board.** Four seats are up for election

*Member-at-large, three-year term*

- Tim Rector (incumbent)
- Ross Munns
- Lori Furaus (incumbent)

*Member-at-large, unexpired one-year term*

- Darcy Jangula Randall
- Kama Hoovestol

**Election Day Voting.** Polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visit the Election Procedures section of [www.cityofmandan.com](http://www.cityofmandan.com) to determine your polling location.

**Absentee voting.** Residents may apply for an absentee ballot through the Secretary of State's website or in person at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, Mandan. Ballots will be mailed upon receipt of a completed and signed application. All ballots must be returned or postmarked no later than June 13 at 5 p.m. Absentee ballots are available on May 5.

**Early voting precinct.** An early voting precinct will be set up in the County Commission Room at the Morton County Courthouse. Ballots for each precinct in Morton County will be available.

For more information, visit [www.cityofmandan.com](http://www.cityofmandan.com).

## 2016 CANDIDATE FORUMS

The League of Women Voters will host a series of candidate forums in the Ed Bosh Froehlich Room at Mandan City Hall. The tentative schedule is outlined below. Forums will air live on cable government access channels 2 and 602. For more information, visit [www.freetv.org](http://www.freetv.org).

### Mandan City Commission

May 18 ♦ 5:30 p.m.

### Mandan Mayor

May 18 ♦ 6:45 p.m.

### Mandan School Board

June 2 ♦ 5:30 p.m.

### Mandan Park Board

June 2 ♦ 6:30 p.m.

### Morton County Commission.

Three seats are up for election. Top candidates will advance to the Nov. 8 election. The candidates are:

- Bruce Strinden (incumbent)
- Cody Schulz (incumbent)
- Ron Leingang (incumbent)

## EARLY VOTING PRECINCT Days & Hours

June 7	12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
June 8	10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
June 9	10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
June 10	10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
June 13	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Advice on windy days and other reminders for recyclers

City of Mandan officials thank residents for keeping more than 260 tons of recyclables out of a landfill since the city's single-sort program began in January.

Additionally, Dakota Sanitation provides the following advice to prevent recyclables from blowing around neighborhoods:

- If the National Weather Service issues a high wind warning, please consider waiting to put your container out for collection until the next scheduled pick-up day.
- Recycling container lids may be secured with a bungee cord on days between pickups, but not on collection days as they interfere with the automated equipment.

Here are a few other reminders for the single-sort recycling program:

- If you have any extra recyclables, please hold the items for your next recycling collection day. Dakota Sanitation will not pick up extra recyclables.
- Break down cardboard boxes before placing them in recycling containers to provide more room for other recyclables and prevent overflowing containers.
- Do not bag recyclables in plastic. The single-sort system is not able to separate plastic bags on the conveyor belt at the material recovery facility. Boxing items in cardboard or bagging in a paper sack is allowed.
- Styrofoam is another common, but incompatible, material appearing in recycling containers.

Dakota Sanitation will send 2016 calendar schedules to each residence. The calendars will include pick-up days for all participating homes, including mobile home parks. For more information, visit [www.cityofmandan.com/recycle](http://www.cityofmandan.com/recycle).

## 'We Support the Badge' reaches first benchmark

### WE SUPPORT THE BADGE

*Honor and Respect those who Serve and Protect*

'We Support the Badge,' a collaborative community initiative that assists area law enforcement in officer recruitment and community relations efforts, has reached its first fundraising benchmark. The initiative has raised \$100,000 since Feb.17. The total fundraising goal is \$750,000.

'We Support the Badge' benefits and is fully supported by the Mandan and Bismarck Police Departments and the Morton and Burleigh County Sheriff

Departments. It has gained the unanimous support of the Bismarck and Mandan City Commissions and the Burleigh and Morton County Commissions. The initiative seeks to build financial support from local business owners, corporations and individuals to fund the tools and strategies area law enforcement needs to:

- Recruit law enforcement professionals to the Bismarck/Mandan/Burleigh/Morton area,
- Enhance existing relations between local/county law enforcement and the respective community through an area-wide community awareness campaign, and
- Build a greater awareness in area students of law enforcement career pathways.

For more information on the initiative, visit [www.wesupportthebadge.org](http://www.wesupportthebadge.org).

## Study focuses on updating Morton County land use plan

SRF Consulting is kicking off a process to update Morton County's future land use plan. The study area consists of an unincorporated portion of Morton County, which is in close proximity to Mandan, I-94, and the Missouri River.

The Morton County Comprehensive Plan 2015-2030 context document was presented to the public last spring. The document provides background and current data intended to inform the creation of future land use mapping and policies that will become the "heart" of a comprehensive plan update for Morton County. For more information, visit

[www.mortonfuturelanduse.com](http://www.mortonfuturelanduse.com).



## Mandan approves new incentives for restaurants

The Mandan City Commission voted at an April meeting to establish additional incentives to attract new restaurants and encourage expansion of existing eateries. The City now offers a rebate of its 1 percent local sales tax for five years. In addition, \$162,000 is set aside for interest buy-downs.

**Sales tax rebates.** The sales tax rebate will provide \$10,000 back to a restaurant for every \$1 million in annual sales, equaling \$50,000 over the course of five years. The incentive is simple and performance-based. The more successful the restaurant is, the higher the rebate.

The 1 percent local sales tax proposed for rebate is the portion used for economic development, property tax reduction, infrastructure and debt reduction. Property taxes and other local sales taxes will still be required for restaurants receiving assistance. Mandan's 1 percent sales tax revenue totaled nearly \$2.5 million in 2015. Although this was down from \$2.7 million in 2014, it was still the second highest year on record and up 63 percent compared to 2010.

**Interest buy-downs.** The interest buy-downs will come from the Growth Fund, which receives a sales tax allocation of \$250,000 annually. The program leverages funding available through the Bank of North Dakota Flex PACE program, which helps reduce the interest rate for financing of community development projects to as little as 1 percent. Funding for the interest buy-downs will be encumbered on a first-come, first-served basis.

The initial one-year period for the new program has a deadline for application approval of March 31, 2017, at which time it will be reviewed for effectiveness and a possible extension. A summary of the program is posted at [www.cityofmandan.com](http://www.cityofmandan.com).

## Storefront & landscape improvement program encourages redevelopment

The City of Mandan offers a Storefront and Landscape Improvement program for two business districts: Downtown Mandan and Memorial Highway. The purpose of the program is to encourage redevelopment and improve the appearance of the downtown area and Memorial Highway.

Commercial property owners and business tenants in the districts may apply for matching funds in the form of a forgivable loan for improvements to building facades such as exterior finish, windows, doors, awnings, canopies and signage, plus landscaping. Storefront funds are provided in the form of a maximum \$30,000 forgivable loan for up to 50 percent of the investment in rehabilitating a building facade. Up to \$60,000 may be considered for a downtown corner building depending upon the extent of the project.

### BUSINESS ASSISTANCE & INCENTIVES

For more information on business assistance and incentive programs available through the City of Mandan, visit [www.cityofmandan.com/businessdevelopment](http://www.cityofmandan.com/businessdevelopment) or call the Mandan Business Development Office at 667-3485.



This building at 4018 Memorial Highway SE is the home of a new business, Event Motorway, which sells late model import and luxury autos as well as some classic cars. The major exterior makeover was funded in part with \$30,000 in matching funds from the Storefront Improvement Program.



"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

## Collect unpermitted items from cemetery before June 1

The Public Works Department reminds patrons to collect items from the Mandan Union Cemetery that do not comply with new cemetery regulations. Grounds Maintenance staff removed non-compliant items in October. Items of value will be held until June 1. To retrieve stored items, call the cemetery at 751-7893. Information regarding permitted items can be found under the Cemetery section at [www.cityofmandan.com](http://www.cityofmandan.com). For more information, call the Planning and Engineering Department at 667-3225.

## Housing ordinance addresses rodent harborage

The housing code (Sec. 111-8-5 and 111-8-6) requires owners and occupants to maintain dwellings in a clean and sanitary condition. Among requirements is that of responsibility for the extermination of any insects, rodents or other pests on the premises. To report violations, call 667-3250 or visit the Report a Concern section of [www.cityofmandan.com](http://www.cityofmandan.com).

### ONLINE POLL RESULTS

## More awareness needed for business incentive programs

Online polls are exploring how Mandan rates with respect to a number of attributes associated with successful communities. April's poll asked, "How would you rate Mandan's efforts to creatively build new economic opportunities?" The Heartland Center for Leadership Development suggests this means an active and organized approach to economic development; a strong emphasis on retaining and expanding existing business, as well as developing new local businesses; public and private sectors working hand in hand; and embracing the "gardening not hunting" model of economic development.

Of the 45 respondents, ratings were as follows: 5 percent excellent, 19 percent good, 27 percent fair and 49 percent poor.

The Business Development Office works to recruit new businesses year-round. Financial assistance and incentives for all stages of the business lifecycle support these efforts.

- **Property tax incentives for new & expanding businesses.** Eligible businesses may be considered for up to a 100 percent property tax exemption on newly constructed or expanding businesses. Criteria for consideration of applications includes jobs creation, job quality as measured by wages and benefits, diversification of the economic base and synergies with existing businesses.
- **Retail & Restaurant Incentive Program.** New and expanding retail stores and restaurants that fill a gap in the city's market profile may receive assistance of up to \$5 per square foot of operating space for their first 12 months, not to exceed \$20,000 per property.
- **Downtown & Memorial Highway Storefront Improvement Program.** Commercial property owners and business tenants in the districts may apply for matching funds in the form of a forgivable loan for improvements to building facades and landscaping. Storefront funds are provided in the form of a maximum \$30,000 forgivable loan for up to 50 percent of the investment in rehabilitating a building facade. Up to \$60,000 may be considered for a downtown corner building depending upon the extent of the project.
- **Restaurant Rewards Program.** The program focuses on attracting new restaurants and encouraging expansion of existing eateries by offering a rebate of its 1 percent local sales tax for five years. In addition, \$162,000 is set aside for interest buy-downs.

For more information on these programs, visit [www.cityofmandan.com/businessdevelopment](http://www.cityofmandan.com/businessdevelopment) or call the Business Development Office at 667-3485.

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Mike Braun  
Shauna Laber  
Dennis Rohr  
Sandy Tibke

### City Departments

Administration .....	667-3215
Airport Authority .....	663-0669
Assessing .....	667-3232
Building Inspection .....	667-3230
Business Development & Communications .....	667-3485
Cemetery .....	751-7893
Engineering, Planning & Zoning .....	667-3225
Finance .....	667-3213
Fire .....	667-3288
Forestry .....	751-7894
Grounds Maintenance .....	751-7895
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](http://www.cityofmandan.com). Meeting dates and agendas are available.

### QUESTION OF THE MONTH

*How would you rate the City of Mandan's knowledge of its physical environment?*

Visit [www.cityofmandan.com](http://www.cityofmandan.com) by May 25 to respond.