



mandan messenger

SEPTEMBER 2016 • VOLUME 10 • ISSUE 9

October meetings

City Commission, Oct. 4 and 18, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board, Oct. 3 and 17, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board, Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission, Oct. 13 and 25, 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

City Planning and Zoning Commission, Oct. 24, 5:15 p.m., City Hall

Business Start-Up 101, Oct. 11

The fourth annual Business Start-Up 101 workshop will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Baymont Inn. The event will feature speakers who provide a variety of helpful resources and services to aspiring entrepreneurs. For more information or to register, visit www.cityofmandan.com/register or call 667-3485.

State of the Cities, Nov. 8

Mayor Tim Helbling will present statistics on Mandan's growth at the Chamber's State of the Cities breakfast on Nov. 8 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 223-5660.

Tree-planting program offers incentive to property owners

Residents are encouraged to participate in Mandan's community boulevard tree-planting program. Property owners can receive up to \$50 for each tree planted in the boulevard or right-of-way adjacent to their property.

Property owners must apply and get approval before purchasing and planting trees. To apply, contact the city arborist, phone 751-7894.

New continuing care center under construction



Sanford Health and the Good Samaritan Society are partnering to build a 120-bed rehabilitation and skilled care center in southeast Mandan. The \$22 million project is located near Prairie West Golf Course at 3500 21st St. SE. The new facility will provide 56 more beds than the Sanford Health Continuing Care Center off Collins Avenue, which will close when the new facility opens. Residents at that location will have the first opportunity to move to the new center, which is expected to open in January 2017.

Additional skilled nursing facilities are needed in the area. Data from the state census office shows a 10-county region including Morton and Burleigh counties has seen the greatest growth in age 65-plus residents, second only to the Fargo area. From 2010 to 2015, the central region gained nearly 3,718 senior-age residents.

City extends timeline for 2017 budget process

The City of Mandan has extended its budget development process to allow for the Budget and Finance Committee to complete its review of all department budget requests and other analysis involved with 2017 budget preparation.

The Budget and Finance Committee is planning to present its recommendations to the City Commission at its Sept. 6 meeting. On Sept. 16, the City will publish a notice of a public hearing in the Mandan News, and budget information will be available at the City Finance Office and on the City's website, www.cityofmandan.com.

A public hearing is scheduled for Oct. 4 at 6 p.m., at which time the City Commission will consider adopting the 2017 budget. The Mandan Park District, School District and Morton County are also creating 2017 budgets.

The budget process began this spring. Departments submitted personnel and capital improvement requests in April and operating and maintenance requests in June. The Budget and Finance Committee has been meeting with department managers and portfolio commissioners to review requests. The committee includes City Commission Finance Portfolio Holder Tim Helbling, the city administrator and the finance director.





"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

NEW MANDAN BUSINESSES

- Deuces Wild Septic Service, 4108 South Bay Drive SE
- Lone Bear Wear, 100 Collins Avenue Suite 103
- N.D. Interagency Program for Assistive Technology (IPAT), 2401 46th Avenue SE

STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- Dakota Crop Insurance & Rocks That Talk, 122 East Main Street
- Schwartz Family Chiropractic Center, 301 East Main Street

EXPANSIONS

- Fastenal, 601 Burlington Street SE
- Imagine Home Center, 4710 19th Street, No. 2

NEW OFFICE

- Premiere Homes, 2101 40th Avenue SE, Suite B4

Study evaluates 11 Mandan roadway corridors

A recent study completed by the Bismarck-Mandan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has resulted in recommendations for improvements to 11 roadway corridors in Mandan. The goal of the study was to determine low cost alternatives to improve safety and roadway operations. The study used existing traffic operations and crash data to identify improvement alternatives. Key recommendations include:

Main Street Corridor from 10th Avenue NW to Twin City Drive.

The study recommends altering a section of Main Street between 10th Avenue NW and Third Avenue NE to become a three-lane roadway: two through lanes and a center turn lane. Included in this recommendation is the addition of parking to the south side of Main Street, improvements to pedestrian crossings, and lengthening of the right turn lane at major intersections.

Collins Avenue from Main Street to Old Red Trail.

This recommendation includes installation of a traffic signal or round about and left turn lanes at the intersection of Collins Avenue and Old Red Trail to accommodate future traffic generated by the Starion Sports Complex.

Third Street from N.D. Highway 6 to Memorial Highway.

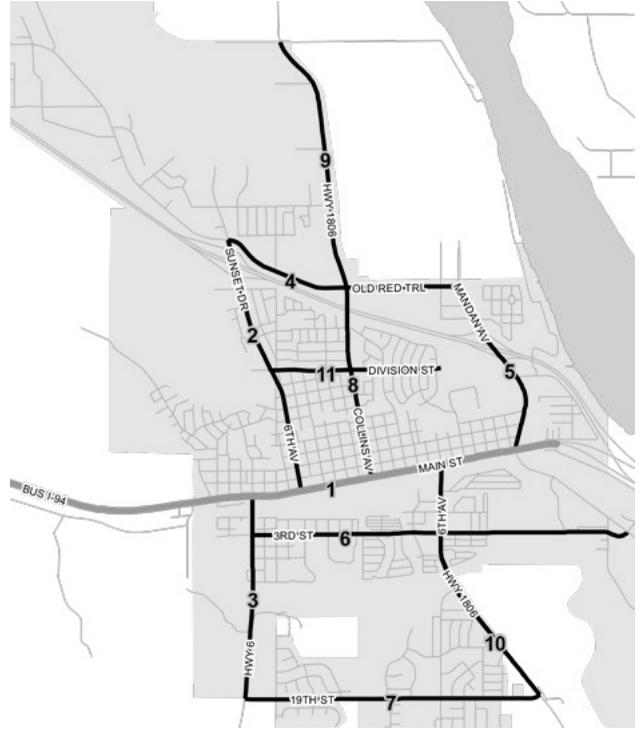
This recommendation includes replacing four-way stops with two-way stops at the intersections of Third Street and Eighth Avenue and Third Street and Ninth Avenue. The recommendation also includes the addition of a curb and gutter or guard rail at the intersection of Third Street and Memorial Highway.

Sunset Drive/Sixth Avenue NW from Main Street to Old Red Trail.

This recommendation includes the installation of a dedicated right turn lane from the north terminal ramp to Old Red Trail, removal of the channelized right turn lane, narrowing of the through land for southbound traffic and advanced signage for drivers.

N.D. Highway 1806 South from Main Street to 19th Street. This area has a high frequency of crashes through the corridor and intersection. The study recommends introducing a three lane section with dedicated left turn lane along Third Street SE near its intersection with Highway 1806. The recommendation also includes the addition of dedicated left turn lanes to this intersection on the north and south approaches along Highway 1806 South.

Truck route alternatives. The study evaluated three routes that could divert truck traffic from the downtown area. As the majority of truck traffic on Main Street originates from Highway 10 and Highway 6, the study focused on these areas. Possible alternative routes included Third Street SW, 19th Street SW and County Road 138 located south of the Mandan Airport. The study determined County Road 138 to be the best route. Due to the high cost of resurfacing the roadway and the future relocation of the aggregate pit and asphalt plant, no change was recommended.



See **Corridor study** page 4

Economy holds relatively strong

- **Residential building.** The City has issued permits for 175 new residential units in 2016 through Aug. 25. Single-family homes account for 72 units, multi-family for 83 units among 8 projects, and new manufactured homes for 20 units. The number of new residential units permitted for all of 2015 totaled 224.
- **Commercial and industrial building.** Permits for new construction, remodeling and additions total \$23.9 million. This is on pace to be the third or fourth highest year on record.
- **Local usage taxes.** Revenue from the 1 percent sales tax received through July is down nearly 20 percent as compared to the same seven-month period a year ago at \$1.17 million versus \$1.46 million to date in 2015. A follow-up message from the N.D. Tax Department as to the significant decrease explains, “The June collections weren’t due until Aug. 1, so some of these receipts will end up in the next allocation in September as they missed the cut-off for July.” Collections had been running 11 percent behind 2015 through June. The new 0.75 percent local sales tax dedicated to the sports complex has generated \$878,752.

The 1 percent restaurant and lodging tax revenue is 2 percent ahead of last year at \$234,495. Collections of the 2 percent hotel occupancy tax are 21 percent above last year at \$31,621.

Take in Fire Prevention Week activities in October



The Mandan Fire Department will promote fire prevention and safety during Fire Prevention Week in October. The week kicks off with the “Through the Smoke” 5K and 10K run and 5K walk on Saturday, Oct. 8 at Raging Rivers Water Park. Registration is at 8 a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m., and the walk starts at 9:05 a.m. Proceeds will help purchase exercise equipment for the Mandan fire stations. The remainder will be donated to the Red Cross. For more information or to register, visit www.racemine.com and search for “Through the Smoke.”

The Fire Department will also host a fire truck parade and open house on Tuesday, Oct. 11. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Mandan Rural Fire Station. The parade will start at 3014 34th Street NW and proceed down Old Red Trail to Sunset Drive/Sixth Avenue NW. It will continue on Main Street, turn at Sixth Avenue NE and return to the fire station via First Street. An open house will follow at Mandan Fire Station No. 1 at 110 Collins Avenue from 7 to 9 p.m. The event includes fire truck rides, an automobile extraction demonstration and a variety of exhibits.

Firefighters will also visit classrooms throughout the community during the months of September and October to teach children about fire prevention and fire safety.

REMINDER: SPRAY NOXIOUS WEEDS, MOW TALL GRASSES

Property owners are required to mow tall grasses or spray weeds by May 1, June 1, July 1, Aug. 1, Sept. 1 and Oct. 1 of each year. Failure to comply results in the property being cut or sprayed by the City with costs applied to special assessments to the property.



Remove campers, trailers and boats from streets this fall

"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

Prior to snowfall, please remove campers, trailers and boats from streets and sidewalks to accommodate for snow removal. As stated in Section 24-7-18 of the Mandan Code of Ordinances, the time limit for campers, trailers and boats on residential streets is 12 hours for the purpose of loading and unloading from Sept. 15 to May 15. The 12-hour restriction is extended to 48 hours during the summer months. Violations are punishable by a \$10 fine and towing at the owner's expense.

Recycled items become new products

Since January, Mandan residents have recycled more than 680 tons of recyclables, reducing trash sent to area landfills. Those items can now be used to create new products.



After recyclables are collected in Mandan, Dakota Sanitation transfers them to Dem-Con Companies, a materials recovery facility in Shakopee, Minnesota, where machines sort the materials so they can be reused. Those items are then sent to businesses across the United States to be made into new products. Future uses include cardboard, aluminum cans and paper. To learn more about the materials recovery process, visit <http://dem-con.com/green-grades>.

United Way makes a difference in Mandan



Programs offered through MSA United Way are impacting the lives of Mandan residents. In 2015, volunteers delivered more than 16,500 meals to 144 seniors within the community, helping them access nutritious food. In addition, the United Way Backpack Program

packs and delivers 270 backpacks of food to ensure Mandan students don't go hungry over the weekend. United Way is also helping prepare children for kindergarten by exposing them to reading. Each month, books are delivered to 800 Mandan preschoolers through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

United Way Day of Caring projects also benefit the community. Projects have involved the Central Dakota Humane Society, Fort Lincoln State Park, Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons (Camp Ocankusa), Mandan Be A Good Neighbor (Crying Hill Cleanup), Mandan Beautification (roadside clean-up), and Welcome House.

By giving to United Way, you support the common goal of improving the quality of life for others. For more information on getting involved, visit www.msauitedway.org.

Corridor study

from page 2

Recommendations also include improvements to the following corridors:

- N.D. Highway 6 from Main Street to 19th Street NW,
- Old Red Trail from Mandan Avenue to Sunset Drive,
- Mandan Avenue /N.D. Highway 1806 from Main Street to Old Red Trail,
- N.D. Highway 1806 North from Old Red Trail to 38th Street,
- 19th Street from N.D. Highway 6 to N.D. Highway 1806, and
- Division Street from Sunset Avenue to 8th Avenue NE.

For more information on the corridor study, visit the Announcement section of www.cityofmandan.com.

City Contacts

Mandan City Hall
205 Second Avenue NW
Phone 701-667-3215
Fax 701-667-3223
www.cityofmandan.com

Mandan City Commission

Mayor Tim Helbling
Mike Braun
Scott Davis
Shauna Laber
Dennis Rohr

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. Meeting dates and agendas are available.