



May meetings

City Commission, May 3 and 17, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board, May 2 and 16, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board, May 9, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission, May 12 and 24, 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

City Planning and Zoning Commission, May 23, 5:15 p.m. City Hall

Earth Day, April 22

April 22 is National Earth Day. This annual day is held to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

Since January, Mandan residents have kept more than 225 tons of recyclables out of a landfill by participating in the City's curbside single-sort recycling program.

Recyclables collected by Dakota Sanitation are hauled to a materials recovery facility in Shakopee, Minn., where machines sort the materials so they can be re-used.

Arbor Day Celebration, May 6

The City of Mandan will celebrate Arbor Day on May 6 by planting a flowering crab tree at Lewis and Clark Elementary School. Students will help plant the tree.

Mandan is proud to be a Tree City USA for 40 years in 2016. This means the City meets four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, investing at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

Police department adopts community policing model

The Mandan Police Department implemented a new organizational structure in March. Police Chief Jason Ziegler expects the community policing model to improve services provided to the community by balancing the division of labor and streamlining communication. He says the model also allows for more flexible scheduling, which will help address manpower needs.

The model divides the police department into two bureaus, enforcement and support. A deputy chief is appointed to command each bureau.

- The enforcement bureau is responsible for patrol operations, warrant services and calls for service. The bureau is overseen by Deputy Chief Jason Bier. It includes 27 sworn officers, including two lieutenants and four sergeants. It is divided into two platoons. Each platoon is divided into two squads.
- The support bureau handles investigations and support services, such as youth services, school resources, recruitment, evidence and training. The bureau is overseen by Deputy Chief Paul Leingang. It includes two investigators, two lieutenants, two sergeants and a school resource officer.

The new approach divides budgetary and operational responsibilities. Ziegler says it also promotes succession planning and empowers officers to succeed in current and future capacities. For more information, visit www.mandanpd.com.

Board of Equalization reviews property valuations

The City of Mandan Assessing Office mailed notices on March 24 to property owners with a 2016 real estate valuation increase of \$3,000 and 10 percent or more. Notices were sent to owners of approximately 2,700 parcels. This is a typical amount for most years and well below last year's near 4,800 notices. Mandan has 8,678 total parcels.

Owners who are not in agreement with the assessed value are asked to initiate a review of the property valuation by contacting the City Assessing Department, phone 701-667-3232. Owners may ultimately appeal the valuation to the Board of Equalization. If you did not receive a notice, you may still find out the taxable value of your property for 2016 by calling the Assessing Department.

The Mandan Board of Equalization will meet at Mandan City Hall on April 19 at 7 p.m. to discuss property valuation increases. Mandan's actions with regard to 2016 property values will be forwarded to the Morton County Board of Equalization, which will meet June 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Morton County Courthouse. Local taxing authorities will take valuations into account this summer and fall when setting mill levies used to generate property tax revenue for 2017 budgets.

The State Board of Equalization requires all property be valued within 10 percent of prevailing market values. Frequent reasons for notices of increased value include properties with a new or additional structure added the last year and situations involving expiration of an exemption, such as for new homes or businesses. Values may also change in 2016 as a result fluctuating market value due to sales of comparable properties occurring in 2015.

For more information, visit www.cityofmandan.com. To request a reassessment of a property, please call 701-667-3232.



"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

Volunteers needed April 30 for litter clean-up activities

The City of Mandan Community Beautification Committee and Mandan Progress Organization are seeking volunteers to pick up litter on Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will meet at Dykshoorn Park on west Main Street. Wear long pants and bring protective work or gardening gloves.

Organizers have a goal of recruiting 200 volunteers. Volunteers will be treated to lunch after the event and will have a chance to win prizes donated by local merchants and organizations. To sign up, visit the "Meeting and Registration" section of www.cityofmandan.com. The alternative date in case of inclement weather is May 7.

City to adjust utility billing dates in May

The City will change its utility billing dates in May. The monthly bills now will be mailed in two waves instead of three. Bills will be generated on the following schedule with some variance depending upon how the dates fall within the week:

- **8th of the month.** Accounts beginning with 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 14, 31, 34, 35, 38 and 39.
- **15th of the month.** Accounts beginning with 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 30, 40 and 41.

Payments are due 20 days after billing. Automatic payments will be withdrawn 10 business days as of the billing date. All customers signed up for automatic withdrawal will receive a letter advising them of their new withdrawal date. To sign up for automatic payments, visit www.cityofmandan.com or stop by the Finance office at City Hall.

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Responses mixed on women in leadership positions

Online polls are exploring how Mandan rates with respect to a number of attributes associated with successful communities. March's poll asked, "How would you rate Mandan's acceptance of women in leadership positions?" The Heartland Center for Leadership Development suggests this means women's roles in the community extend beyond the traditional strongholds of teacher, nurse or librarian, and women take on such roles as mayors, law enforcement officers, non-profit managers and businesses owners.

Of the 52 respondents, ratings were as follows: 24 percent very good, 24 percent good, 39 percent fair and 13 percent poor.

Mandan voters have elected women to a variety of leadership positions including, but not limited, to the following:

- **Mandan City Commission.** Mayor Sharon Schafer in the 1980s and more recently Sandy Tibke (2003-present), Dot Frank (2010-2014) and Shauna Laber (2014-present).
- **Municipal Judge.** DeNae Kautzman.
- **Mandan Park Board.** Ollie Arenz, Kathy Helbling, Sandy Christenson Sunga, Jeanette Sagmiller and currently Wanda Knoll (2004 to present) and Ann McPherson (2008 to present).
- **Mandan School Board.** Current members include Lori Furaus, Marnie Piehl and Caroline Kozojed. Many other females were elected and served in the past.
- **State Legislature.** Senator Corliss Mushik (1985-1995), Representative Rae Ann Kelsch (1991-2012) and Karen Rohr (2011-present).

North Dakota voters have also elected Mandan women to state leadership positions including Public School Superintendent Kirsten Baesler, Treasurer Kelly Schmidt and U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp.

The Mandan Police Department's leadership team includes Lieutenant Lori Flaten.

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Dennis Rohr
Sandra Tibke

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Administration	667-3215
Airport Authority	663-0669
Assessing	667-3232
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

How would you rate Mandan's efforts to creatively build new economic opportunities?

Visit www.cityofmandan.com by April 26 to respond.