



## September meetings

**City Commission**, Sept. 6 and 20, 5 p.m., City Hall

**School Board**, Sept. 6 and 20, 7 p.m., City Hall

**Park Board**, Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**County Commission**, Sept. 8 and 27, 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

**City Planning and Zoning Commission**, Sept. 26, 5:15 p.m., City Hall

## Movie in the Park, Sept. 23

Grab your blankets and popcorn and join the Mandan Park District for a movie under the stars at Mandan Memorial Ballpark on Friday, Sept. 23. The movie will begin at 8 p.m. For more information, call 751-6161.

## Oktoberfest celebrates German heritage, Sept. 24

Celebrate North Dakota's German heritage! Join the Mandan Progress Organization for Oktoberfest at Dykshoorn Park on Saturday, Sept. 24. Enjoy German food, live music, fall crafts, beer tasting and more! The event runs from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, visit [www.mandanprogress.org](http://www.mandanprogress.org).

## 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.

## City officials develop 2017 budget



City of Mandan elected officials and staff are working on the 2017 budget. 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 is 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 city finance director.

The Budget and Finance Committee is planning to present its recommendations to the City Commission at its Aug. 16 meeting. On Aug. 26, 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](http://www.cityofmandan.com). A public hearing is scheduled for Sept. 20, 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.

## Water Resource District addresses levee concern

The Lower Heart Water Resource District (LHWRD) is working with an engineering firm to determine the best options for improvements to Mandan's levee system for the Heart River. While the current system, created in 1950, is currently accredited through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and provides 100-year flood protection for the city, it falls short of FEMA's modified criteria in the case of an ice jam. Without improvements to the flood protection system, FEMA will withdraw its certification of adequate flood protection, putting an estimated 1,800 Mandan properties into the 100-year flood plain.

LHWRD's plan to satisfy FEMA's modified criteria includes four components:

- **Widening the channel between the bridges on Highway 6 and Highway 1806.** This would increase the channel's ability to convey water, reducing the chances of flooding.
- **Creating an overflow or bypass channel from the trolley bridge to the Missouri River.** This would accommodate the water flow and assist in moving ice away from a large sandbar near the confluence of the Heart River.
- **Moving the levee between Highway 10 and Highway 6 back 150 feet.** This would increase the ability to move water and reduce the surface profile. Improvements to the levee system are planned for the south side of the river bank and will not affect the nine-hole golf course. Legion Park will remain intact unless no other option is workable.
- **Reclassifying a section of the flood protection system.** Highway 10 currently serves as a levee, but it is about 10 feet short of the required freeboard at high water flow. Since it would be financially infeasible to get this section up to standards, LHRWD plans to reclassify it or sever it from the flood protection system. By doing so, it can more affordably improve the other units.

LHRWD is still in discussions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and North Dakota Water Commission. The Water Commission's cost share program is a possible funding source for the project.



"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

## Letters of interest welcomed for Code Enforcement Board of Appeals

The Mandan City Commission will soon consider appointments for open positions on the newly created Code Enforcement Board of Appeals. Members must be Mandan

residents and cannot include elected officials or city employees.

The board of appeals will consist of three or five members appointed to three-year terms. The board will address all questions of interpretation and enforcement of city code arising from a notice of violation issued by the code enforcement officer or designee.

Residents are encouraged to confirm their interest with a letter summarizing their background and reasons for interest. Letters will be welcomed through Sept. 9, 2016, or until the positions are filled. Submit letters to Jim Neubauer, City Administrator by mailing to 205 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, ND 58554. For more information, please call 667-3215.

## Young leaders to develop concepts for park expansion

Members from the Young Professionals Network (YPN) will lead efforts to develop park concepts for the expansion of Mandan's Richard M. Longfellow Veterans' Park. The project area is a 2-acre site that lies between the south side of the Liberty Memorial Bridge and Pirates Cove.

The YPN, through its diverse membership and skill sets represented, will assemble a committee dedicated to supporting the project from concept to completion. In addition, the YPN will contact adjacent property owners to encourage representation on the committee.

The committee will generate concepts, plans and specifications this year. A potential funding source is the Visitor's Fund. Once the project is approved, it will be opened for bids. Construction could begin in 2017. The Mandan Park District has agreed to maintain the area.

### ONLINE POLL RESULTS

## Respondents split on Mandan's level of self-reliance

Over the past several months, online polls explored how Mandan rates with respect to a number of attributes associated with successful communities. July's poll asked, "How would you rate Mandan's level of self-reliance?" The Heartland Center for Leadership Development suggests this means "thriving rural towns believe their destiny is in their own hands. Although outside help is sought when appropriate, the community does not wait for it. Making a hometown a good place to live and work is always an ongoing proactive assignment."

Of the 48 responses, ratings were as follows: 8 percent excellent, 31 percent good, 36 percent fair and 25 percent poor.

The City of Mandan demonstrates self-reliance through its emergency and utility services, community events and beautification efforts.

**Mandan is a safe place to live.** With 33 sworn police officers and 13 full-time firefighters, Mandan's emergency service departments are prepared to handle an emergency at all hours of the day. In addition, the City's utility maintenance departments provide the city with clean water and maintain the streets and sewer infrastructure.

**Community events, facilities and beautification efforts make Mandan a great place to live.** Events, such as Mandan Rodeo Days and Wild West Grillfest, help people connect with their community. The community continues to introduce new facilities, including the universal playground in Eagles Park and the Mandan Sports Complex. Also, citizen committees are helping improve the city's physical attractiveness. The Community Beautification Committee has helped strengthen ordinances relating to community appearance and recommended the hiring of a code enforcement officer, who now addresses nuisance and other public concerns.

*The online poll is being discontinued for now to allow space for more informational content.*

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& Zoning ..... 667-3225  
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Forestry ..... 751-7894  
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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  
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