



July meetings

City Commission, July 5 and 19, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board, July 18, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board, July 11, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission, July 14 and 26, 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

City Planning and Zoning Commission, July 25, 5:15 p.m. City Hall

Mandan Rodeo Days, July 2-4

The 137th Mandan Rodeo Days Celebration is July 2-4. Events include three action-packed professional rodeo performances, Art in the Park and the largest Fourth of July parade and fireworks display in the Northern Plains. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.mandanrodeo.com.

Fireworks permitted July 2-5

The possession, use, discharge and explosion of fireworks, not including sky lanterns and bottle rockets, is permitted between the hours of noon and 12 a.m. on July 2 and 3, and from the hours of noon on July 4 to 2 a.m. on July 5, of each year. Sky lanterns and bottle rockets are prohibited. Violations are punishable by a \$75 fine.

No sky lanterns, bottle rockets.

The possession, manufacture, storage, sale and use of sky lanterns and bottle rockets is prohibited within city limits. Violations are punishable by a \$75 fine.

Fireworks off limits in parks.

Fireworks are prohibited at all city parks, including Dacotah Centennial Park, with the exception of the Mandan Rodeo Day's annual display.

New visitor way-finding signs coming this summer

The City is having new signs installed this summer to help provide direction to visitors for various attractions and destinations, as well as create a sense of community branding and character. The signs will be installed in 24 locations, including major entrances to the community and near key intersections.

The signs are expected to be in place prior to the Fourth of July festivities. Project funding comes from the Visitors Promotion Capital Construction Fund, which is generated with the 1 percent city restaurant and lodging tax. Visitor promotion funds must be used in accordance with N.D. Century Code 40-57.3-02 for "tourism or the purchase, equipping, improving, construction, maintenance, repair and acquisition of buildings or property consistent with visitor attraction or promotion."



City prioritizes McKenzie Drive improvement project

The City Commission has endorsed the rescheduling of two projects in the areas of 27th Street NW and McKenzie Drive SE.

The City plans to place priority on the McKenzie Drive SE project, originally scheduled for 2020, due to the condition of the roadway, rapid growth in the area and the 2017 opening of the Family Wellness Center. It includes reconstruction of the degraded section of McKenzie Drive SE from the southbound ramps and the addition of traffic signals to improve the functioning and safety of the intersection at McKenzie Drive SE and 46th Avenue SE. If approved by the N.D. Department of Transportation, the project could be completed in 2017, replacing the reconstruction and widening of 27th Street NW from Highway 1806 to 8th Avenue NW, which will be rescheduled for 2020.

The McKenzie Drive project is estimated at \$1 million. Federal funds are in place for up to \$800,000. For more information, call the Engineering and Planning Department at 667-3225.

Tax exemptions available for elderly, veterans & disabled

Homestead Tax Credit. This 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.

Disabled Veteran Tax Credit. This 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.

Applications are available in person at the City Assessing Department or online at www.cityofmandan.com. For more information, call 667-3232.





"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

Local businesses support tree-planting program

City leaders thank local businesses for donating to the Pards tree-planting program. Current business donations in 2016 total \$5,000. These contributions will help beautify the city

by planting new trees and replacing trees removed due to Dutch Elm disease with more disease resistant types. The City will match these donations.

The Pards tree-planting program offers partial reimbursement to residents or property-owners who plant boulevard trees adjacent to their property. Residents can receive up to \$50 for each planted tree, as funding permits. For more information, call the city arborist, phone 751-7894.

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.



2016 Business Donors



451 bags of litter collected

About 170 volunteers helped collect 451 bags of litter at the third annual Community Clean-up Day on April 30. City leaders, along with the Community Beautification Committee, thank the volunteers for their efforts.

ONLINE POLL RESULTS

Respondents split on awareness of environment

Online polls are exploring how Mandan rates with respect to a number of attributes associated with successful communities. May's poll asked, "How would you rate Mandan's knowledge of its physical environment?" The Heartland Center for Leadership Development suggests this means communities have a long-term approach to both environmental preservation and economic development; are familiar with what they have locally, beyond location; and the importance of location is underscored continuously in local decision-making.

Of the 69 responses, ratings were as follows: 4 percent excellent, 25 percent good, 32 percent fair and 39 percent poor.

Planning processes such as the 2003 Downtown Redevelopment Plan have led to the creation of incentive programs that focus on restoring buildings in the area and clean-up and green-up initiatives that make the central business district more pedestrian-friendly.

Additionally, citizen committees are working to improve the city's physical attractiveness. One example of this is the Community Beautification Committee (CBC), which 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 committee is currently delving into further downtown enhancements and improvements to gateways to the city in areas controlled by the N.D. Department of Transportation.

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

How would you rate Mandan's willingness to seek outside help?

Visit www.cityofmandan.com by June 23 to respond.