

## ACHIEVEMENT

*Reach for the sky*

Mandan offers top-notch public education with six elementary schools (K-5), a middle school (6-8) and high school (9-12) with about 3,450 students district wide.

Additionally, there are two parochial schools: Christ the King, offering kindergarten through eighth grade, and St. Joseph's Elementary.

Mandan schools foster and celebrate academic and extracurricular achievement. ACT scores are above state and national averages. Mandan students also consistently score above average in state assessments for math and reading proficiency. *U.S. News and World Reports* ranks Mandan High School among the best high schools in the nation.

With more than 40 athletic and other activities offered through the high school and a variety of opportunities for younger students, Mandan is indeed a community that cares about kids!



### MAKE MANDAN YOUR HOMETOWN

*What residents say*

#### 5 BEST THINGS

1. The people
2. Small town atmosphere
3. Proximity to shopping & services
4. Schools
5. Safe community



## A SMART INVESTMENT

Mandan property values are rising, making Mandan real estate a great investment. The Bismarck-Mandan Board of Realtors reports the average sales price for a Mandan home in 2014 is about \$228,000, up from \$216,000 in 2013. The average value of new single family homes permitted for construction in 2013 was \$284,000, up from \$239,000 the year prior.

**New home exemption.** Mandan offers a property tax exemption for newly constructed homes on the first \$75,000 in value for two years.

**Property taxes.** City leaders are managing community growth while holding the line on budgets to reduce taxes. Property taxes are based on the true and full value of a home. Mandan's property taxes rank in the middle among North Dakota's 12 largest cities.

**Special assessments.** Mandan and many North Dakota cities use special assessments to finance public improvements. A special assessment is a lien against a property determined by the cost of the improvement and the benefit it provides to the property. Special assessments may be used to pay for street paving and reconstruction; installation of water and sewer mains, sidewalks, curb and gutter, and storm and sanitary sewers.

You may check the balance owed and annual payment for any special assessments on a property by contacting the City Finance Department, phone 667-3271, or by using the property look-up tool at [www.cityofmandan.com](http://www.cityofmandan.com).

Property owners may pay off the full amount of a special assessment balance in its entirety at the time of purchase or in the future. Consult with your lender and real estate agent about options. Factors to weigh include interest rates and borrowing ability.

### FOR MORE INFO ABOUT MANDAN

[www.cityofmandan.com](http://www.cityofmandan.com)  
[www.mandanparks.com](http://www.mandanparks.com)  
[www.mandan.k12.nd.us](http://www.mandan.k12.nd.us)

## INFORMATION FOR NEW NEIGHBORS



# GREAT THINGS *for* PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE



*Great things... for people who live here*

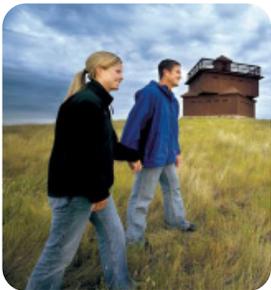


## COMMUNITY

*Like a fun, loyal, caring friend*

The name Mandan is derived from the Dakota Indian word "Mantani" or "people on the bank," descriptive of the Mandan Indian villages along the Missouri River. Just as the Mandan were friendly to early explorers, so too is the community of Mandan. Residents name Mandan's top strength as its hometown atmosphere and sense of connectedness.

We've twice been a finalist for Most Patriotic Small Town in America.



## OPPORTUNITY

*Good living*

Nestled in the juncture of the Missouri and Heart river valleys, Mandan is a smart and beautiful location for your home or business. Choose from a multitude of picturesque settings. Whether you're looking to buy or build a home, options include hilltop views, historic structures near downtown



Mandan, young neighborhoods surrounding schools, and prestigious head-turners on waterfront and wooded lots. Affordable senior and family housing choices are available, too, along with options for assisted care. You may also find more home for your dollar in Mandan.



## ADVENTURE

*The fun never ends*

Mandan is the place "Where the West Begins" and the fun never ends. A strong tradition of community events, lots of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, and exciting and historic tourist attractions combine to offer residents widespread adventure.



**Festivals.** Mandan bursts with pride when hosting festivals that draw thousands of visitors annually. Events include Buggies-n-Blues, Mandan Rodeo Days and Art in the Park over the Fourth of July with an Independence Day Parade, Wild West Grill Fest, Oktober Fest, and Santa's Arrival.

**Attractions.** Enjoy the Missouri River, Ft. Lincoln State Park, Harmon Lake, Raging Rivers Water Park, Huff Hills Ski Area, Dacotah Speedway, outdoor summer concerts, and the N.D. Railroad Museum.



**Recreation facilities.** Mandan's park and recreational system includes:

- 18-hole and 9-hole golf courses
- 30+ miles of walking and bike trails
- baseball field with covered grandstand
- softball diamonds
- soccer complex
- tennis courts
- indoor Olympic swimming pool
- outdoor water park
- indoor hockey arena
- outdoor rodeo arena
- skateboard park
- fitness center
- dog park
- 17 neighborhood parks

