



"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

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## September meetings

**City Commission**, Sept. 3 at 5 p.m. and Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**School Board**, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**Park Board**, Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

**County Commission**, Sept. 12 & 24 at 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

**City Planning & Zoning**, Sept. 23 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

## Join Friends of Library

Friends of the Morton Mandan Public Library group helps the library be the best that it can be by acting as a booster group. They fund summer reading entertainers, technology, equipment, refreshments and more. It also helps with volunteering and fundraising to support the library. There are multiple membership levels starting at \$5 a year. Meetings are typically the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at the library or online at [www.memberplanet.com/friendsofmandanpl](http://www.memberplanet.com/friendsofmandanpl).

## Movie in the Park, Sept. 13

Grab your blankets and popcorn and join the Mandan Park District for a movie under the stars at Dacotah Community Bank & Trust soccer field on Friday, Sept. 13. The movie will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. For more information call 701-751-6161.

## City officials developing 2020 budget

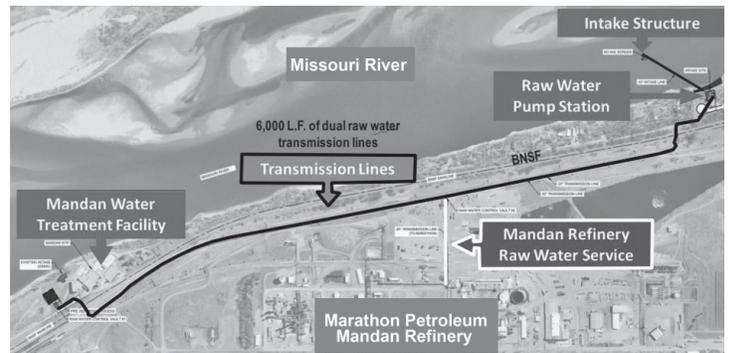
City of Mandan elected officials and staff are working on the 2020 budget. The budget process began this spring and included a working session. Departments submitted personnel and capital improvement requests in March and operating and maintenance requests in May. In June and July, the Budget and Finance Committee met with department managers and portfolio commissioners to review requests. The committee includes City Commission Finance Portfolio Holder Mayor Tim Helbling, the city administrator, finance director and assistant finance director.



The committee is planning to present its recommendations to the City Commission at its Aug. 6 meeting. On Sept. 17, the City Commission will conduct a public hearing to review and discuss the preliminary 2020 budget and consider its adoption. The board will also consider a resolution establishing rates and charges for services. Budget information will be available at the City Finance Office and at [cityofmandan.com/finance](http://cityofmandan.com/finance).

## Grant awarded for new raw water intake project

The State Water Commission recently approved a nearly \$11 million request for Mandan's new raw water intake. Coupled with previous approvals of \$1.65 million, grants total \$12.6 million for the \$20.8 million project. Marathon Mandan Refinery will cover \$4.1 million of the cost, and the City of Mandan is responsible for the remaining \$4.1 million. The City will gradually increase water base rates to cover its share. The Finance Department projects that a residential property in 2020 will see a \$1.55 per month increase for water base rates, and a \$1.25 monthly increase in 2021.



The existing intake building was built in 1957 and is failing due to age. Its location is not ideal due to sandbars causing emergency dredging and annual maintenance. Moving the location of the intake farther downstream will help resolve these challenges. The intake provides water to the city, Missouri West Water System and Marathon Petroleum.

Bidding is expected this fall, with construction anticipated to start in September. Stay tuned to [www.cityofmandan.com](http://www.cityofmandan.com) for project updates. City leaders appreciate the State Water Commission's continued support.





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## Incentive program brings additional eating options to Mandan

The Restaurant Rewards program, which provided a sales tax rebate to new and expanding restaurants, ended March 31, 2019. The program was successful in bringing nine new restaurant concepts to Mandan since it started in 2016.

All types of restaurants were eligible for the program. The goal was to attract full-service, sit down casual dining establishments plus foster growth in each of the city's three major business districts. Both goals have been largely accomplished with applications approved for the following Mandan restaurants:

- Dickey's Barbecue Pit, 4524 Memorial Hwy, Ste 103
- Taylor Made BBQ (now Laughing Sun Mandan), 316 W Main St
- Arby's, 2640 Overlook Ln
- Bennigan's, 1506 27th St N
- Grand Junction Grilled Subs, 4524 Memorial Hwy, Ste 108
- Culver's, 1704 E Main St
- Copper Dog Cafe, 218 W Main St
- Old Ten Bar & Grill, 417 E Main St
- Balancing Goat Coffee Co., 2704 Sunset Dr

The last two concepts approved, Old Ten Bar & Grill and Balancing Goat Coffee Co., are set to open yet this year. For a list of all places to eat and gather, visit [www.cityofmandan.com/dining](http://www.cityofmandan.com/dining).

## Business Start-Up 101 workshop planned for Sept. 10

Mandan's seventh annual Business Start-Up 101 workshop will be held Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Harvest Catering & Events, 308 W Main St. Find program details and register for this free session at [www.cityofmandan.com/register](http://www.cityofmandan.com/register) or call 667-3478.



The workshop is for anyone exploring the idea of opening a business. Speakers will delve into a variety of helpful resources and services for aspiring entrepreneurs. Topics include components of a business plan, developing financial projections, plus sources for loans and other assistance. A panel of business owners will share insights and lessons learned about operating their businesses.

The Mandan Tomorrow- Economic Opportunity and Prosperity Committee is hosting the event with assistance from the City of Mandan Business Development Office and Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC. The workshop is part of the 2019 business education series concluding in November with the business pitch challenge.

## Residents reminded to trim trees

Residents are reminded that City Ordinance Sec. 115-4-7 requires any tree which over-hangs a city street within 14 feet or a sidewalk within 10 feet, measured vertically, shall be trimmed by the property owner. It's common this time of year for street trees to hang too low over the street or sidewalk causing problems for pedestrians, trucks, street sweepers, buses, and eventually snow plows. It is also the property owner's responsibility to trim boulevard trees in regard to vehicle or pedestrian clearance and sight problems with obstructing trees. The city arborist trims boulevard trees interfering with street lights and traffic signs.

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Maintenance.....	751-7895
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