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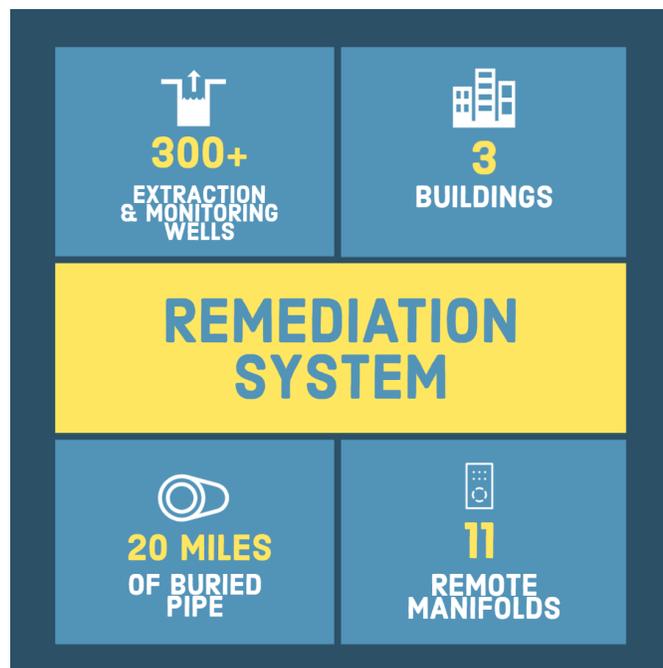
Latest News

Additional measuring event required before decommissioning remediation system

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requiring one more measuring event for wells in the diesel fuel remediation plume area before giving the final decommissioning green light.

The Mandan Remediation Trust (MRT) met June 2 and is working on scheduling the measuring for June or July.

In a letter to the MRT, the DEQ states that an additional round of monitoring should be performed as some wells showed an increase in free product between 2018 and 2019. The DEQ



officials do not think that the increase is showing an upward trend in amounts of free product system-wide, but want more data to verify.

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Downtown parks & library project out for bids



MMPL Expansion: New Entrance

In a recent meeting, City Commissioners approved the plans to seek bids on the downtown parks and library project. A \$3 million donation from Entergy Transfer kick started an expansion of the Morton Mandan Public Library and improvements to the adjacent Dykshoorn and

Heritage parks. Consultants for the project, Bartlett & West and Stantec, have been working on plans since early fall 2019. Improvements will likely be made in phases over the next two to three years.

In the plans that went out for bid, the library addition includes additional working space for librarians, a garage area for the bookmobile, a community meeting space, additional public restrooms and more. Park enhancements include meandering sidewalks, shade sails, a small playground area, fire pits, and a history plaza. Future improvements to Heritage Park, such as an open pavilion, plaza and splash pad, will be completed as a separate project as funding becomes available.

A number of steering committee and stakeholder meetings, pop-up events, and a community open house have occurred over the last several months for purposes of public input and information.

Bid opening is scheduled for July 14, with hopes of a late-summer groundbreaking. Stay tuned to cityofmandan.com for more information.

Provisions outlined for outdoor seating in public right-of-way

Outdoor seating may become more important to food service businesses as a response to occupancy restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. The City Commission at its April 7 meeting passed an ordinance to establish requirements for seating and display areas in the public right-of-way such as sidewalks.

Key provisions include an unobstructed pedestrian corridor and fences that don't interfere with Americans with Disabilities standards. Fences or barricades must be free-standing. Special requirements apply if alcohol is to be served. Smoking, vaping or the use of e-cigarettes is not allowed in such areas. Tables, chairs, fences or

other dividers may not be set out prior to April 1 and must be removed by Nov. 1.

An encroachment agreement with the City of Mandan is required prior to installation of any seating area in the public right-of-way. Exempted from permitting requirements are small items like flower pots and benches. Additional permissions may be required from the N.D. Department of Transportation for state highways like Main Street. For more information, contact City Planner [John Van Dyke](#). Find the full ordinance [here](#).

Hanging flower baskets help beautify Main Street

Flower hanging baskets were installed along Main Street in downtown Mandan at the end of May. This is the second year for the beautification project, known as Mandan Flowers, made possible by Growing BisMan. The group, formed through the Leadership Bismarck Mandan Class of 2019, is dedicated to the beautification of the greater Bismarck-Mandan area through community enhancements designed to improve the economy and livability of the area.



PCI Construction, Jeremy Moos, Mike Samuelson and Maria and Joy Walen helped install the hanging baskets. Thank you to Cashman's Nursery for providing nursery services and BOS Solutions for volunteering again this year to water the plants.

Mandan Flowers by Growing BisMan is currently seeking sponsorships in order to bring the flowers back to Main Street in 2021. Learn more at mandanflowers.com.

'Good neighbor' practices encouraged when using fire pits



Fire pits are a great way to entertain family and friends during cooler summer evenings, but can cause damage or bodily harm if not properly operated.

These portable fireplaces should be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The Fire Department highly encourages residents to practice good neighbor habits when using a fire pit:

- The fire code requires the use of a screen cover to reduce embers in the air;
- Trash and leaves cannot be burned in fire pits;

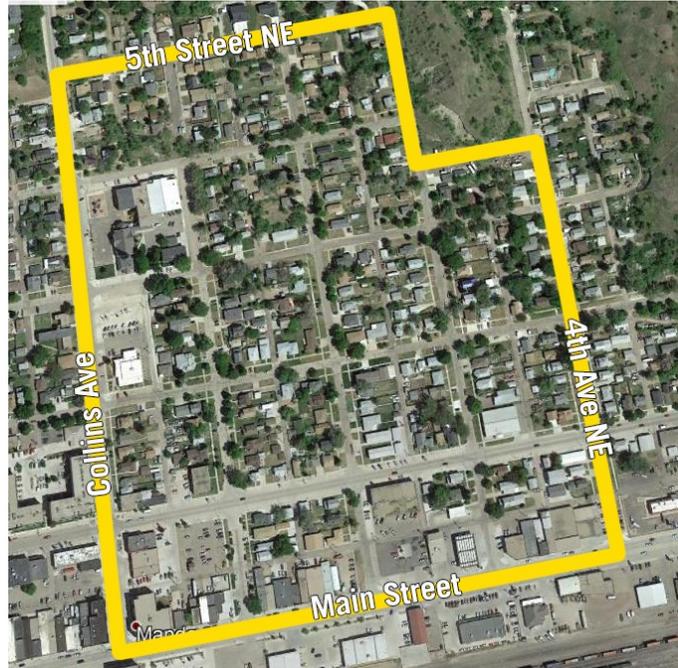
- The pit must be an approved device. A hole dug in the ground or logs in the driveway are not acceptable;
- Fire pits should be at least 10 to 20 feet away from a house or other structure, trees, shrubs, and other combustible materials;
- Do not leave a fire to burn out, extinguish the fire when you are done using it;
- Fire pits should be tended to at all times while in use;
- Never empty ashes into combustible containers, mix with garbage or near structures; and
- Be mindful of neighbors with windows open and smoke entering their homes

When there is a burn ban in place, all open burning is prohibited except for portable outdoor fireplaces. For questions relating to fire pits, contact Morton County Emergency Management at 667-3307 or Mandan Fire Department at 667-3288.

Mid-Town East street improvement construction begins

Construction of a street improvement project that will address poor street conditions in a much needed area of downtown is now underway. The Mid-Town East street improvement project area runs north of Main Street to Fifth Street NE and east of Collins Avenue to Fourth Avenue NE.

The roads in the area are very old and need to be reconstructed in order to address the pavement and base of the road. A surface treatment alone will not suffice. The scope of the project includes new street light poles and wiring, an upgraded storm sewer system and water line replacement.



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Memorial Highway project enters final design phase

The City Commission recently approved moving forward with final design for reconstruction of Memorial Highway. In reviewing alternatives, their vote included a preference for

Option 5 – West Portion Gravity to Heart River & East Portion Gravity to Lakewood
This option consists of splitting storm water collection into two regions divided near 40th Avenue SE, as shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6 - Conceptual Layout of Option 5

that could otherwise be put to better use. They instead chose another viable option that requires greater length of deeper and larger storm water pipe as well as another penetration into the Heart River levee.

There's a 10% local cost share on design and construction for all items related to the roadway and storm sewer or any other above-ground features and a 100% local share for costs of design and construction for all water and sanitary sewer system elements. These local costs likely will be covered through a combination of sales and property tax revenue, utility funds and special assessments to property owners. More will be known as the City explores grant options from the State Water Commission and as there's more certainty about the availability of Municipal Infrastructure Layout Funds (nicknamed Prairie Dog funds) from the state.

The current project schedule would entail construction of off-corridor storm and sanitary facilities in 2022 with corridor reconstruction taking place in 2023 and 2024.

HDR, a consulting engineering firm, has been issuing newsletter updates. Find these at cityofmandan.com/roadprojects.

Buggies-n-Blues, Aug. 14-15



The 27th Anniversary of Buggies-n-Blues, Mandan's annual classic car show and music festival will be held Aug. 14-15. Cruise over to Main Street to take a look at some of the coolest rides around. Classic cars will line Main Street and musicians will perform on the bandshell stage.

The event kicks off with live music in Dykshoorn Park at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14. A classic car parade follows at 8 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 15, a classic car show will be held on Main Street and food vendors will be set up in Dykshoorn Park at 11 a.m.

COVID-19 guidelines for large gatherings caused the Mandan Progress Organization to move the June event to July. Visit buggies-n-blues.org for more information.

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Sign up to receive the monthly Mandan e-Messenger directly in your e-mail inbox at cityofmandan.com/messenger. This monthly e-newsletter gives the City of Mandan another tool to get the most current information in resident hands in a timely manner.

The monthly newsletter will continue to accompany mailed utility bills through 2020. As more people adopt utility e-billing services, the newsletter may go to an online version only.



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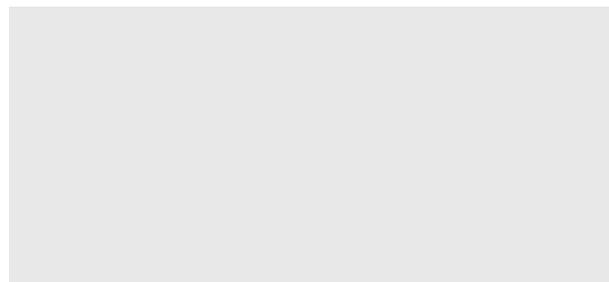
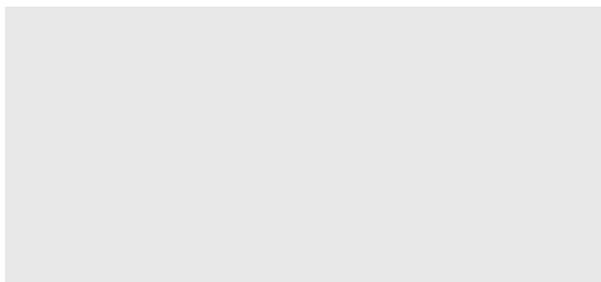
No August Mandan Messenger

There will not be a printed issue of the *Mandan Messenger* accompanying August utility bills. The printed issue will resume in September. Stay tuned for an August issue of the Mandan e-Messenger.

Be counted in the 2020 census

As of June's end, the self-response rate reported for Mandan is 69.3%. The state as a whole has a 61.5% self-response rate. Households can respond online, complete the paper form, or in person by a Census taker at your door.

[Click here to complete the 2020 census](#)





July Meetings

City Commission

July 7 & 21 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board

July 20 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board

July 13 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission

July 9 & 28 at 5:30 p.m.,
Morton County Courthouse

City Planning & Zoning

July 27 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Please check with each entity to see about teleconference options for July meetings.

Community Events

July 2-4

Mandan Rodeo Days,

Dacotah Centennial Park

July 3-4

Mandan Market, Dykshoorn Park

July 10

Dirt Series, Dacotah Speedway

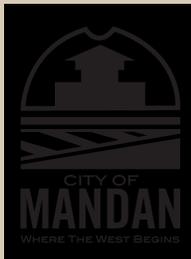
July 25

NTPA Truck & Tractor Pull,

Dacotah Speedway

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mylocalevents.org



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