

MANDAN *North Dakota*

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Mandan e-Messenger

Latest News

Public access remains limited due to COVID-19

To protect citizens, visitors and staff from COVID-19, Mandan City Hall has limited public access. The public is encouraged to call ahead and seek to complete business by phone or online. If that is not possible, please call to schedule an appointment. Citizen comments on upcoming commission meeting agenda items may be submitted to info@cityofmandan.com by 3:30 p.m. the day of the meeting.

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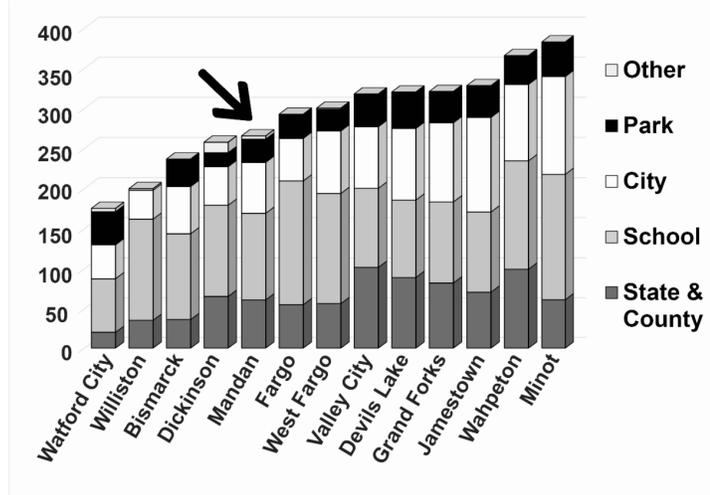
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Mandan property taxes in lower half of largest cities

A North Dakota League of Cities report indicates Mandan's consolidated mill levy, at 265 mills, ranks the fifth lowest among

the state's 13 largest cities. Mandan's levy for 2019 was 1.33% of value on a commercial property and 1.19% for residential property.

Factors behind differences in mill levies include sales tax base and whether a city or county benefits from natural resources such as oil, gas and coal. Market values also vary by city.



Main Street project on hold due to high bids



With the low bid coming in 25% over estimate and equating to a local share nearly \$1.2 million over budget for Main Street traffic signal replacement, concrete pavement repair, and lane reallocation with curb extensions, the City Commission voted May 5 to reject the bid. The project is planned to be re-

bid in the fall for 2021 construction.

Engineering staff have been working with the N.D. Department of Transportation (NDDOT) on signal replacement since 2016. Parts are no longer readily available to repair existing signals. A concrete pavement repair project was later added. This project received commitment of federal funds under both the NDDOT Urban Regional and Urban Grant Programs. The Urban Regional Program allows for federal and state contributions to increase if bids are over estimate so the local match stays at 10%.

The dilemma is the coinciding lane reallocation and curb extension components added after the City of Mandan received the Urban Regional Program approval for a separate \$675,000 in funding under the Urban Grant Program. This program is intended to improve pedestrian safety and economic vitality of downtowns through the governor's Main Street Initiative. This federal and state share through the grant has a fixed maximum.

A local share originally estimated at \$323,000 climbed to about \$1.5 million after bid opening. Engineering staff asked the NDDOT about options such as eliminating curb extensions, which accounted for the majority of additional local cost, or perhaps the entire Urban Grant Program scope of the project. The NDDOT cannot allow those changes at this juncture and instead recommended rebidding in the fall.

Education important for future of recycling

Waste Management Public Sector Representative Paul Kalibabky gave a recycling update to the City Commission in April. Recycling has significantly changed in recent years, and public education is necessary to keep up with market requirements.



Single sort recycling has led to “wish recycling” where individuals hope an item placed in the container is recyclable without actually knowing if it is. It is best to place items in the garbage if you’re not sure if it is recyclable. Recycling contamination occurs when trash ruins otherwise good recyclables. Contamination continues to be the main area of concern for recycling programs. On average, the country has a 25% contamination rate. The goal is 0.05%.

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Volunteers pick up litter in Mandan

Over 230 volunteers participated the 7th Annual Litter Clean-Up Day in Mandan on May 16. The event, originally planned for April 26, looked a lot different this year than previous years. Due to COVID-19 concerns, routes were assigned to pre-registered volunteers and route leaders delivered supplies to their groups. Volunteers picked up litter in ditches along major roadways. Thank you to all event sponsors and those who volunteered. Our community looks better because of your efforts!



Consider picking up litter while out for walks this summer to help continue to keep Mandan looking great. Please bag trash, wear protective gloves, sanitize frequently and wash your hands thoroughly afterwards. Avoid sharp objects. Report the discovery of any large items like animal carcasses or discarded tires to the Public Works Department at 667-3240 or publicworks@cityofmandan.com.

Utility Billing customers now able to pay by phone

The City of Mandan Utility Billing Department now has another option for customers to pay utility bills. Customers are now able to make payments via a secure phone line. Credit and debit card or checking and savings account payments may be made over the phone.

How to pay by phone. Customers wishing to pay their utility bill by phone should call 1-833-368-2463. The caller will be prompted through the entire process. Customers will only need their utility account number and payment information.

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New Utility Bill Payment Option

Secure Phone Line Now Available!



Dial **1-833-368-2463** to make a payment

Learn more at cityofmandan.com/utilitybilling

Mandan's growth continues

The U.S. Census Bureau released new population estimates for cities on May 21. Mandan and Morton County are among areas in North Dakota that are gaining. Mandan's population is estimated at 22,752 as of July 1, 2019.

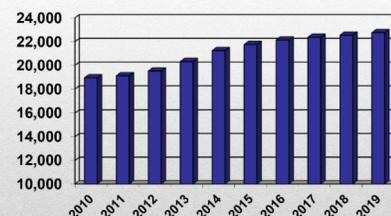
Mandan – 22,752

- Up 1% from 2018
- Up 24% from 2010

Morton County – 31,364

- Up 14% from 2010

Mandan Population



CONTINUED GROWTH

MADE IN MANDAN

The bureau again adjusted estimates going back to 2011. The new estimate indicates 1% growth from 2018 to 2019 and a 24% increase since 2010. Mandan remains North Dakota's eighth largest city.

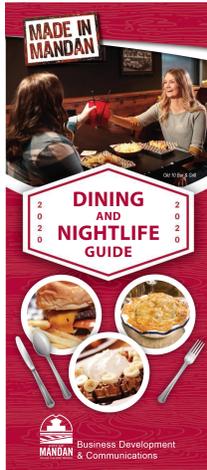
Morton County's 2019 population is estimated to be 31,364, up 1% from 31,058 in 2018. The Bismarck-Mandan metropolitan statistical area (communities with populations of 50,000 or more) is home to an estimated 128,949 people, up 17% since 2010.

Be counted in the 2020 census

As of May's end, the self-response rate reported for Mandan is 68.4%. The state as a whole has a 59.3% 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](#)

Dining & Nightlife guide available!



The restaurant industry, perhaps more than any other industry in the nation, has suffered significant sales and job losses since the COVID-19 outbreak began. The survival of Mandan restaurants depends on community support. Most restaurants have now re-opened their dining rooms, albeit at no more than 75% capacity, and/or they are offering drive-thru, take-out or delivery service.

Check restaurant websites and social media platforms for options. Download a brochure listing all dining and nightlife options at cityofmandan.com/dining. This brochure will accompany the City of Mandan's utility bill mailing this month.



Rodeo rides on your support

The Mandan Rodeo committee is asking Independence Day enthusiasts and rodeo fans to save this event for 2020 with online ticket purchases. In order for this event to happen, the committee must pre-sell 1,000 tickets for each performance by June 2. Get your tickets today at mandanrodeo.com.

Stay tuned to the [Mandan Progress Organization](#) for information on July 4th activities.



Fireworks allowed 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 result in a \$75 fine.



June Meetings

City Commission

June 2 & 16 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board

June 15 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board

June 8 at 5:30 p.m.

County Commission

June 4 & 23 at 5:30 p.m.,
Morton County Courthouse

City Planning & Zoning

June 22 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

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

Community Events

June 5

Dirt Series Season Opener,
Dacotah Speedway

June 7

Family Rodeo,
Dacotah Centennial Park

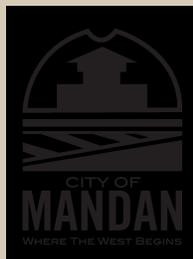
June 9

Election Day, *Vote by Mail only*

June 21

Father's Day Hike, FALSP

Find more things to do at
mylocalevents.org



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