

MANDAN *North Dakota*



MANDAN BUSINESS BRIEF - June 11, 2020

Local Information & Resources

Register for June 18 Business Briefing on Paycheck Protection Flexibility

The N.D. Department of Commerce is holding a special business briefing on Thursday, June 18 at 9 a.m. to keep businesses and employers informed about the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act. To receive call-in information, [attendees must register as a non-member.](#)

REMINDER: If you have not applied for PPP funding, you have until June 30 to submit an application. [Click here to apply!](#)

Changes to the Paycheck Protection Program

On June 5, the President signed the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020 (H.R. 7010), which made several changes to the program:

- Extends the covered period for the use of loan proceeds from eight weeks to 24 weeks. This flexibility is designed to make it easier for more borrowers to reach full, or almost full, forgiveness.
- Allows borrowers to use 60% of the loan amount (down from 75%) for payroll costs and up to 40% for debt obligations, including interest on a mortgage, rent payment, or utility payment. If borrower utilizes less, the amount of loan forgiveness will be partially forgiven to the percentage they used for payroll costs.
- Borrowers can use the 24-week period to restore their workforce levels and wages to the pre-pandemic levels required for full forgiveness. This must be done by Dec. 31, a change from the previous deadline of June 30.
- Extends the maturity for loans made on or after June 5, 2020 from two years to

five years.

- Provides a safe harbor for small businesses from the rehire requirements if the business owner can document their inability to hire employees for unfilled positions by December 31, 2020 or their inability to return to the same level of business activity because of federal COVID requirements pertaining to social distancing, sanitation, and worker safety.
- Delays the payment of employer payroll taxes until January 1, 2021 for PPP borrowers.

For additional resources and a list of lenders participating in the Paycheck Protection Program, visit www.sba.gov/PPP.

Measuring of Any Free Product to be Conducted Again Before Remediation Decommissioning

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 there were some wells that showed an increase in free product between 2018 and 2019. DEQ officials do not think the increase is showing an upward trend in amounts of free product system-wide, but want more data to verify.

If new measurements do not show a significant increase in free product, there are no odor complaints in the affected area, and the data indicates site stabilization after system shutdown, the DEQ would agree to initiate closure of active remediation.

Earlier this year, trustees and consultants began working with property owners in the area of remediation to make arrangements to plug wells, remove remote manifolds and other equipment.

Mandan Flowers Beautify Main Street

Hanging flower baskets were installed along Main Street in downtown Mandan at the end of May. This is the second year for the beautification project made possible by Growing BisMan. Formed through the Chamber Leadership Bismarck Mandan Class of 2019, the group 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 seeking sponsorships to bring flowers back to Main Street in 2021. Learn more at mandanflowers.com.



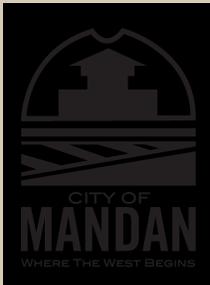
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July 3-4: [Mandan Market](#)
Aug. 14-15: [Buggies-n-Blues](#)



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