

# MANDAN *North Dakota*



## MANDAN BUSINESS BRIEF - Sept. 9, 2020

### Local Information & Resources

#### **Sept. 14 Deadline for Second Round of 'Mandan Strong' Mini-Match Applications**

Nearly \$67,000 is still available for businesses impacted by COVID 19 to implement strategies that make them more innovative, adaptable or diverse to better withstand crisis. Matching funds of up to \$3,000 per business are available for small locally-owned businesses. Be sure to include external cost quotes with applications. Find details and the application at [www.cityofmandan.com/minimatch](http://www.cityofmandan.com/minimatch).



#### **Commerce Renews Renaissance Zone for 5 More Years**

The N.D. Department of Commerce – Division of Community Services on Aug. 31 signed a memorandum of agreement with the City of Mandan to renew its Renaissance Zone Program for five additional years through Aug. 31, 2025. The approved Renaissance Zone Development Plan for Mandan updates qualification thresholds and includes nine additional blocks. The expansion bring Mandan's Renaissance Zone to 37 blocks in total: 35 blocks along Main Street, First Street and the downtown area and 2 blocks in a non-contiguous area along Memorial Highway.

**Renaissance Zone**  
 PROPERTY & STATE INCOME TAX INCENTIVES FOR REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN MANDAN

**OPPORTUNITY  
MADE IN MANDAN**

The Renaissance Zone Program is a tool for community redevelopment and economic investment that provides tax incentives to business and residential property owners to help offset costs for qualified projects. Applications and program details can be found at [www.cityofmandan.com/renaissance](http://www.cityofmandan.com/renaissance).

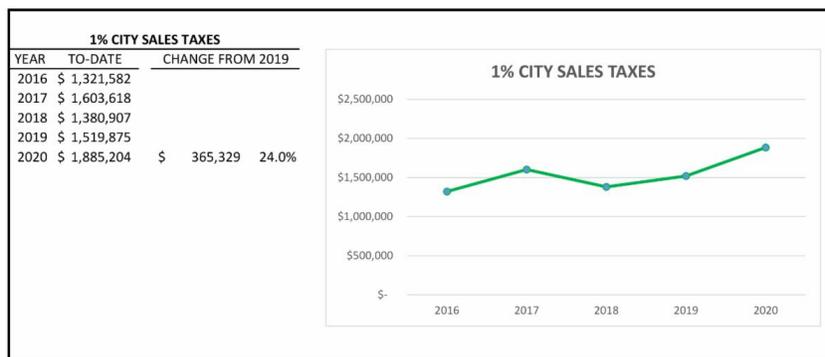
### Remediation Piping in Buildings to be Removed

The Mandan Remediation Trust recently acted on a letter from the N.D. Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) related to the closure of the diesel fuel remediation system. The letter indicated July 2020 measurements did not show any significant increase of free product in monitoring wells in downtown Mandan compared to 2018 and 2019. The decommissioning process of the remediation system will soon begin.



Priority will be given to plugging wells and removing pipe in downtown buildings that have system equipment. Three monitoring wells along the south side of Main Street near the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) property will remain.

Earlier this summer, the NDDEQ required one more measuring event for wells in the remediation plume area before giving the green light on the decommissioning process. The NDDEQ stated if the monitoring event did not show a significant increase in free product, there were no odor complaints received in the affected area, and the data indicated site stabilization after system shutdown, it would agree to initiate closure of active remediation. Find more information [here](#).



### Sales Tax Collections Surprisingly Strong During COVID Pandemic

Year to date collections of the City of Mandan's 1.75% sales tax at roughly \$3.3 million are up 24% as of August

compared to 2019. Revenue from a 1% local sales tax goes to property tax reduction, infrastructure, economic development and debt reduction while a 0.75% tax goes to pay off a bond for the Startion Sports Complex.

Collections from the 1% restaurant and lodging tax at nearly \$340,000 are up 6% through August, while the 2% hotel occupancy tax collections are down nearly 4% at slightly less than \$30,000.

It's important to note there is a two-month lag between sales and remittance of taxes by merchants to the state and the receipt of tax revenue by cities. Tax revenue received by the City in August was for sales that occurred in June.

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### **Lewis & Clark Development Council Conducting COVID-19 Impact Survey**

Lewis & Clark Regional Development Council has received funding through the federal CARES Act to help coordinate a response to the COVID-19 pandemic's economic effects in a 10-county region including Morton County.

To help develop recovery and mitigation strategies, the council has launched a new online survey measuring the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses and communities. The survey is online at <https://lcdgroup.org/covid19impact/>



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### **Sept. 15 Webinar on Funding Sources Geared to Non-Profit Organizations**

Different times require different thinking. With many organizations experiencing an increase in demand or dip in contribution sources, it's time to rethink how they are funded. This interactive session on Sept. 15 at 3:30 p.m. will be led by Chief Transformation Officer Scott Holdman of the Impact Foundation and Program Manager Christy Dauer from North Dakota Women's Business Center. They will provide tools and resources to build more than one revenue stream to fund your organization's mission. Register at this [link](#).

This is a monthly Business Builders webinar made possible by SBA Resources partners including the N.D. Women's Business Center and N.D. Small Business Development Centers.

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### **Celebrate Bismarck-Mandan Business Awards on Sept. 22**

The Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC will celebrate local businesses and accomplishments by their leaders at an awards lunch Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck. Businesses will be honored in the following categories: *Small Business Person of the Year*, *Mike Fink Award for Steady Growth and Profitability*, *New Entrepreneur of the Year*, *Granite Award*, *Young Entrepreneur*



### 15 Advertising Spots Remain in 2021 Calendar

Opportunities are available in the 2021 Morton County and Mandan community calendar for business-card-size ads. The design allows for 2 ads per month at a cost of \$300 each, available on a first-come, first-served basis. The calendar will be mailed to all addresses with a 58554 zip code, approximately 13,500, plus further distributed by major participating entities. If all ads sell, distribution will be broadened to include all of Morton County, approximately 16,000.

For an example of this year’s calendar, visit [www.cityofmandan.com/thingstodo](http://www.cityofmandan.com/thingstodo). This web page also includes more information about the advertising opportunity and a sign-up form. Events are also updated throughout the year at [www.mylocalevents.org](http://www.mylocalevents.org). Questions? Call 667-3478.



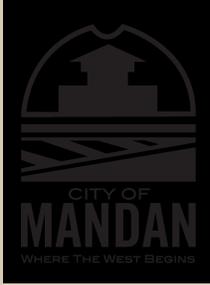
### Activities & Events

- Tues & Sat: [Mandan Farmers Market](#)
- Sept. 20-27: [Fall Colors Hike](#), Ft. Lincoln State Park
- Sept. 26: [Oktoberfest Racing](#), Dacotah Speedway
- Oct. 3: [Demolition Derby](#), Dacotah Speedway
- Oct. 27: Business Start-Up 101 Workshop, Baymont Inn
- Nov. 3: [State of the Cities Breakfast](#), Ramkota



### Local Information

- [Online Business Directory](#)
- [Memorial Highway Project Update](#)
- [Assistance & Incentive Programs](#)
- [Available Properties](#)
- [Community Profile](#)



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