

MANDAN *North Dakota*

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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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Vote by mail in the June 9 election

The Morton County auditor's office is conducting the June 9 election completely by mail with no precincts open for early voting or on Election Day due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Vote by mail means ballots are cast as "absentee."

Voters select ballot choices at home and either mail or hand deliver it to the Morton County auditor's office. Ballots will be available 40 days prior to the election and must be returned no later than June 8. If returning ballots by mail, they must be postmarked by June 8, the day before the election is to be counted.



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Local Candidates for June 9 election announced



The following candidates are running for office in the Tuesday, June 9 election.

Municipal Judge DeNae Kautzmann and Mayor Tim Helbling are both seeking reelection and running unopposed.

City Commission. Two seats are up for election.

- Joseph (Joe) Camisa
- Michael Braun (incumbent)

Park Board. Two seats are up for election.

- Jennifer Froehlich
- Wade Meschke (incumbent)

School Board. Three seats are up for election.

- Ellie Shockley, Ph.D.
- Marnie Piehl (incumbent)
- Darren Haugen
- Kama Hoovestol (incumbent)

County Commissioner. Three seats are up for election. Candidates for county seats will advance to the Nov. 6 election.

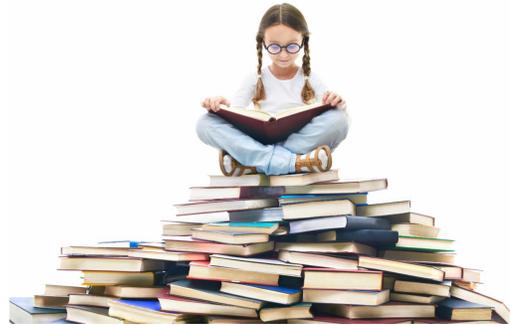
- Nathan Boehm
- Ronald Leingang (incumbent)
- Raymond Morrell
- Wayne Papke
- Thomas Peters

Mandan will also have one measure included on the ballot regarding the publishing of City Commission meeting minutes in the *Mandan News* for the next four years.

The League of Women Voters will host one on one interviews with Mandan School Board candidates. The recorded interviews will be replayed on Government Access cable channels 2 and 602 HD and can be viewed on freetv.org leading up to the election. The election is vote by mail. For more information, visit cityofmandan.com/elections.

Library planning 'Imagine Your Story' summer reading program

Morton Mandan Public Library is preparing for its annual collaborative summer reading program. This year, it remains uncertain how the coronavirus will impact summer events but the library continues planning the free program and developing a digital platform.



This summer's theme, "Imagine Your Story," is grounded in fantasy and fairy tales. In addition to being fun and engaging, the program aids students in academic retention. Students reading for at least 20 minutes a day may avoid the dreaded "summer slide."

Summer reading programs are available for children (birth-12 years old), teens (13-19) and adults. Typically during the summer, programs take place at the main library and throughout the county. Outreach services and the bookmobile host weekly programs as well. Programming for children is planned, barring social distancing restrictions being lifted, in conjunction with the summer lunch in the park program. Adults are invited to participate through special program opportunities and prizes. Summer reading program prizes will be awarded on a tiered system as reading logs are completed.

Library staff are making arrangements to account for the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff has made tremendous strides providing digital programs and services during this difficult time.

Stay tuned to mortonmandanlibrary.org and the library's Facebook and Instagram pages to register for the summer reading program and other updates. Contact the library at 667-5365 with questions.

Northwest street improvement project moves forward

The City Commission, at its April 21 meeting, approved accepting



the low bid for street improvement district 218 in the northwest area of Mandan.

The district is north of Old Red Trail and west of, but including, Highland Road. Many streets will see a mill and overlay or chip seal. The portion of Old Red Trail

running through the project area is included in the recently completed Metropolitan Transportation Plan for reconstruction around 2026. Since a reconstruction project with federal funding assistance is planned, city engineering staff recommended an overlay of Old Red Trail for this improvement project.

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Chorne named 'If I Were Mayor' essay contest winner



Mandan third grade students submitted 34 essays in the North Dakota League of Cities' (NDLC) "If I Were Mayor" essay contest this year. Mayor Tim Helbling selected the essay written by Scarlett Chorne as the local winner. Chorne is a third grade student in Mr. Streifel's class at Red Trail Elementary School. She is the daughter of Michael and Katie Chorne. She will be invited to participate in a live City Commission meeting, presented with a certificate, a City of Mandan t-shirt and \$50 in Mandan Bucks provided by the Mandan Progress Organization.

Help North Dakota by being counted in the census

As of April's end, the self-response rate reported for Mandan is 62.8%. The state as a whole has a 54.7% self-response rate. Households can respond online at 2020census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020. Individuals who haven't self-responded will soon receive a questionnaire in the mail to complete and submit.

It takes approximately 10 minutes to answer census questions and all responses are kept confidential by law. Data collected is released in summary tables with no individual records released.



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The importance of the census is apparent in financial figures. In fiscal year 2015, North Dakota received \$1.45 billion in federal funds for programs based upon resident count from the 2010 census and subsequent population estimates. These programs include: Medicaid, highway construction, Head Start, foster care, SNAP, low income energy assistance, special education and more. That equates to approximately \$19,100 in federal funds per resident over ten years!

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Sign up to receive Business Briefs

Information for businesses is rapidly changing in our current economy. The Business Development and Communications department sends out occasional Business Briefs that address current challenges and opportunities, roadway projects, community initiatives, networking, professional development activities, and other opportunities to advance Mandan businesses.

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Expanding Mandan Businesses

- A Child's Garden, 1710 E Main St
- Bright Beginnings Academy, 1406 2nd St NW
- Cloverdale Foods Company, 3015 35th St NW
- Dakota Wholesale Supply, 3817 Memorial Hwy
- Gunscher's Auto Repair Plus, 1819 43rd Ave SE
- Kids in Motion Pediatric Therapy & Wellness, 1702 E Main St, #103
- Legacy Law Firm, 222 E Main St.

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Memorial Highway project updates available

The Memorial Highway improvement project consultant, HDR Inc., issues a monthly newsletter to keep residents up to date on project planning and details. This newsletter is also posted at cityofmandan.com/roadprojects under the Memorial Highway Reconstruction link. The North Dakota Department of Transportation has also created a project website which includes information, updated timelines, and a place to sign up to receive the newsletter at dot.nd.gov/projects/memorialhwy/.

Residents reminded to mow grass, control weeds

The City of Mandan reminds property owners, residents and caretakers of property within city limits that all noxious weeds and overgrown vegetation must be maintained under a 6-inch maximum height. Failure to maintain control of grass and noxious weeds will result in the property being cut and/or sprayed by the City with the cost being added to the property owner's special assessments. Residents planning on spraying a property instead of cutting it must notify the code enforcement officer at 667-3264 or the property will be cut with the cost being added to the special assessments for the property. To report violations or for more information, call Code Enforcement Officer Candy Fleck at 667-3264.



May Meetings

City Commission

May 5 & 19 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board

May 4 & 18 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board

May 11 at 5:30 p.m.

County Commission



Community Events

May 4

Gift Card Blitz, site opens at noon

May 7

Gift Card Blitz, site opens at noon

May 10 - 31

Mother's Day Hike

May 14 & 26 at 5:30 p.m.,
Morton County Courthouse

City Planning & Zoning

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

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

May 16

Community Clean-Up Day

Find more things to do at
mylocalevents.org

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