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November meetings

City Commission, Nov. 3 & 17 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board, Nov. 2 & 16 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board, Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission, Nov. 12 & 24 at 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

Planning & Zoning, Nov. 23 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

State of the Cities, Nov. 3

Mayor Tim Helbling will present 2020 progress to date and plans for 2021 at the Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC's State of the Cities breakfast on Nov. 3 at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center, Bismarck. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will be presented both in-person and virtual. To register, visit bismarckmandan.com or call 223-5660.

Trunk or Treat

Plans are currently underway for the Law Enforcement Center's Trunk or Treat event around Halloween. Stay tuned to the Mandan Police Department Facebook page for event details and updates.

Library & downtown park enhancement project beginning

A project to improve the Morton Mandan Public Library and Dykshoorn Park began in September with contractor mobilization, demolition and excavation.

The library project includes an approximate 8,000-square-foot library addition with a new entrance/atrium, a public meeting room that can seat up to 300 people, public restrooms, and bookmobile garage with equipment storage. The existing 13,000-square-foot building will receive heating, ventilation, air conditioning and electrical upgrades plus door and window replacement, masonry restoration, new floor/wall/ceiling finishes, and other traffic pattern improvements.



Library addition with bookmobile garage.

Dykshoorn Park improvements include a main entrance off Fourth Ave NW, permanent decorative fencing, shade sails in front of the band shell, meandering walking paths, lighting elements that tie in the history of the railroad, gas fire pits, and more.



Area in front of depot/beanery buildings with gas fire pits and lighting elements.

The project is being funded with a donation from Energy Transfer, the Mandan Visitor's Fund and the Mandan Supplemental Environmental Projects Trust. Additional donations will be welcomed for library furnishings and equipment. If funds become available in the future, there are plans for a multi-use pavilion in Heritage Park to the east of Dykshoorn Park.

Access to the Library & Rice Bowl During Construction. Temporary parking and access to the library along with the external book drop have been moved to the building's west end. A doorbell is being installed for anyone needing assistance.

The Rice Bowl restaurant expects to remain operational on the second floor of the building until its new location is ready at 107 Fourth Ave NW in late November or early December. The restaurant is open for delivery and pickup service all days except Tuesdays from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. with extended hours, until 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Patrons picking up orders may park in reserved spaces on the building's west end. Owners also plan to soon re-open the dining room. An access door is being installed on the building's east end. Stay tuned for updates.

Find out more about the project and stay tuned to progress at cityofmandan.com/libraryparksproject.





"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

Mandan to begin remediation system decommissioning

In early September, the Mandan Remediation Trust (MRT) considered a letter from the North Dakota 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 any monitoring wells compared to 2018 and 2019. The decommissioning process of the 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.

History. The MRT oversees the remediation of petroleum, contamination first discovered underground in downtown Mandan in 1984. In 2004, the State of North Dakota and City of Mandan reached a settlement with BNSF Railway for clean-up of the underground fuel spill. The remediation system was originally constructed between 2005-2007.

Letters of interest sought for appointments to City boards

The Mandan City Commission will soon consider appointments beginning in 2021 for open positions and seats up for re-appointment on 11 different boards that assist with city governance and community development. Appointments will be considered for the Airport Authority, Architectural Review Commission, Cemetery Advisory Committee, Civil Service Commission, Community Beautification Committee, Growth Fund Committee, Library Board of Trustees, Parking Authority, Planning & Zoning Commission, Renaissance Zone Committee and Special Assessments Commission.



Members of the Library Board of Trustees during their regular monthly meeting.

Members of the business community and residents are encouraged to submit a letter summarizing their desired appointment, background and reasons for interest. Letters will be welcomed through Nov. 1, 2020, or until the positions are filled. Submit letters to Communications & Community Services Coordinator Kari Schmidt, by e-mailing to kari.moore@cityofmandan.com or mailing to 205 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, ND 58554.

For more information on the specific committee openings, visit cityofmandan.com/news. Membership lists and descriptions for City of Mandan volunteer advisory positions are available at cityofmandan.com/boards. Information is also available upon request at City Hall, 205 Second Avenue NW, or by calling 667-3210.

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