



## *Mandan e-Messenger*

Latest News

### **Library & downtown park enhancement project begins**

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.



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.

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## 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 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.

**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 constructed between 2005-2007.

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## Mandan welcomes letters of interest for 2021 appointments to City boards

The 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 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](#) or mail to 205 Second Avenue NW, Mandan, ND 58554.

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

## Early voting precinct opens Oct. 21



**Early Vote Precinct Hours**

Oct. 21-23	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Oct. 24	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Oct. 26-30	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Oct. 31	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Nov. 2	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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Located at Disciples Church  
3001 Memorial Hwy SE

An early voting precinct will be set up at Disciples Church, 3001 Memorial Hwy SE, Suite B, Mandan. Ballots for each precinct in the county will be available. Every qualified voter residing in Morton County can use this early vote precinct.

Early voting times begin on Wednesday, Oct. 21. The early vote precinct will be open for voting from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays through Nov. 2.

On Election Day, Nov. 3, all polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters residing in precincts one and eight who have voted at Spirit of Life Catholic Church in the past will now vote at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 904 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.

To find your polling location, obtain an absentee ballot and more information visit [vote.nd.gov](http://vote.nd.gov).

## LEC Trunk or Treat event being planned

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.

## 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](http://bismarckmandan.com) or call 223-5660.





## October Meetings

### City Commission

Oct. 6 & 20 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

### School Board

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

### Park Board

Oct. 12 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

### County Commission

Oct. 8 & 27 at 5:30 p.m.,  
Morton County Courthouse

### City Planning & Zoning

Oct. 26 at 5:30 p.m., City Hall

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

## Community Events

### Saturday's

[Mandan Farmers Market](#)

### Oct. 3

[Demolition Derby](#), Dacotah  
Speedway

### Oct. 18-25

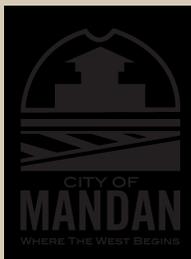
[Little Monsters Hike](#), Ft. Lincoln  
[State Park](#)

### Oct. 27

[Business Start-Up 101 Workshop](#)

*Find more things to do at*  
[mylocalevents.org](http://mylocalevents.org)

**Burleigh-Morton COVID-19 Task Force  
Link**



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