

## ACHIEVEMENT

*Reach for the sky*

Mandan offers a top-notch public school system with five elementary schools (K-5), a new middle school (6-8) and a high school (9-12) with about 3,300 students district wide.



Additionally, there are two parochial schools: Christ the King, offering kindergarten through eighth grade, and St. Joseph's Elementary.

Mandan schools foster and celebrate academic and extracurricular achievement. ACT scores are above state and national averages. Mandan was proud to have the highest Class A 11th grade reading proficiency among state results reported in March 2010.

With more than 40 athletic and other activities offered for high school students and a variety of opportunities for those younger, Mandan is indeed a community that cares about kids!

**MAKE MANDAN YOUR HOMETOWN**  
**What residents say**  
**5 BEST THINGS**

1. The people
2. Small town atmosphere
3. Proximity to shopping & services
4. Schools
5. Safe community



## FINANCING YOUR HOME PURCHASE

Mandan property values continue to rise, making Mandan real estate a good investment. The Bismarck-Mandan Board of Realtors reports the average sales price for a home in Mandan was approximately \$157,000 in 2010, up from \$147,000 in 2009, and \$142,000 in 2008.

**New home exemption.** Mandan offers a property tax exemption for newly constructed homes on the first \$75,000 in value for two years.

**Property taxes.** City leaders are managing community growth while holding the line on budgets to keep taxes reasonable. Property taxes are based on the true and full value of a home. Property taxes and homeowner's insurance are generally part of a monthly mortgage payment.

**Special assessments.** Mandan and many North Dakota cities use special assessments to finance public improvements. A special assessment is a lien against a property determined by the cost of the improvement and the benefit it provides to the property. Special assessments may be used to pay for street paving and reconstruction; installation of water and sewer mains, sidewalks, curb and gutter, and storm and sanitary sewers.

You may check the balance owed and annual payment for any special assessments on a property by contacting the City Finance Department, phone 667-3271, or by using the property look-up tool at [www.cityofmandan.com](http://www.cityofmandan.com).

Property owners may pay off the full amount of a special assessment balance in its entirety at the time of purchase or in the future. Consult with your lender and real estate agent about options. Factors to consider include interest rates and borrowing ability.

## FOR MORE INFO ABOUT MANDAN

[www.cityofmandan.com](http://www.cityofmandan.com)  
[www.mandanparks.com](http://www.mandanparks.com)  
[www.mandan.k12.nd.us](http://www.mandan.k12.nd.us)

# GREAT THINGS *for* PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE



INFORMATION FOR  
NEW NEIGHBORS



*Great things... for the people who live here*

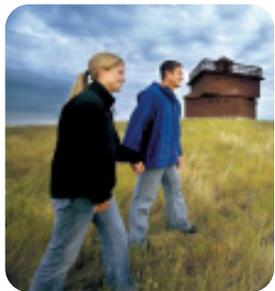


surrounding schools, and prestigious head-turners on waterfront and wooded lots. Affordable senior and family housing choices are available, too. You may also find more home for your dollar in Mandan.

## COMMUNITY

*Like a fun, loyal, caring friend*

The name Mandan is derived from the Dakota Indian word “Mantani” or “people on the bank,” descriptive of the Mandan Indian villages along the Missouri River. Just as the Mandan were friendly to early explorers, so too is the community of Mandan. Residents name Mandan’s top strength as its hometown atmosphere and sense of connectedness.



## OPPORTUNITY

*Good living*

Nestled in the juncture of the Missouri and Heart river valleys, Mandan is a smart and beautiful location for

your home or business. Choose from a multitude of picturesque settings. Whether you’re looking to buy or build a home, options include hilltop views, historic structures near downtown Mandan, young neighborhoods



## ADVENTURE

*The fun never ends*

Mandan is the place “Where the West Begins” and the fun never ends. A strong tradition of community events, lots of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, and exciting and historic tourist attractions combine to offer residents widespread adventure.



**Festivals.** Mandan bursts with pride when hosting festivals that draw thousands of visitors year after year. Events include Buggies-n-Blues, Mandan Rodeo Days and Art in the Park over the Fourth of July with an Independence Day Parade, a Sports and Recreation Rendezvous on Main, and Wild West Grill Fest.

**Attractions.** Enjoy the Missouri River, Ft. Lincoln State Park, Harmon Lake, Raging Rivers Water Park, Huff Hills Ski Area, Dacotah Speedway, outdoor summer concerts, N.D. Railroad Museum, and Mandan Art Association gallery.



**Recreation facilities.** Mandan’s park and recreational system includes:

- 18-hole and 9-hole golf courses
- 28 miles of walking and bike trails
- baseball field with covered grandstand
- softball diamonds
- soccer complex
- indoor Olympic swimming pool
- outdoor water park
- indoor hockey arena
- outdoor rodeo arena
- skateboard park
- fitness center
- 16 neighborhood parks

