



MPO Monthly Newsletter

**MANDAN IN MOTION**

APRIL 2025

## A Word From Our Assistant Executive Director



Dear MPO Members & Community Partners,

I would like to first thank all of the members, sponsors and supporters of the Mandan Progress Organization for your warm welcome and kindness as I have begun my time with the MPO. It is always an incredible gift when so many great people can show unity and excitement behind bettering our community and I am so grateful to be a part of it.

As I've worked on making Touch A Truck a reality for 2025 and preparing to help secure the funding and foundation for Buggies-N-Blues and the Independence Day Parade this year, I've realized how important it is that the MPO recognize who has allowed us to get to this place.

The Mandan Progress Organization was originally funded by, and is still overwhelmingly reliant on our annual members. When all of you contribute your annual membership ranging from \$125 to \$1,000 your investment allows me and our other team members to be able to support Mandan and our families full-time. Now we have been able to grow to the point of hosting multiple large-scale, open to the public events and are able to lay the footings for even more to come to Mandan and the surrounding area.

So thank you to all our our members, please know how much your support has provided the MPO with. As Assistant Executive Director one of my primary roles is membership relations. Whether you are longstanding member or considering joining the MPO for the first time, your support of our work has made a lasting impact now and long into the future. Please know as the primary contact for member relations I am always happy to be of service to you and invite conversation and feedback whenever you would like!

God Bless, Triston Kosek

## In this newsletter:

Summer is coming and so are some the MPO's major events! Learn about this year's plans & projects.

## Add to your calendar:

**Member Mix & Mingle Event**

April 24, 2025 || 4 - 7 PM

**1700 E Main St, Mandan, ND**

Join us at Chucker's Sports Bar & Send-It Cornhole for drinks, discussion and cornhole

[RSVP HERE](#)

# Our New & Upgraded Members

At the Mandan Progress Organization we are continuing to try to grow and bring in new members that help us operate and introduce new connections that continue to develop our community. In the past six months we have been able to bring on some new members.

In an act of gratitude we would like to show them off, link to their contacts and extend a word of thanks to all of our new and old members that have decided to place your dollars in the hands of the MPO. We are so excited to continue to better the community activities and connections in the Bismarck-Mandan area.



Community Hero Member - Entry Level



Dakota Community Bank & Trust

LEARN MORE

Please check out **Dakota Community Bank & Trust** for a great local and friendly banking experience in the Bismarck-Mandan area

Legacy Member



701 Cycle & Sport

LEARN MORE

Thank you for increasing your support!

Legacy Member



PEPSICO Mandan

LEARN MORE

Thank you for increasing your support!



# REGISTRATIONS

FOR 2025 EVENTS ARE NOW OPEN



Participation in **MPO Events** allows businesses to increase exposure and take part in the experiences of Mandan

Vendor events include  
**Touch a Truck,  
Buggies-N-Blues,  
Mandan's Independence Day  
Celebration**

Closes Soon

2025  
Touch A Truck  
Truck Sign Up

CLICK HERE

2025  
Fourth of July  
Parade Registration

CLICK HERE

2025 Vendor  
Applications for  
Food, Craft and  
Business Vendors

CLICK HERE



# Volunteers & Committee Members Needed!

Be a pivotal part of all the fun, exciting, expansive events in Mandan.



## Volunteer

- Arrive and serve on the day of the event/day before the event (if possible) to duties as assigned

## Committee Member

- Attend once-a-month meetings & assist in the planning and execution of MPO Events

## Perks Include

- Exclusive Visit Mandan Volunteer Gear
- Fulfill Service Hours
- Build Mandan Connections
- Become A Valued Member Of A Great Team!

## Events

- ☒ Art in the Park
- ☒ Independence Day Parade
- ☒ Buggies-n-Blues
- ☒ Holiday Lights
- ☒ Touch a Truck

**For more information  
or to sign up**

[CLICK HERE](#)



# Mandan Progress Org MIX & MINGLE EVENT

Conversation, Cornhole & Cocktails



24 April 2025  
4 – 7 PM



1700 E Main St,  
Mandan

Register Now

Questions?

701-751-2983

[info@mandanprogress.org](mailto:info@mandanprogress.org)



It is unfortunately, often stated by visitors and residents of the Bismarck-Mandan area that “there is nothing to do here.” Although we know with a little effort, this is simply not true, we do know that variety and new opportunities are always welcomed whether it be a restaurant, activity, or something else.

Chucker’s Sports Bar & Send-It! 24/7 Cornhole is one of the answers to this thought. “Send-It was created to give cornhole players and families access to a facility 24 hours a day in order to meet their own personal schedules and play the game [so many people and] the owners love to play,” says Chucker’s & Send-It co-owner Deidre Hillman. The current facility offers 16 lanes of cornhole, and when removed an 8,000 Sq Ft space limited only by your imagination.

Chucker’s & Send-It not only provides incredible activities, but has become a growing member of the MPO. When asked why, Deidre mentioned “for small businesses to sustain, thrive and grow, they need their community. We are proud members of the Mandan community and are grateful for an organization like the MPO to help foster relationships, offer additional community events and spread overall communication from the business sector.”

As one of our newest Legacy Member’s we are so grateful for Chucker’s and Send-It’s support of the MPO and invite all of you to join us for our upcoming Mix & Mingle at Chucker’s & Send-It on April 24 from 4-7 pm and consider your support of the MPO.



# BUGGIES-N-BLUES 2025

## CALLING ON OUR SPONSORS

Buggies-N-Blues planning and preparation has been underway at the MPO and as we have booked our official talent for 2025, established road closure plans and opened up the application process we have not been able to begin the fundraising leg of Buggies-N-Blues.

As a nonprofit, Buggies-N-Blues is only able to be a reality each year because of the community sponsors that help up pay for all of the programming that goes into creating an MPO event. To keep this as a free to attend, annual event we are asking for sponsors from 2024 and other community members to resign or join us in making Buggies-N-Blues a reality once again.

To secure your sponsorship you can complete our online sponsorship form

DID YOU KNOW?

Buggies-N-Blues is a FREE, sponsored event that brings over 37,000 attendees together annually

READY TO SECURE YOUR SPONSORSHIP FOR

BUGGIES-N-BLUES 2025



CLICK HERE

[VisitMandan.com/Sponsor-Buggies-N-Blues](https://VisitMandan.com/Sponsor-Buggies-N-Blues)

Sponsorship Benefits

Exceptional Brand Exposure

Gain significant exposure in a community-focused setting, showcasing your brand to a wide, engaged audience

Community Connection and Goodwill

Demonstrate your commitment to the community by supporting a family-friendly, education event

Strategic Marketing

Connect with local families, community leaders, and professionals, enhancing your businesses networking reach.



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BUGGIES-N-BLUES 2025

CHECK YOUR SPONSORSHIP STATUS

Previous BNB Sponsors	2024	2025	Previous BNB Sponsors	2024	2025
Bek Communications	✓	✓	Coal Country Coffee	✓	✓
Marathon Mandan Refinery	✓	✓	RJR Rentals	✓	?
American Legion	✓	✓	Wheel, Wings and Hobbies	✓	?
Spiffy Biffs	✓	?	Corrals Sales	✓	?
Heritage Exteriors	✓	✓	Re-Elect Gerhardt Porter Tomar	✓	?
Rud Oil/Napa Auto Parts	✓	?	Northland Auto Auction	✓	?
Dakota Community Bank	✓	✓	Mandan Auto Glass	✓	?
Ressler Siding & Window	✓	✓	Pizza Ranch	✓	?
BNC Bank	✓	✓	Barnes Transmissions	✓	?
Outlaw Tarp Detail & Accessories	✓	?	Golden Comb	✓	?
KFYR-TV	✓	✓	Interstate Engineering	✓	?
Cloverdale	✓	?	NISC	✓	?
I Heart Radio	✓	?	ProFinish	✓	?
Security First Bank	✓	?	Zander Body Shop	✓	✓
Mcquades Distributing	✓	✓	Wagner Financial	✓	?
Radco Truck Mandan	✓	✓	Twin City Roofing	✓	?
Starion Bank	✓	?	D&S Auto & Trailer Sales	✓	?
Comfort Inn & Suites	✓	?	TrueNorth Steel	✓	?
Dakota Printing & Embrodiery	✓	?	Keller Insurance Services	✓	?
Open Road Honda	✓	?	Quality Home Furnishings	✓	?
KX News	✓	✓	Penny's Muffler Shop	✓	?
Memory Lane	✓	?	Northern Trophy	✓	?
Shawn's Repair	✓	✓	Dvorak Motors	✓	?
Traffic Safety Systems	✓	?	S&S Transmission	✓	?
MOJO/Big Rig	✓	?	Sign Pro	✓	?
Scheels	✓	✓	Medicine Shop	✓	?
Red Top Recovery	✓	✓	Barney's Tesoro	✓	?
Railway Credit Union	✓	✓	Northern Coatings Inc.	✓	?
Scotty's Drive In	✓	?	Hobbs Incorporated	✓	?
Gate City Bank	✓	✓	Hirsch Florist & Gifts	✓	?
Bravera Bank	✓	?	M&H	✓	?
Dakota Kustomz	✓	?	BisMan Online	✓	?
Family Fare	✓	?	Metro Ambulance	✓	?
Butcher Block Meats	✓	✓	Terry Kraft American Family Insurance	✓	?
Goodhart Associates	✓	✓	North Country Inn	✓	?
Haga Kommer	✓	?	??Your Business??		?



# MUSIC LINE-UP

## SATURDAY NIGHT BLOCK PARTY



**SATURDAY JUNE 7 || 8-11 PM**



**ALL NEW FRIDAY NIGHT KICKOFF**

**SHIRTS & SKINS**

**FRIDAY JUNE 6 || 7-10 PM**

RETURNING FAVORITE

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 7**

**12 PM**

**2 PM**

**4:30 PM**

**SUNDAY  
JUNE 8  
12 - 4 PM**



MANDAN PROGRESS ORGANIZATION

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# LOOKING TO ADVERTISE IN MANDAN?

The MPO has an exclusive MPO member coop program that allows for discounted advertising right on main street in Mandan!

**Billboard Specs:**  
HD Digital 10x30 Ft Display  
Ad displays 7 sec every 56 sec  
Displays 1440 times weekly

**Ad Specs:**  
180 x 560 Px / RGB / Res: 72 PPI  
Type: JPG, BMP or PNG

**Pricing:**  
1 Week – \$250  
4 Week – \$800 (\$200 per week)  
12 Week – \$2,200 (\$185 per week)

**Want to book a spot? Questions?**  
[info@mandanprogress.org](mailto:info@mandanprogress.org) || 701-751-2983



## ADVERTISING NOW OPEN

Fall Issue (September)	Holiday Issue (November)
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Interested in advertising at a **discounted rate**,  
**supporting the MPO** and **increasing exposure**?

**LEARN MORE**

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## PRICING CARD

AD Spot	Reg	MPO	X2+
Front Inside Cover	<del>\$1775</del>	\$1500	\$1300
Inside Right Read	<del>\$1725</del>	\$1450	\$1250
End Cover Full	<del>\$1600</del>	\$1400	\$1150
Full Page	<del>\$1350</del>	\$1150	\$1000
1/2 Page	<del>\$800</del>	\$750	\$700
1/3 Page	<del>\$650</del>	\$500	\$400
3 Issue Sponsored Story			\$1200

# Sponsorships & Partnerships

For those who have attended our events you know that we rely on sponsors to provide the funding necessary to successfully operate them. As members, your membership helps maintain the organization, but with the commitment to sponsor to an event, you can help sustain and expand our events, and should the community that these events are powered by you.

## Why Sponsor?

Aside from helping the event take place, sponsorships allow your name to be integrated with our marketing, showcase your goodwill to the community and open doors to shaping an event. When you sponsor an MPO event it is our priority to creatively display your name and our gratitude for your support. Thank you for your consideration of sponsorship.

## Sponsoring & Its Benefits

Entry Into Sponsorship Typically Ranges From  
\$250 to \$25,000



COMMUNITY  
CONNECTION &  
GOODWILL



EXCEPTIONAL  
BRAND EXPOSURE



STRATEGIC  
MARKETING

## Example of Sponsoring & Partnering



Let's Talk More About Sponsorships  
Matt Schanandore  
701-751-2983 || [Matt@MandanProgress.org](mailto:Matt@MandanProgress.org)



# MEMBERSHIP

and making the most of it:

As a member of the MPO you are not only supporting us, but we also are looking to support you. Below is listed some of the basic benefits you have as a member. These benefits are meant to assist in avenues for exposure, showcasing your support and bringing your voice into our operation and future development.

## Membership Benefits



WEBSITE  
& SOCIAL  
MEDIA  
PRESENCE



VOTE IN  
BOARD  
ELECTIONS



MPO  
NEWSLETTER



JOIN AN  
EVENT  
COMMITTEE



MPO  
MEMBER  
MEETING  
INVITES



CO-OP  
ADVERTISING  
OPPROTUNITES

A special thank you to all our Legacy, Premiere and Excellence members below, your additional support earns additional exposure and gratitude.  
If you have intrerest in moving up your membership, please see the next page.

## STAND OUT MEMBERS

### Legacy Level Members



### Premiere Level Members



### Excellence Level Members

First International Bank • The Innovation Barn • Open Road Honda • Funatix Events • The Poppy Creative  
Third Day Family Farm • National Day Calendar • Black Lions Pub & Pizza • Mandan Road Races  
Knife River Corporation - ND Division

Thank You for continued support  
March Renewals

- Entry Level Member**  
Midway Lanes  
Ideal Image Dentistry  
Doll's Studios Tattoo & Piercing  
Fetting Millwork  
Al Fitterer Architect PC  
The Golden Comb Day Spa & Salon  
Hirsch Floral & Gifts  
Larson's Tattooing  
Heritage Exteriors  
M&W Beef Packers Inc.  
Papa Murphy's Pizza  
Hopfauf Custom Builders  
Little Caesars Pizza  
NAPA Auto Parts  
Mandan Road Races LLC  
BisMan Eats LLC  
TP Motel  
Sign Pro  
Old Town Tavern/Scapegoat Bar  
Dairy Queen  
Old 10 Bar & Grill  
Starion Bank

Upcoming April Renewals

- Entry Level Member**  
Bullinger Tree Service  
Musicians Association  
Northern Plains Equipment  
Feil Orthodontics  
Zander Body Shop  
Baymont Inn & Suites  
Security First Bank  
Mandan Rodeo Days  
KLJ Engineering  
Keller Insurance Services  
Burian & Associates  
Edward Jones - Rick Kuhn  
Bismarck-Mandan Chamber EDC  
First International Bank & Trust  
ND Association of Rural Electric Cooperative  
Mandan Parks & Recreation  
Hyundai of Mandan/Bismarck Motor Company  
Lillis Electric  
Newman Signs
- Friend of Mandan Member**  
Annette Behm-Caldwell  
Bernice Hilfer


MEMBERSHIP ACCESS

IF YOU NEED TO ACCESS YOUR MEMBERSHIP


CLICK HERE

Annual renewal coming up soon? Interested in making your membership go the extra mile?  
Consider giving me a call and looking over some of our Legacy, Premiere and Excellence benefits

LEGACY MEMBER – \$1,000




RECEIVE  
TICKETS TO  
THE ANNUAL  
MPO DINNER




HOST  
MEETINGS &  
MIXERS

PREMIERE LEVEL  
\$500



LOGO  
PLACEMENT ON  
THE MPO  
WEBSITE

PREMIERE LEVEL  
\$250



PROMINENT  
NAME  
PLACEMENT

Triston Kosek - Assistant Executive Director

 O: 701-751-2983

 Triston@MandanProgress.org



# OUR TEAM

## Board of Directors

(\*) Member of Executive Committee

**President**  
Kristi Kraft\*

**Vice President**  
Zac Ranisate\*

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
Ryan Heinsohn\*

**Past President**  
Nick Guarcello\*

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Jim Froelich\*

**Morton County Representative**  
Raymond Morrell

**Mandan Parks & Rec Rep.**  
Kelly Thomas

**Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park**  
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**Mandan Public Schools**  
Janelle Heinsohn, Ex-Officio

**City of Mandan Business Development**  
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Hannah Haynes  
Nathan Schneider

## MPO Staff

**Executive Director**  
Matt Schanandore

**Assistant Executive Director**  
Triston Kosek

**Operations Administrator**  
Grant Heidrich

## MANDAN COMMUNITY HEROES

### Gold Level



### Silver Level

### Bronze Level

### Entry Level



### Civic Level

