DOING THINGS downtown
Dine and Drink, Adventures, Shop and Stay
FALL/WINTER GUIDE 2016-2017
Business on Belgrade Association's mission is to promote, enhance and preserve Beautiful Lower North Mankato as a diverse business, cultural and residential destination for the benefit of the entire community. If anyone would like to volunteer for the events please contact us at: Web: businessonbelgrade.org • Email: businessonbelgrade@gmail.com

Bookin’ on Belgrade:
NEARLY 5K FAMILY FUN RUN (AND WALK)
June 4th, 2016 | bookonbelgrade.wordpress.com

Bookin’ on Belgrade: This event is a nearly 5K family Fun Run and “walk” brought to you by The Business on Belgrade Association, The Orthopaedic & Fracture Clinic PA; and the Mayo Health Systems. Our mission is to promote public health and well being of our community. There will be a small charge for this event. If you need financial assistance and would like to participate please contact the North Mankato Taylor Library, 507-345-5120.

Bier on Belgrade:
OKTOBERFEST
September 24th, 2016 | www.businessonbelgrade.org

Bier on Belgrade: (Oktoberfest) Business on Belgrade presents our miniature version of German heritage and fun. Join us for our 5th Annual Bier on Belgrade located in the Central Business District of Historic and Unique, Beautiful Lower North Mankato. We will have a fun filled day of activities, food vendors, live music, Bier sampling and 18 beers on tap from local and world renown brewery’s. Ceremonial first beer with city officials, bean bag toss, and keg bowling. Wear your Lederhosen or St. Paulie Girl outfit and receive an extra free beverage ticket with $10.00 admission. Must be 21 years of age to attend.

Blues on Belgrade:
December 3rd, 2016 | www.businessonbelgrade.org

Blues on Belgrade: Concert began in 2009 as the Belgrade Ave. Blues and Jazz Festival on a small gravel parking lot just off of the 200 block of Belgrade Ave. In 2010 the Concert was moved to the East end of Belgrade Ave. and in 2011, the stage was located at the intersection of Range St. and Belgrade Ave. In 2012 the Belgrade Ave. Blues and Jazz Festival became the Blues on Belgrade Concert. The Business on Belgrade Association strives to bring you the finest of entertainment for the Blues on Belgrade Concert free of charge to you our customers.

Frozen Fun Days/Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Classic
February 11-12, 2017 | www.businessonbelgrade.org

Business on Belgrade Association presents Frozen Fun Days in conjunction with Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Classic

WELCOME TO CITY CENTER MANKATO!
From work to play, we are Doing Things Downtown. Supported by the City Center Partnership, Mankato’s downtown organization, the City Center includes the downtown core of Mankato and North Mankato. Both communities are passionate about their City Centers and work together to create a unique experience for visitors and residents. The City Center Guide is your tool to exploring and discovering all that City Center Mankato has to offer. From fine arts to fine dining, sporting events to historical attractions—we encourage you to eat, play, shop, and stay in the City Center.

WHAT’S ONLINE
citycentermankato.com

VISIT CITY CENTER MANKATO INSTANTLY!
Information on planning your custom getaway is a click away.

Search where to dine and drink, where to stay, and what to do at citycentermankato.com. Our dynamic website is filled with information and tips to give you an insider’s view of the City Center in no time.

PLAN IT - Learn all about the activities and hot spots the City Center Mankato has to offer.

MAP IT - Find fun while exploring the interactive maps.

FOLLOW US - Join the community online and follow City Center Mankato on social media.
written by Dakota Spiritual leader Amos Owen calls for reconciliation by all people.

In 2012, a memorial was installed listing the names of the 38 Dakota warriors hanged on December 26, 1862. The monument, designed by Martin and Linda Bernard of Winona, is a 10-by-4-foot leather-looking scroll crafted out of fiberglass. One side bears the names of the 38 men and the other contains a poem by Katherine Hughes and a prayer by Eli Taylor. The theme of the memorial is “Forgive Everyone Everything.”

Across the street from Reconciliation Park, on the grounds of the Blue Earth County Library, the U.S.-Dakota War Historic Marker recounts the events of the conflict. Its solitary red pipestone feather and limestone pedestal represent the heritage of the Dakota. Nearby, Thomas Miller’s Winter Warrior, a limestone statue depicting a Dakota Warrior, was installed in 1987 in commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the mass execution.

More information can be found at the Visit Mankato website (visitgreatermankato.com) or by visiting the Blue Earth County History Center & Museum.
Each May since 2011, CityArt (a joint program of the City Center Partnership and Twin Rivers Council for the Arts) installs a new group of sculptures in the City Centers of Mankato and North Mankato. Over the life of the program, the Walking Sculpture Tour has placed $1.7 million in rotating public art in the City Center’s public spaces and helped add 16 works to our permanent public collection.

The 2016 tour includes 27 works formed from bronze, stainless steel, found materials and even a reclaimed Volkswagen Beetle! Approximately half of the statues were created by Minnesota-based artists—and a few Mankato natives. It also features artists from across North America. The CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour is made possible each year by more than 50 financial and in-kind sponsors who join together to give our community the gift of art.

Visitors and community members are invited to tour the works and vote for their favorite. The People’s Choice Award winner is then purchased by CityArt and added to the City Center’s permanent public art collection.

Get cultured by exploring three downtown galleries, all within walking distance of each other. Twin Rivers Council for the Arts Emily Frentz Gallery, the Carnegie Arts Center and the 410 Project each serve a unique audience. Each is open late on Thursday nights for your pre-weekend art walk.

- Noelle Lawton
Sibley Park is one of my family’s favorite places to visit. The kids enjoy the farm-themed playground and the petting zoo, and whole park becomes a true winter wonderland during the Kiwanis Holiday Lights.

- Megan Flanagan
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Barkhadle International Grocery J-7
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725 S. Front Street | Mankato, MN

Becky’s Floral & Gift Shoppe J-7
(507) 345-7800 | beckysfloral.com
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Bedding Superstore J-7
(507) 388-2337
429 S. 2nd Street | Mankato, MN

Bent River Outfitter L-3
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Computer Technology Solutions, Inc. J-4
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200 Belgrade Avenue | North Mankato, MN

Cub Foods West G-8
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1200 S. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

Denco Lighting L-2
(507) 345-1484 | dencolighting.com
626 N. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

Diamond Vogel Paint Center L-3
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Earl Johnson Furniture J-7
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Emy Frenzt Art Guild J-7
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Encore! Consignment & Bridal Boutique K-4
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Family Dollar Store I-7
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Flowers by Jeanie I-7
(507) 385-1950 | flowersbyjeaniemankato.com
626 S. 2nd Street | Mankato, MN

Fragtastic Reef I-7
(507) 304-2579 | ragtasticreef.com
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Gallery 512 Boutique I-7
(507) 354-5120 | gallery512boutique.com
611 N. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

Generations Antiques I-7
(507) 345-7551
615 S. Front Street | Mankato, MN

Good Day Sunshine I-7
(320) 282-5539 | gdsmankato.net
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Ink Spot Tattoo K-5
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220 E. Main Street | Mankato, MN

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424 Park Lane | Mankato, MN

Joseph’s Off Sale Liquor M-4
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402 N. 4th Street | Mankato, MN

Mankato Computer Repair L-3
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415 N. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

Mankato Halal Meat Inc. L-3
505 N. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

Mankato Mattress Man I-7
(507) 351-0709 | mankatomattressman.com
801 S. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

Marian Anderson Gallery & Framing K-8
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Meats N More G-7
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232 Dewey Street, Ste 100 | Mankato, MN

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Mecca Tattoo J-6
(507) 780-0040 | meccatattoo.com
115 S. Broad Street | Mankato, MN

Meyer & Sons TV & Appliance L-5
(507) 345-4688 | meyerandsonstvandappliance.com
120 N. Broad Street | Mankato, MN

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(507) 388-9913 | mistermonogram.com
628 S. Front Street | Mankato, MN

Nicollet Bike Shop L-3
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607 N. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

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(507) 386-0600
405 N. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

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629 S. Front Street | Mankato, MN

Park Lane Liquors D-9
(507) 345-3119
410 Park Lane | Mankato, MN

Pins and Needles Alterations L-2
(507) 625-5163 | katobears.com
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Primp Boutique J-7
primpyourself.com
520 S. Front Street | Mankato, MN

Pl’s Liquor H-4
(507) 387-7405
407 1/2 Belgrade Avenue | North Mankato, MN

Quality Trading L-3
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409 N. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

R Craig Leatherworks D-8
(507) 386-0500
414 Park Lane | Mankato, MN

Retro Ron’s Record Revue I-7
(507) 625-7608 | 619 S. Front Street | Mankato, MN

Salvage Sisters Mercantile L-3
(507) 345-8575 | salvagesistersmercantile.com
613 N. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

Save Mor Jewelry M-2
(507) 345-5508 | savemorjewelry.com
816 N. 2nd Street | Mankato, MN

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Semblance I-7
(507) 441-1115 | shopsemblance.com
611 N. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

Sharon’s Craft-N-Floral Center I-4
(507) 388-7211 | sharonscraft-n-floral.com
241 Belgrade Avenue | North Mankato, MN

Something Special M-2
(507) 779-7122 | 225 Madison Avenue | Mankato, MN

Superior Threadworks L-3
(855) 743-3789 | superiorthreadworks.com
530 N. Riverfront Drive, Suite 10B | Mankato, MN

SXS Motor Sports L-4
(507) 387-7433
310 N. 2nd Street | Mankato, MN

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(507) 386-1406 | thedorkden.com
603 N. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

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429 S. 2nd Street | Mankato, MN

Tune Town L-2
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630 N. Riverfront Drive | Mankato, MN

Walgreens - Front Street I-7
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602 S. Front Street | Mankato, MN

We Got Game G-8
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The thrill of finding one of a kind pieces, from apparel to house décor, are just some of the benefits of shopping in Mankato’s City Center. I also love walking around our downtown on any given day, to enjoy the business, artistic vibe and history it offers.  

- Nichole Rojas
The City Center Campus has everything you need for a successful and enjoyable event. From ideal accommodations to exciting entertainment and nightlife, the convenience and atmosphere of the City Center Campus make any gathering special and memorable. Located within the heart of City Center Mankato, the accessible and convenient City Center Campus plays host to major meetings, conventions, and tournaments. For more information about planning a meeting or convention in the City Center, visit meetinmankato.com.

Special Offers for Convention Attendees
The new Show Us Your Convention Badge program starts in September 2016 with the opening of the Verizon Wireless Center Expansion. A number of City Center businesses—including Pub 500, Mom & Pop’s, Curiousi-Tea House and Old Town Escape—are offering special discounts and bonuses to customers who show their convention badge. For a list of participants, visit www.citycentermankato.com/showbadge or look for a “Show Your Badge” window cling.

Insider Info
Any time of day, any day of the year is a good time for ice cream. Mom & Pop’s hard scoop ice cream brings me back to when I was a little girl and my grandpa used to spoil me with one of my favorite treats, Root Beer Floats. Thank you Mom & Pop’s for making me feel like a kid again!

- Bridget Norland

The 400 and 500 blocks of South Front Street are full of entertainment options—bars, restaurants, karaoke, trivia, poker and live music. With the large variety of establishments, there is something for everyone every night of the week.

- Tom Frederick

Annual Events
There’s always something happening in the City Center, including a number of events that happen each year. This list includes several annual events. Select 2016 dates are included; please check the event organizer’s website for up to date information.

- Mankato Craft Beer Expo
  January, Verizon Wireless Center
  A showcase of craft breweries in Minnesota and the U.S.
  mankato craft beer expo.com

- Old Town Art Fair
  June, Riverfront & Washington (Old Town)
  A one-day fair full of art, music, and soul.
  oldtownartfairmn.com

- Songs on the Lawn
  Thursdays in June, Civic Center Plaza
  A lunchtime event featuring music, food, and fun.
  greatermankato.com

- Deep Valley Homecoming
  June, Betsy-Tacy Houses
  Celebrating Maud Hart Lovelace and the Betsy-Tacy books.
  betsy-tacy society.org

- Red, Hot, Boom
  July 4, Riverfront Park
  The area’s most spectacular 4th of July celebration.
  mankatosymphony.com

- United Way Human Foosball
  Mid July, 500 South Front St.
  Compete or watch the fun on Front Street.
  mankatonitedway.org/human-foosball

- Blues on Belgrade
  Late July, Belgrade Avenue
  Blues bands from all over perform.
  businessonbelgrade.org

- Ribfest
  First weekend of August, Riverfront Park
  This four-day festival includes great bands and tasty ribs.
  verizonwirelesscentermn.com

- Alive After 5
  August 11, 18 & 25, September 1, 2016, Civic Center Plaza
  Enjoy an evening of music, food and beverages.
  citycentermankato.com

- Bier on Belgrade
  September 24, 2016, Belgrade Avenue
  An Oktoberfest inspired adults-only festival.
  businessonbelgrade.org

- Mankato Marathon
  October 15-16, 2016, ends on South Front Street
  The Midwest’s boldest race ends in the City Center.
  mankatomarathon.com

- Kiwanis Holiday Lights
  November 25 - December 31, 2016, Sibley Park
  More than one million LED lights illuminate the landscape.
  kiwanisholidaylights.com

- Bells on Belgrade
  December 3, 2016, Belgrade Avenue
  A family-friendly holiday celebration.
  businessonbelgrade.org

- Christmas at the Hubbard House
  December 3-4, 2016, Hubbard House
  A look at Christmas at the turn of the last century.
  bechshistory.com
Bring a lawn chair, your co-workers and friends for an evening of live entertainment, food and beverages in City Center Mankato.