

CITY OF NORTH BEND

# Business Bulletin

Striving to support a strong local economy and the unique character of the North Bend community.



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## Quarterly Message from the Mayor

Mayor Miller shares city accomplishments from the past few months, while looking forward to upcoming projects and goals



This spring, I had the honor of celebrating the opening of a park nearly a decade in the making. It involved hard work and advocacy by councilmembers past and present and many project partners. It was made possible by grant funding and heartfelt support from a historic North Bend family, the Tennants.

Tennant Trailhead Park symbolizes our community's commitment to the preservation of green space, and our success in working together to honor history while creating new recreational opportunities. It's not every day that you get to open a city park, let alone an incredibly unique park that incorporates the indigenous language of the land's original stewards, the Snoqualmie Tribe.

As I wielded the massive ceremonial scissors that afternoon, ready to cut a bright red ribbon held high by community members and project partners, I took a moment, allowing this universal feeling of joy and appreciation to soak in. Local government is most successful when we hear our residents, and we work together to find solutions. As your mayor, I could not ask for anything better.

With that, let's look back at this last quarter's highlights, milestones and achievements.

### Infrastructure and Transportation Improvements

In June, we will celebrate the completion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) High Priority Improvements. This critically important project raises our infrastructure to a whole new level of environmental standards by decreasing plant odor, improving safety, increasing the protection of the Snoqualmie River, and being prepared to accept new capacity. I invite you to tour the WWTP to see your taxpayer dollars hard at work! Please stay tuned for opportunities to visit.



A WWTP tour in April 2024

Local road restoration is another integral part of annual infrastructure improvement, and this year's work is well underway. The pavement overlay project on Ribary Way is now complete, and overlays are expected to start on Ballarat Avenue and Cedar Falls Way later this summer.



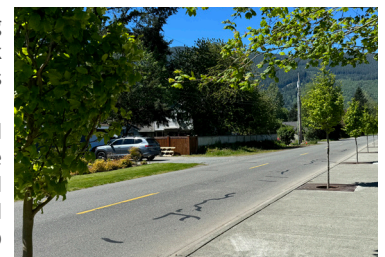
Ribary Way overlay project

We have made great strides in increasing connectivity throughout town these past few years, and it's only getting better. In May, the Council approved a Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant agreement for the 2024 Sidewalk Gaps, Multiple Locations Project. This program connects areas with missing sidewalk segments that are less than two blocks in length, improving walkability.

Beginning this month, work will start on:

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- Orchard Dr sidewalk across from Si View Park
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Equally important to creating pedestrian connectivity is the work of maintaining it, keeping segments level and reducing trip hazards. On Orchard Street, we completed what ended up being a rather time intensive project, where we removed and replaced 23 severely rootbound maple trees that were pushing up grates and beginning to damage the sidewalk.



Golden Ironwoods lining Orchard St

**TO OPT OUT, OR ADD A FRIEND**

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# ...Message from the Mayor continued

Take a walk down Orchard Street now, and you will find beautiful Golden Belltower Ironwoods lining the sidewalk, just in time for the ever-popular Farmers Market and Summer Concert season at Si View Park.

## Community Development Projects



We recognize the integral part parks and open spaces play in the lives of our residents. For the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Arbor Day Foundation recognized North Bend as a Tree City USA. Our work in preserving trees and taking care of natural resources involves implementing thoughtful policies that nurture and protect our trees, an asset our community deeply values.

Walking, biking or driving on Southeast North Bend Way, you have likely noticed continual activity just east of the Timberstone Condominium development. What you are seeing is Dahlgren Family Park, a four-acre space that will soon be open for mountain viewing, pickleball, volleyball, playground adventures, picnicking, and walking, with a new trail connection to King County's Tanner Landing Park. We are as eager as you are to get in there and test it out, but it's not quite ready yet. I am hopeful that by summer I will be wielding those giant scissors yet again and cutting that ribbon so that we can all fully enjoy another new city park.



*Dahlgren Family Park, open soon*

In addition to expanding outdoor recreation, we also continue our work in ensuring a diverse array of housing options here in North Bend. With the City's purchase of 230 Main Avenue, we are doing exactly that. The property will provide rental homes for local workers, affordable to families making not more than 60% of King County Average Median Income (AMI). With asbestos abatement and demolition of the two structures now complete, expect to see a Request for Proposals released this summer with proposals to the Council late this year.



*230 Main Avenue in North Bend*



*Traverse apartments, at 436<sup>th</sup> Ave SE*

And in May, I toured the now complete Traverse apartments, a new neighborhood at the corner of 436<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and SE 136<sup>th</sup> Street. Traverse offers 128 units along with a clubhouse and office space. Approximately 28 of the new apartments are designated as affordable housing for households earning 80% or less of the King County Area AMI. I enjoyed immersing myself in this new neighborhood and look forward to meeting more of you.

Demolition of an old building has wrapped up on the site of the future 121-room Wyndham La Quinta/Hawthorn hotel, located at the North Bend Premium Outlet Mall. The site is right now going through inspection in preparation for construction. I donned my hardhat and toured the site at the start of demolition this spring. Upon meeting demo superintendent Rob Christensen, I must say that I second his sentiments: this is a long-awaited and much needed project in our community.



*Mayor Miller, Rob Christensen*

The outlet mall will continue being open and operational throughout this work, and I am confident it will add life and beauty to our town. Pedestrian and street improvements in this area will also encourage visitors to take the short – and soon to be improved – stroll downtown.

## New Businesses



I enjoyed celebrating the grand opening of Snoqualmie Valley Real Estate's new office in May. It is located at 101 Park Street and it is full of locally curated art and of course smiling faces. I hope you will join me on June 13 for another ribbon cutting celebrating the Hartwood Café!

Also open now is the Discount Liquidation Depot, just down Bendigo, at the North Bend Premium Outlet Mall, and opening in July in the outlet mall will be the local nonprofit, Treasures in Heaven Thrift Store.

## Budget

Our Fiscal Sustainability and Economic Development Initiatives study continues to make headway. With the support of an economic development consultant, this study is establishing a holistic strategy to further develop our economy and strengthen our finances for long-term, local economic development. The study involves a series of scenarios that are presented to the Council throughout the year, which serve as an evaluation tool to see what direction a policy may lead with respect to our finances. The study's third scenario will be presented to the Council in a Workstudy this month.

Staff has also begun the important work of developing the City's next biennial budget, for 2025 through 2026. Finance Director Martin Chaw will be submitting the Mayor's proposed budget to Council in the fall for review. The new budget will be adopted in December.

## Public Safety



*Police Chief Lynch and Fire Chief Lane at Chat with the Chiefs*

It has been a busy spring, and public safety is certainly an important part of it. In fact, we are working right now on the renegotiation of our contract with our neighbor city, Snoqualmie, for police services. Our current contract will end on December 31. Ensuring public safety and this local level of service meets your expectations is essential to my role as your mayor.

Another fresh add to public safety is a satellite police station that will be moving into the North Bend Premium Outlets this summer! Thanks to collaborative work between outlet mall owners Simon Properties, Snoqualmie-North Bend Police and the City, you can expect to see more local police presence in this area.

## Community Engagement

In April, we celebrated 17 North Bend Citizens Academy graduates. Now its second year in operation, the eight-week course guided people through various aspects of city operations, including administration and history, legal, public records and information, parks, finance, fire and police, public works and infrastructure, and community and economic development. Participants were deeply engaged in learning throughout the process, and we look forward to seeing how they choose to engage with the City moving forward.



*Citizens Academy grads with councilmembers*

We've had some downright exquisite (and wild) spring weather this year. Whether it is community litter clean-up with the Downtown Foundation, or landscaping and winter clean-up at home, residents are busy preparing for another beautiful North Bend summer. Your city is ready, too! We brought back the useful North Bend Yard Waste Program on select Saturdays at the North Bend Public Works building. Funded by the King County Waste Reduction and Recycling Program, this event is an appreciated service that will continue through October.



*Sip Suds and Si and Art Off the Rails: two spring events that bring community*

Community spirit and support for our local businesses and organizations is alive and growing here in our mountain town. I saw so many of you enjoying live music downtown at the JazzClubsNW's Jazz Walk in April, and businesses were packed last month at the North Bend Downtown Foundation's Sip Suds and Si event.

June 15 will mark North Bend Art and Industry's second Art Off the Rails festival here at Taylor Park, and July 20 will bring you another community-filled Downtown Block Party. I very much look forward to celebrating local businesses, art, music and more with you. Events such as these enliven our streets and parks, and they support our local businesses.

So, please keep up the good work! Your participation, feedback and input make North Bend the highly livable community that it is.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Mary*



# Local Entrepreneurs

"Dreams do not come true just because you dream them. It's hard work that makes things happen. It's hard work that creates change." - Shonda Rhimes; TV screenwriter, producer, and author

## The Village Project: A North Bend community hub in the making

Local resident Anne Granderson is bringing a whole new level of work-life balance to North Bend families of young children with her new business, The Village Project. The community hub will offer those with children (from birth to age five) a flexible space to play, work and grow.

The Village Project team is transforming the conventional approach to an indoor play space, making it look and feel beautiful, while also connecting a common space for parents to talk or work while their children play in a supportive environment. In addition to play space and a common area, the Village Project will offer family-centered office space.

The Village Project is a dream turned reality for Anne. With a background in education and training in parent education and support, she found two local businesses who shared her vision to help young families. Anne collaborated with Mt. Si Gymnastics, where she ran a series of Mt. Si Mama support groups, and in 2019, she opened The Village at Ignite. Working with IGNITE Dance and Yoga, Anne safely ran a remote learning program throughout the pandemic that eventually transformed into a wide variety of programs and care for children.

"As a parent coach and mom of four, I've seen and experienced how overwhelming and isolating it can be to become a parent," said Anne.

Our mission is to create opportunities for connection and support for young families.

This will look different for every family, but our hope is that The Village Project fosters new relationships, a strong sense of community and so much FUN!"

"Modern families may live far away from other relatives or want to create their own support systems and 'villages' amidst busy schedules, social media pressures and the demands of life in general."

The Village Project services include:

- Open playtime
- Enrichment classes
- Birthday parties
- Drop-off play care, with one-to-two-hour sessions
- The Village Explorers Program
- Family events
- Office rentals for providers or entrepreneurs to work with the benefit of on-site childcare for their clients
- Venue space (think workshops, book clubs and more)

Located at 203 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, The Village Project will likely be ready for "open play" and events beginning in July. Additional programs are expected to launch in September.

Learn more about The Village Project and opportunities to join the team by visiting [www.thevillageprojectnorthbend.com](http://www.thevillageprojectnorthbend.com).

**Thank you for working to increase community connections, The Village Project!**



## Congratulations to North Bend dance group, IGNITE Blaze

*Dancing towards a dream: IGNITE Blaze heads to World of Dance Finals, written by Melissa Grant in Living Snoqualmie, June 4*

As shared by Living Snoqualmie this month, IGNITE Blaze, a small group of dancers at local business IGNITE Dance and Yoga, has been selected to compete at the prestigious World of Dance finals in Los Angeles this summer.

This honor is particularly special as their routine, choreographed by IGNITE owner Katie Black, is the only one in Washington to receive this prestigious invitation. This exciting journey to the finals represents a significant milestone for the dancers and the entire IGNITE community. To make this dream a reality, they are organizing a special donation-based class led by the dancers who will represent them on the world stage.

These talented dancers are hosting a one-time contemporary dance class, open to dancers of all levels aged eight and above, earning donations to be split among dancers, one chaperone and the coach to cover entry fees and travel expenses for their trip. IGNITE Dance and Yoga is located at 472 E North Bend Way. Learn more by reading the full article at [www.livingsnoqualmie.com](http://www.livingsnoqualmie.com).

**Congratulations, IGNITE Dance and Yoga team!**



Photo courtesy LivingSnoqualmie.com: World of Dance Donation Class led by IGNITE dancers Finley Gillespie, Jada Hattley, Avery Jerome, Abbie Lacina, Casey Tebben, and Parker Weiss

Email Economic Development Manager, James Henderson ([jhenderson@northbendwa.gov](mailto:jhenderson@northbendwa.gov))!

**INTERESTED IN SHARING SOMETHING INNOVATIVE YOUR TEAM IS DOING HERE IN NORTH BEND?**

# Updates from your local & North Bend Downtown Foundation SnoValley Chamber of Commerce

## From your Downtown Foundation

As summer fast approaches and the days grow longer, the North Bend Downtown Foundation (NBDF) has been bustling with activity, working tirelessly to enhance the vibrancy of our beloved downtown. Our Economic Vitality Committee is currently collecting valuable insights from a recent survey sent to local businesses, ensuring that our actions align with the needs and aspirations of our community.

**Sip Suds & Si** - In May, residents and visitors alike spent an evening downtown, indulging in local and regional flavors during the much-anticipated Sip Suds and Si. This celebration showcased exquisite wines, local artisans and musicians along with crafted brews and breathtaking views.

**The North Bend Downtown Block Party** - Mark your calendars for July 20, noon to 10 p.m.! Block Party is set to be a day filled with fun, music, art and festivities. It's a perfect opportunity for families to come together, enjoy live music, eat locally and experience the heart of our town in full swing.

**The Early Ford V8 Club of America-Puget Sound** - A car show on July 21, from 9 to 2 p.m. the day after Block Party! This event promises to be a treat for car enthusiasts and history buffs alike, featuring classic models that have shaped America's love affair with the automobile.

**Meet-Up Clean-Up** - A heartfelt thank you to all who have joined our monthly clean-up events. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed! The next meet-up is June 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Train Depot. We're rolling up our sleeves for garbage pick-up *and* weeding because a clean town is a happy town! Celebrate after at Volition Brewing and save 10% on any Volition beer for (21+).

**Community After Hours event** - All are welcome! On June 25, from 5 to 7 p.m., stop by Volition Brewing and meet new people, enjoy door prizes and experience the joy of building community.

And, we'd love to invite you to volunteer with NBDF! We're on the lookout for passionate individuals to join our committees:

- Design
- Promotion
- Economic Vitality
- Outreach

Volunteering with us is more than just giving your time; it's about making a difference and shaping the future of Downtown North Bend.

Interested in joining our efforts? Reach out and learn how you can become a part of our team. Together, let's continue building and strengthening our community, step-by-step.

For more information or to express your interest in volunteering, please email [jessica@northbenddowntown.org](mailto:jessica@northbenddowntown.org). Let's make Downtown North Bend a place where business thrives and community flourishes!



## From your SnoValley Chamber

Greetings from the SnoValley Regional Chamber of Commerce! We're excited to share with you some wonderful initiatives and events we have planned for 2024. Do you know what a chamber of commerce does? Here's a heartfelt overview:

We are made up of local business representatives dedicated to promoting and protecting the interests of the business community. Here's how we help:

- **Advocacy:** Representing business' interests at local and regional levels via committees, coalitions and governmental affairs initiatives. Candidate forums and legislative guidance exemplify our commitment to advocacy
- **Networking:** Providing opportunities to fostering valuable relationships
- **Support:** Training and resources to help businesses succeed and grow
- **Economic Development:** Promoting new businesses and tourism
- **Community Engagement:** Strengthening bonds between businesses and the community by fostering a sense of togetherness
- **Connection:** Connecting members to a network of businesses and leaders Regular business evaluations and a referral system enhance visibility
- **Responsible Tourism:** Collaborating with key partners like Visit Seattle, Bellevue and Issaquah, and highlighting local heritage like the Snoqualmie Tribe's history underscore our dedication to responsible tourism

- **Education:** Workshops, seminars, expert speakers and a resource library provides educational opportunities. Our monthly newsletter and peer-to-peer education initiatives foster knowledge sharing among members

This year, we partnered with the City of North Bend to launch new projects designed to enhance community engagement and experience:

- ✓ We created a mobile information center through the SnoValley app, with easy access to events, business listings and resources. Download the app in your phone's app store. Find "Discover Snoqualmie Valley."
- ✓ We introduced walking historical tours for each city. And, stay tuned for summer scavenger hunts, such the popular Star Wars-themed hunt on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the Twin Peaks-themed hunt in February.
- ✓ We are launching enhanced shop local campaigns and sharing comprehensive community guides that showcase our businesses. If you are a biking enthusiast, be sure check out our new biking magazine and regional bike map.
- ✓ We are gearing up for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, anticipating lots of visitors and opportunities. We remain committed to supporting local businesses and helping them prepare for this global event.

Please join us in exploring and celebrating what makes North Bend and the Valley special. Your participation and support make our community vibrant and strong.

We appreciate your continued support. Please stop by our office in the Umpqua Bank building anytime to visit, pick up local trail maps and more!



Photo by Don Detrick



# Upcoming Sidewalk Gap Removal Projects

**NORTH BEND**  
easy to reach... hard to leave

## Increasing connectivity throughout North Bend

At the May 7 City Council meeting, the North Bend Council unanimously approved a Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant agreement for the 2024 Sidewalk Gaps, Multiple Locations Project.

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The program began in 2021, with the Council's approval to continue the program in 2022 and 2023. The 2024 TIB grant agreement will cover a maximum of \$500,000 for four connectivity projects, with a required match from the City in the amount of \$937,500.

Construction is anticipated to begin this summer and fall. Learn more about these projects and more by visiting [www.northbendwa.gov](http://www.northbendwa.gov).

## City welcomes new staff

### Public Works, Community and Economic Development departments

The City of North Bend recently welcomed two new staff members to our team!



**Mike Mayen** is the City's project engineer who works closely with Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). He joined North Bend on April 16. Mike attended school at Montana State University, and has about six years of experience in civil engineering. He most recently worked as a development review engineer for the City of Sammamish.

Mike grew up near Poughkeepsie, New York, and now lives (and works) in North Bend.

What does he love most about North Bend? The outdoors and pedestrian connectivity throughout town. "I love North Bend's access to the outdoors. I spend almost all of my free time in the winter up at Snoqualmie Pass and any free time I have in the summer climbing and running on trails near town," he said.

"I feel very fortunate to live and work in North Bend because I can spend as little time as possible in a car and more time in the mountains!"



**Brandi Cavallo** is the City's new permit technician/planning assistant. Stop by City Hall nearly any day and Brandi will likely be the first person you talk to at the front desk!

For the last seven years, Brandi worked for the Covington Water District, moving her way through customer service to billing. Brandi is originally from Canada. She

moved to Lake Tapps when she was 10, and now lives in King County, married, with three young children and "an insane St. Bernard!"

What does she love most about North Bend? "The warmth and welcoming attitudes from the citizens, and the beautiful views."

Curious about employment opportunities at the City of North Bend? Keep an eye out for jobs by visiting the City's Employment Opportunities webpage, found at [www.northbendwa.gov](http://www.northbendwa.gov).

**EVERY THURS**

**Si View Farmers Market & Concert Series**

\* JUN THRU SEPT 12

**JUN 13**



**Hartwood Cafe Ribbon Cutting**



**North Bend Art & Industry: Art Off the Rails Festival**



## Off-leash park

**THREE FORKS OFF-LEASH DOG PARK:** Eight acres of mowed open space for dogs of all sizes, as well as picnic areas and access to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail.



## Now open

LEASH  
REQUIRED

**TENNANT TRAILHEAD PARK:** A 32-acre forested park with mountain bike and walking trails, and an educational kiosk. Trails have been named by the Snoqualmie Tribe, with names provided in Lushootseed (Coast Salish language) and English.



## Opening soon

LEASH  
REQUIRED

**DAHLGREN FAMILY PARK:** The new four-acre park will soon be open for mountain viewing, pickleball, volleyball, playground adventures, picnicking, and walking, with a new trail connection to King County's Tanner Landing Park.



# Help keep the outdoors a welcome space for all

## Local leash laws in North Bend

**N**orth Bend residents value outdoor recreation, and with thousands of miles of surrounding trails, open spaces and parks, who better to join than our local dogs?

As our community shares in all parks and trails, a "leash law" exists to help ensure everyone can safely and comfortably recreate together.

What this means: Per North Bend Municipal Code 6.08.020, pet owners must keep their pups on a leash or a chain not exceeding 15 feet in length when out and about. When in your car and safely confined, dogs do not require a leash. When home on your property, your dog must stay on your property. Pet owners can keep their dogs off leash at home but must leash up when bringing them off property.

As shared by the Washington Trails Association, here are a few tips for wearing out your dog without breaking leash laws:

- Visit an off-leash park. Three Forks Off-Leash Dog Park is a great option!
- Wear out their brains. Pack treats and work on intensive training on your walk. Test their stays against squirrels and passing dogs. After even a mile of brain-work, your pup will stop pulling and begin to poop out.
- Add some weight or give them a job. While they aren't essential, dog packs can be handy. Wear out young, energetic dogs by giving them a job—to carry their own water, bowl and snacks – even their own waste.

Thank you for taking part in helping to ensure our sidewalks, trails, parks and open spaces are fun and safe for everyone.



Rain or shine, Lisa and her dog, Harley, go for regular walks throughout North Bend.

EVERY  
**FRI**

Friday Business  
Meetups with  
SnoValley  
Innovation

JUN  
**15**

North Bend  
Yard Waste  
Recycling Event  
with the City of  
North Bend

\* MANY DATES  
THRU OCT

JUN  
**18**

NBDF  
Meet-Up  
Clean- Up  
Event



# NOW IN EFFECT

## Fireworks code amendment banning the personal use of aerial fireworks within the City of North Bend

2024 will mark the City's first summer in restricting the personal use of aerial fireworks, joining King County and many other cities in an effort to decrease fire risk and danger to people and animals.

The ordinance bans the personal use of aerial fireworks within North Bend city limits, removing "special fireworks" from the definition of those authorized for sale, use, discharge, and possession within the City. To provide law enforcement consistency for Snoqualmie-North Bend Police, the ordinance is modeled closely after the City of Snoqualmie's 2016 fireworks ordinance.

Although the new amendment to the Fireworks Code was passed by the Council in December, 2022, (NBMC 8.20.010), the State of Washington requires that fireworks ordinances such as these must wait one year after adoption to take effect, so the amendment took effect in December, 2023.

During the December 6, 2022, City Council meeting, Councilmembers shared a wide range of viewpoints on the topic of fireworks, recognizing their use as a valued tradition for many, and acknowledging the danger fireworks pose to people, animals, homes and businesses, and surrounding forests.

While personal use of aerial fireworks is prohibited within city limits, the ordinance allows for community fireworks events.

### Looking for events in Snoqualmie Valley with fireworks?



**JULY 4**  
**Red, White and BOOM**  
[www.redwhiteboomwa.org](http://www.redwhiteboomwa.org)



**JULY 4**  
**The Carnation 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration**  
[www.carnation4th.org](http://www.carnation4th.org)



**AUGUST 10 - 11**  
**The Festival at Mt. Si**  
[www.festivalatmtsi.org](http://www.festivalatmtsi.org)

### What is allowed:

- Ground fireworks
- Hand-held sparkling devices
- Smoke devices

### What is not allowed:

"Special fireworks" means any fireworks, generally large, not designed primarily for sale at retail to the public during prescribed dates and which produce visible or audible effects through combustion, deflagration, or detonation, and which must comply with federal regulations pursuant to the rules of the State Fire Marshal relating to fireworks and are classified as Class B explosives by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

- Aerial devices including bottle rockets and missiles
- Firecrackers (illegal statewide)
- Explosive devices (illegal statewide)



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**Grangestock - live music at the Sallal Grange**

**\* 4<sup>TH</sup> MON EVERY MONTH**



**SAVE THE DATE: North Bend Police satellite station ribbon cutting**



**NBDF Community After-Hours event at Volition Brewing**



Learn more about your local municipal water system!

The City of North Bend owns and operates a municipal water system that serves a majority of the city as well as a portion of the surrounding rural community. Residents in the eastern part of town which encompasses the Tanner and Truck Town areas are served by another local water purveyor, Sallal Water Association.

Learn more about your North Bend's municipal water system by visiting [www.northbendwa.gov](http://www.northbendwa.gov).

# The Saving Water Partnership

Opportunities to save money and resources while supporting conservation

July 2024 will mark the City's third year as a participant in the Saving Water Partnership (SWP). The SWP is a water conservation program with Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), in collaboration with 18 utility partners that purchase water from SPU.

The SWP water conservation program offers a variety of programs that empower residents and business owners to take actions that save water. Since joining the SWP, residents, businesses, a local school, and nonprofits have benefitted from several of these programs.

In addition to education, membership offers free technical support for items such as:

- on-site evaluations of residential and commercial properties to help property owners find ways of reducing water usage
- landscape programs that include training and/or on-site assessments to help property owners maintain their landscaping in a more water efficient manner
- rebate programs to buy down the cost of implementing water-saving projects

These programs are available to all City of North Bend water customers. Visit [www.northbendwa.gov](http://www.northbendwa.gov) to learn more about the Saving Water Partnership, and to see how to qualify for your free assessment. Rebates and services are available to customers who receive a water bill from the City of North Bend. For specific questions, please connect with Water Operations Manager Ted Stonebridge ([tstonebridge@northbendwa.gov](mailto:tstonebridge@northbendwa.gov)).

## How water is used inside most homes



Saving water  
can save your business  
money and  
resources.

### UPCOMING SHOWS



Live jazz at  
Boxely's, with  
JazzClubsNW



Si View Metro  
Parks' Outdoor  
Adventure  
Jamboree

### EVERY WEEK



Summer Film  
Series with Si  
View and North  
Bend Theatre

\* JUN 26 THRU  
AUG 23





# Recology King County: The City's new service provider for garbage and recycling removal

**B**eginning April 1, 2024, the City of North Bend began a new contract for garbage and recycling collection with Recology King County. The process of selecting our new collection service began in 2022 and was facilitated by Epicenter Services.

How Recology was selected as the City's new service provider: The City's 11-year contract with Republic Services expired on March 31. In preparation for this change, the City began a rigorous procurement process in 2022. The work it takes to procure a new city contract for solid waste collection can take several years.

Upon moving through the procurement process, the City recognized that an increase in rates was unavoidable regardless of the selected service provider. The procurement in 2022 resulted in three bids for solid waste services:

- *Waste Management*
- *Recology*
- *Republic Services*

Of note, Waste Management was most costly. Between the two other bids provided by Recology and Republic Services, there was an approximate three percent difference in cost, with Republic being slightly less. However, the Council carefully reviewed all contracts, considering resident feedback from recent years that reflected citizen dissatisfaction with Republic's service. Residents reported a recurring lack of support during winter storms and out-of-state union strikes, notably during 2019 and 2022.

The Council wanted a better level of service than Republic Services was providing, and Recology's solid performance in contract compliance, customer service, community outreach, and education in other communities provided the increased service residents felt was lacking. To learn more about selecting Recology as the City's new garbage and recycling collection provider, read the March 21, 2023 City Council Packet available at [www.northbendwa.gov](http://www.northbendwa.gov).

## A brief historical overview on the City's original contract with Republic Services

The City of North Bend was able to extend its original, uniquely lower cost contract with Republic Services twice, in 2019 and 2021. The contract was originally procured following the 2008 recession,

## Helpful Resources

- ✓ Visit [www.recology.com/recology-king-county/north-bend](http://www.recology.com/recology-king-county/north-bend)
- ✓ Recology Store: 317 Gilman Blvd, #22, Issaquah
- ✓ Call Recology: (425) 448-6220  
Text Recology: (206) 369-8604
- ✓ Email [North-Bend@recology.com](mailto:North-Bend@recology.com)
- ✓ Frequently asked questions and answers about the City's new contract with Recology can be found by visiting [www.northbendwa.gov](http://www.northbendwa.gov)

when inflation was dramatically lower compared to today's economy. For years, North Bend residents have benefitted from lower cost garbage and recycling services compared to most neighboring cities.

Recology as the City of North Bend's new service provider: On March 21, 2023, the Council approved a 12-year contract with Recology. Recology is an established provider serving 11 cities in the region.

We appreciate the community's cooperation and patience during this change.

A new helpful tool in understanding this change is review of commonly asked questions we have received from North Bend residents, along with answers found on the City website ([www.northbendwa.gov](http://www.northbendwa.gov)).



## New benefits include:

- Increased service requirements during labor interruptions
- Credit for services missed after 1 week of service interruption
- Inclement weather benefits
- Free collection of unflocked, undecorated holiday trees
- Discounted bulky item collection
- Access to the Recology Store/Center in Issaquah
- Local call center with texting
- More reliable service, lower emissions with new vehicles
- Additional performance fees for unsatisfactory hauler performance
- Additional recycling, composting education
- A 12-year contract - translates to lower rates for customers
- A cap at 5% on inflation-related annual adjustments



## UPCOMING SHOWS



Performances, staged readings at Valley Center Stage

**JUNE 29**



Family Fun Day - Summer Reading Kickoff at the North Bend Library

**JUL 15**



Story Walks at local parks with Si View Metro Parks

\* JUL 15 THRU JUL 21





## COMMISSIONER HIGHLIGHT

# Beth Burrows

### Community & Economic Development

This quarter, we are spotlighting Community and Economic Development (CED) Commissioner, Beth Burrows. She has called North Bend her hometown since 1989 when logging was going strong and the New Si View neighborhood was still a golf course. The Burrows family are local business and nonprofit owners as well, having owned the historic North Bend Theatre since 2018. "My husband and I raised two lovely, kind children here and met the most fantastic people, friends, and neighbors as we volunteered for multiple PTAs, classrooms, Scouts, and soccer," Beth says.

**What attracted you to join the Economic Development Commission and what do you see as a priority for the Commission?**

>> Curiosity spurred me to give this Economic Development Commission a try. I did not know how the City commissions all work together with the Council to make positive impacts on our economic environment through careful and thoughtful planning. It is such a thrill to spend time with other North Bend citizens from all walks to craft plans for the future.

**Where would you like to see North Bend's economy in 10 years?**

>> Thriving art venues throughout the city with public art, an artist live/work campus, and exciting live music, theatre, and film projects ongoing throughout the year has given our family so much. I felt that one way I could give back and help shape the future of this special place was to put my professional experience in marketing and communications to use working with the EDC. The outdoor economy is a major driving force for our city and the Valley. I want to see us harness those opportunities to drive smart, sustainable

economic growth for our citizens.

**What are your plans for the North Bend Theatre, and where do you see it in 10 years?**

>> Future plans for the theatre involve the newly-formed non-profit, Friends of the North Bend Theatre, hosting an annual multi-day, multi-venue film festival and developing a thriving program for new filmmakers. And of course, everyone's secret wish....replace the seats!



The historic North Bend Theatre, located at 125 Bendigo Blvd N

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) is an advisory body to city administration and the City Council.

Originally created in 1996, the EDC's purpose is to provide recommendations to the City Council for North Bend's economic growth and development. Comprised of North Bend residents and business owners, the EDC plays an important role in supporting local businesses and North Bend's future growth.

Two projects the EDC is working on this year include:

- **An Outdoor Recreation Marketing Campaign:** Look forward to seeing promotional material that will market responsible recreation opportunities in a variety of ways – via visitor guides, websites, and social media.
- **A Small Business Expansion Guide:** We are always looking for ways to improve transparency and simplify the process for small business startup and growth, and this tool will help.



Downtown  
Block Party  
with the NBDF



Theater in the  
Park at Si View

\* JUL 20 THRU  
JUL 21



Downtown  
Car Show -  
Early Ford  
V8 Club of  
America-  
Puget Sound



# Merchants' Corner

< **Business-focused updates and events for local merchants and nonprofit organizations** >

**TUESDAY, JUN. 18, 4 - 6 PM:** Meet at the Train Depot alongside businesses and residents for the monthly litter **Meet-Up Clean-Up** event downtown. The NBDF will supply all pick-up tools.

**TUESDAY, JUN. 25, 5 - 7 PM:** Save the date for the **June Community After Hours** event at Volition Brewing Co. This after hours meet-up will include an opportunity to mingle with business neighbors, residents, and the NBDF!

**EVERY FRIDAY, 12 - 1 PM:** Are you an entrepreneur, or thinking about it? Dreaming of a startup, or do you have your own business already? The SnoValley Innovation Center hosts a **weekly open forum**, where a network of peers connect on various business-related topics. Learn more: [www.snovalleyinnovation.com](http://www.snovalleyinnovation.com).

**WEDNESDAY, JUN. 26, 11 - 1 PM:** The **June Chamber Luncheon - Legislative Update Panel** event is an excellent opportunity for our business community to stay informed about recent legislative developments affecting our district.



## HELP VISITORS DISCOVER YOU LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

### Is your business or nonprofit organization locally listed?

DiscoverNorthBend.com is a tourism website that branches from and links to the [www.northbendwa.gov](http://www.northbendwa.gov) website. The purpose of this site is to provide information to visitors who want to explore beautiful North Bend, with a concentration on economic development and tourism.

The North Bend business directory on DiscoverNorthBend.com helps support our local economy by providing another form of connectivity. In this directory you will find information on a wide variety of organizations.

The service is free to all North Bend businesses and nonprofit organizations. Don't see your local business or nonprofit listed in the business directory? Email Bre Keveren ([bkeveren@northbendwa.gov](mailto:bkeveren@northbendwa.gov)) the following to submit your information:

- Business Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Website/social media link

#### UPCOMING CLASSES



**The Trail Youth Coffee Home**

**AUG 10**



**The Festival at Mt. Si**

**\* AUG 10 THRU AUG 11**

**AUG 22**



**Movie in the Park at Si View Park**



NORTH  
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# DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY



BEER & WINE GARDEN  
OPENS @ 2PM

JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>  NOON-10<sup>PM</sup>

PERFORMANCES BY

CASCADE DANCE - EDEN - Z-ULTIMATE

CYLAS - IGNITE DANCE

WHISKY RIVER - GOLDEN WEST

MARMALADE - SMOKEY BRIGHTS

KID ZONE - MUSIC - FOOD TRUCKS

VENDORS - ARTS & CRAFTS

[NORTHBENDDOWNTOWN.ORG](http://NORTHBENDDOWNTOWN.ORG)



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