

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

City of North Bend Newsletter

City Council Meetings

July 7 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Cancelled

July 21 - 7:00 p.m. via
Zoom

July 28 - 7:00 p.m.
Work Study via Zoom

Aug. 4 - 7:00 p.m. via
Zoom

Aug. 18 - 7:00 p.m. via
Zoom

Aug. 25 - 7:00 p.m.
Work Study via Zoom

Yardwaste Recycling Event to be Held on Saturday, July 11



The City of North Bend will hold another Yardwaste Recycling day on Saturday, July 11th.

Yard waste from residents and property owners in the North Bend zip code will be accepted on select Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at the North Bend Public Works Shop located at 1155 E. North Bend Way.

Please see the [Yardwaste Recycling flyer](#) for all 2020 dates and accepted waste and items.



Phase 1



Phase 2



Phase 3



Phase 4

King County Now Approved for Phase Two of Governor Inslee's Safe Start Reopening Plan

King County announced on June 19th that following an application to the Washington State Department of Health, the county has now moved into phase 2 under the state's phased reopening of business, recreational and social activities. This phase allows businesses and activities to resume with limited capacity that meets specific requirements.

More information can be found at [Safe Start King County](#). For updates about COVID-19, visit the City's website at: [COVID-19 Resources](#).

Statewide Mask Wearing Requirement in Effect Friday

Governor Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman announced a statewide mandatory face covering order during a press conference on Tuesday, June 23rd that will take effect this Friday, June 26th. This directive requires everyone in Washington to wear a mask in all indoor public spaces and outdoor public areas where it is not feasible to socially distance from others.

According to a press release from the governor's office, the order is in response to reports of increasing COVID-19 case counts that may lead to overwhelming the health care system. Recent models suggest that wearing masks is one of the best ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Exemptions include individuals with certain medical conditions, those who are deaf, and children under the age of 5; although they are encouraged to wear face coverings in public.

The mandate also allows for removing face coverings under certain circumstances, including while eating or drinking at a restaurant, while communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, and while outdoors in public areas, provided that social distancing may be maintained, according to the release.

This order is in addition to the Phase 2 directives of the Safe Start Reopening Plan, found here: [Safe Start Washington](#).

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North Bend Farmers Market is Back at Si View Park



Come taste the freshness and find an amazing selection of seasonal, locally grown produce - all at the Farmers Market, held every Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. until September 10th at Si View Park. This season starts as a much smaller and modified operation with farm and processor vendors only, and new procedures in place to ensure safety of shoppers, vendors and staff. Please review the modified [operations plan](#) before your visit, and adhere to our [shopper guidelines](#).

Come shop local at the North Bend Farmers Market and taste the difference!

City of North Bend Cancels the 2020 Downtown Block Party

City of North Bend regrets to announce the cancellation of the 2020 Downtown Block Party, originally scheduled for July 18th and the Legends Car Show, on July 18th and 19th.

The decision to cancel these events is due to a combination of social distancing concerns, anticipated lack of sponsorship funds and the uncertainty of which phase of the Safe Start reopening plan that King County will be in during the scheduled event.



The City is working on other ways to enhance North Bend businesses that will adhere to public health guidelines.

We hope to see you at next year's Downtown Block Party on July 17th, 2021.

Mayor Signs Order Allowing Expanded Recreational Activities

Mayor Rob McFarland signed [Executive Order 20-05](#) on recreational activity and the Safe Reopening Plan allowing for the public use of playgrounds, sports courts, skate parks, BMX bike parks, ballfields and picnic shelters.

Effective June 19th, 2020 the following recreational activities are allowed within North Bend city limits:

- Use of all parks and trails where 6-foot physical distancing can be maintained for groups of 5 persons or less outside of the immediate household.
- Use of ballfields and sports courts for groups of 5 persons or less outside of the

immediate household where 6-foot physical distancing can be maintained.

- Use of the Torguson Climbing Wall while maintaining a 6-foot physical separation at all times.
- Use of the Torguson Pump Track for single riders maintaining a minimum 6-foot physical separation at all times.
- Use of playgrounds for small groups of 5 persons or less maintaining a 6-foot separation between children from different households.
- Use of all park restrooms with some modified hours of operation and practicing social distancing.
- Use of picnic shelters for groups of 5 persons or less.

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Eastside Fire & Rescue Offers Hiking Tips

Eastside Fire and Rescue offers these hiking safety tips:

- Avoid hiking alone on unknown trails, especially for beginners.
- Inform someone about your route and schedule.
- Wear proper footwear.
- Bring warm clothes in the event you get lost and need to stay overnight.
- Bring a first aid kit and have first aid knowledge.
- Stay well hydrated, no matter the season.
- Bring snacks.
- Check weather conditions and prepare.
- Stay on the trails, if possible.
- Bring fire starter.
- Bring a flashlight.



For a list of the best trails in and near North Bend, visit <https://www.trails.com/washington/north-bend/hiking>.

Environmental Corner: Spring Cleaning Tips

Republic Services offers these earth-friendly tips to polish up your spring cleaning efforts.

Reuse or repurpose household items for cleaning:

Many of the materials around the house can be used for cleaning and then washed and reused in place of disposable items.

- Instead of using paper towels to clean your windows and mirrors, try using old towels with your favorite glass cleaner.

- You can do the same with your floors. Ditch the disposable sweeping or mopping pads and try a fuzzy sock as a duster. You also can use a microfiber cloth with a spray cleaner for mopping.

- Want to freshen drawers or closets? Stuff an old or mismatched sock with natural scents like cinnamon sticks, lavender, whole cloves, or dried eucalyptus or bay leaves.

For more spring cleaning tips, go to: RepublicServices.com.

Burning Moratorium Declared for June 15 To Sept. 30

As wildfire season approaches, the King County Fire Marshal's Office is currently tracking fuel loads and drought conditions. As in the past several summers, it appears conditions are peaking sooner than historical averages. The County wants to be proactive in trying to reduce the risk of wildfires and associated poor air quality.

Eastside Fire & Rescue began the annual burning moratorium on June 15th. Anyone living within the boundaries of EF&R needs to be aware of these guidelines:

Cooking & Recreational Burning "Permit Required" (No fee permit).

- Not subject to the seasonal burn ban moratorium.
- Cooking and recreational fires burning wood shall use only dry seasoned wood.

- Propane, natural gas and charcoal fires do not require a burn permit.
- Cooking and recreational fires shall not be larger than 3' in diameter and 2' in height.
- A recreational fire is the same as a cooking fire, but without the food.
- Fires (with or without food) shall be contained in a barbecue pit, fire ring or other approved appliances such as portable fireplace units, now available at retailers around the region.
- Any fire using wood is subject to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency burn ban.

For questions on Eastside Fire & Rescue's annual moratorium please contact: 425-313-3200. Burn permits can now be found and downloaded from our website at: www.eastsidefire-rescue.org.