

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



August 27th marked the first day of school for many North Bend students. As is my tradition, I met up with local teachers and specialists to welcome elementary kids back for another exceptional year of learning. I saw many familiar faces, and I got a few high-fives from brand new students who were elated to begin this big, new chapter in their young lives. Thank you to all families

who have chosen North Bend as your home, and to our teachers and administrators, welcome back! You play a pivotal role in the lives of our youth.

Being a part of that “new school year” buzz alongside our local students is invigorating. Yet, with the enthusiasm comes increased traffic amidst a host of valley-wide transportation improvement projects that we must contend with – not



Part of the August 27th “welcome team” for North Bend Elementary kids

to mention an increase in pedestrians out and about.


With many years of experience in construction, I have a deep respect for the importance of robust, sustainable infrastructure. Our local roads, buildings, energy and water infrastructure must be built to last. It is imperative that the planning and designing of every project considers North Bend’s unique, mountain town economy, social and environmental needs – now and for the foreseeable future.


Please take care as you navigate through town and the Upper Valley. Crews are hard at work, and I am confident you will love the results. Enhanced wastewater treatment services, environmental conservation, improved road surfaces and accessible sidewalks are good for our community. But I understand the challenges of getting there.



Before you head out for your morning commute or gather your kids up for school, please join me for a quick look back at this summer, and a glimpse into the future with upcoming projects.

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Mon - Thurs: 8:30 - 12; 1 - 4:30

Fri: 8:30 - 12



...Message from the Mayor continued

Infrastructure and Transportation Improvements

In June, I had the honor of slicing through that ceremonial red ribbon as we celebrated the completion of the City's largest ever capital project, the Wastewater Treatment Plant High Priority Improvements. Standing atop the headworks building, I was joined by former and current elected officials, stakeholders and importantly, the staff who helped make this project a reality.



The June 17th WWTP HPI ribbon cutting

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. This investment by our taxpayers is incredibly valuable. Landscaping is anticipated to begin along Bendigo Blvd/Highway 202 following the installation and connection of the Meadowbrook Sewer ULID pipe by 2026.



Want to see your tax dollars at work? Let this be your official invite to tour the WWTP! To learn more, visit the WWTP HPI Project webpage (www.northbendwa.gov/306/Wastewater-Treatment-Plant-HPI-Project).

In addition, the City recently applied for a \$15 million federal grant to design and build a sanitary sewer collection, conveyance and lift station system in the Silver Creek neighborhood, which would bring us several miles of new sewer piping. Providing wastewater treatment in a community with a high water table ensures that sewage is treated to a high standard and that our drinking water is protected, consistent with the high environmental standards that the city is committed to provide. This would be a substantial improvement in infrastructure, and I am hopeful it will come to fruition.

In June, following a public hearing, the Council approved the adoption of the 2025 through 2030 Six-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The TIP lays out a plan for improving and maintaining our multi-modal transportation infrastructure, prioritizing projects by need and availability of funds. Look forward to a wide array of significant projects, such as McClellan Alley improvements, Tanner Trail Phases 2 and 3, a roundabout at State Route (SR) 202 and more.

With a healthy combo of neighborly collaboration between North Bend and Snoqualmie and a 2024 traffic study by the Washington State Department of Transportation, both the North Bend and Snoqualmie City Council approved reducing the speed limit on a portion of SR 202 from 50 MPH to 40 MPH. The Snoqualmie Tribe, the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association share in our



The stretch of roadway between North Bend and Snoqualmie, on SR 202

concern for local wildlife and drivers. Traffic has increased over the years, and this segment of highway lies within the vicinity of our local elk herd. This needed safety improvement is now in effect.

Pedestrian connectivity is an ongoing project here in North Bend. In addition to removing sidewalk gaps throughout town, we are working to ensure that all our residents and visitors have equal access to public right-of-way. We are now gathering input to create an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Transition Plan. In July we began a citywide survey, encouraging residents to report right-of-way barriers within our community. If you have not had a chance yet, please do share your feedback by taking the survey, at www.northbendada.com.



You likely remember that in 2022, the Council authorized the formation of the Meadowbrook Sewer Utility Local Improvement District (ULID). Public sewer in the western portion of the City will provide property owners with development opportunities that better align with zoned uses in this area, promoting a robust commercial tax base and environmental support, with less reliance on aging septic systems. Since then, staff have been hard at work, staying on budget and on time. Design is now 60 percent complete, with construction anticipated to start in 2025.

Public Safety



City and ESF-R talk with residents about wildfires at open house events

Your councilmembers and I are strong advocates for public safety, and we understand that emergency preparedness plays a big part in ensuring the wellbeing of residents, whether it is sunny with a chance of alpenglow or 14 degrees with freezing rain on the way. Working with Eastside Fire and Rescue (ESF-R), the Snoqualmie Police Department, King County Emergency Management, our local volunteer-run North Bend Amateur Radio Emergency Services (NBAT) and neighboring cities, we are in the process of strengthening our own emergency operations planning.

This summer, ESF-R wildfire mitigation specialists and staff met with community for a series of wildfire discussions and open houses. Feedback on debris collection events, concerns regarding at-risk properties and communicating valley-wide emergencies were among many topics discussed.

Equally important to public safety is the presence of our law enforcement officers. In June, collaborative work between the Snoqualmie Police Department, Simon Properties and the City brought the opening of our first police substation, located at the North Bend Premium Outlets. The heightened presence of local police in this area is appreciated.



Community Development Projects

Accessible parks, trails, and open spaces are an integral part of our healthy community, and in June, many of you joined us in celebrating the opening of Dahlgren family Park, a four-acre space dedicated to picnicking, volleyball, pickleball and playground adventures, with new trail connections and educational features that soon will share the

...Message from the Mayor continued



Community gathered to celebrate the June 28th ribbon cutting

Thanks to a grant awarded by the Department of Ecology, staff are beginning work on an Integrated Public Shoreline Access Plan. We share in your love for local shorelines along the Middle and South Fork Snoqualmie River. As wildlife habitat, an erosion and pollutant filter, and a place of natural beauty, we want to ensure you can view access points and trails to these special places, where we can recreate respectfully. Following a community-wide survey on shoreline access, we are hosting an Open House at City Hall on September 25, at 5:30 p.m. I hope to see you there.

This summer, we invited you to join us in envisioning a new future for 302 W North Bend Way, a highly visible property in our downtown corridor. Currently a vacant lot with potentially contaminated soil from its previous use as a gas station, we put out a call in July for your thoughts on how this gateway property could be used to meet a variety of community needs. The survey received over 746 responses. Your concern and care are a testament to the importance of this place as a community resource. Please stay tuned for the survey results and visit the project webpage, at www.northbendwa.gov/421/302-West-North-Bend-Way-Redevelopment.



The property at 302 W North Bend Way

New Businesses

As we continue our focus on economic development, we were pleased to welcome new businesses in town this summer, including The Village Project, Treasures in Heaven and The Book Nest. Also fun, I had the opportunity to join in on celebrating Wildflower Barrelhouse and the Hartwood Café with the SnoValley Chamber of Commerce and the North Bend Downtown Foundation!

Budget

The Finance Department is working right now on the development of the City's next biennial budget, covering the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026. My proposed budget will be submitted for Council review in the coming months, with hopeful anticipation for adoption in December.

North Bend's long-term fiscal sustainability is important for providing essential city services to residents and businesses. To support this goal, council and staff have been working with a consultant to understand the city's near and long-term expenses and revenues and proactively implement policies to support the city's long-term fiscal health. An important element of the study's recommendation is to prioritize key economic development opportunities that will provide amenities for residents, create job opportunities, and generate city revenue.

Community Engagement

Our two biggest summer festivals, Downtown Block Party and the Festival at Mt. Si, were back this summer and they were grand! July and August brought us a fireworks show, a parade, live music, local art and longstanding traditional community events.



I anticipate seeing both familiar and new faces at the September 14th Sip Suds and Si walk, our popular event downtown that shares art, wine and beer tasting and of course, local shopping.



Residents met up for Meet up with the Mayor on September 4th

In September, I began a series of outreach opportunities called Meet up with the Mayor, where I invite residents to stop by a North Bend business and connect with me. If you could not make it, do not worry! There will be more.

As always, I am honored to serve this community. The next time you step outside, please join me in taking a deep breath, and breathing in that clean, mountain town air. Happy fall, North Bend!

Sincerely,

Mayor Mary



Mayor Miller with your North Bend City Council, from top left: Brenden Elwood, Christina Rustik, Alan Gothelf, (Mayor Mary Miller,) Mark Joselyn, Errol Tremolada, Heather Koellen and Suzan Torguson.

Local Entrepreneurs

“Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.” - Conan O'Brien, American television host, comedian and writer

The Book Nest brings North Bend its first mobile book store

Andrea Amstutz and her family moved to North Bend in the winter of 2021. As they took time to explore the Snoqualmie Valley, she noticed something was missing: a local bookstore. “As a family, reading is a big part of our life. It was a way for me to connect with my daughter as she was growing up,” she said.

Andrea describes her love of the local bookstore, noting that bookstores play an integral part of a community, serving as anchors, places of connection and engagement as well as a place to escape, or respite from day-to-day challenges.

How did she come up with The Book Nest?

“I found myself reading a book, where the main character moved to a new town and opened a mobile bookstore after losing her job at the library,” Andrea said.



The Book Nest participates in local pop-up events throughout the Valley

“I couldn’t believe that was a real thing. I soon discovered that indeed, mobile bookstores do exist! I thought it was a clever and unique model.”



Located at 322 Bendigo Boulevard S, Andrea welcomes the opportunity to share the love of reading with The Book Nest. Look for The Book Nest bus in the gravel parking lot tucked in between the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum and Huxdotter Coffee. Because The Book Nest is mobile, there is nearly no limit to local pop-up events.

The Book Nest also offers delivery for those who need it. Email booknestwa@gmail.com for information. For hours and pop-up event information, visit www.booknestwa.com.

Andrea prides herself on a diverse array of specially selected books, taking time to curate those her and her daughter have loved, and many that friends and family recommend. “There is a little something for everyone,” she said, adding that “we intend The Book Nest to be a place of fun, connection, knowledge and novelty.”

Welcome to North Bend,
The Book Nest!

Haven’t picked up a good book lately? Andrea shares some fun facts that might encourage you to stop by your new, local bookstore:

1. Reading is good for your brain.
2. Reading helps you expand your vocabulary, widen your knowledge, and it improves your writing skills.
3. Reading improves concentration.
4. Reading broadens your ideas.
5. Reading is relaxing.
6. Reading improves sleep.
7. Reading encourages empathy.
8. Importantly, reading is fun!



Email Economic Development Manager, James Henderson (jhenderson@northbendwa.gov)!

Want to share something innovate your team is doing here in North Bend? Connect with us!

...Local Entrepreneurs continued

Continuing its legacy: new owners honor Pressed On Main's reputation as a gluten-free eatery with organic cold pressed juice

Pressed On Main is a local hub for nutrient-dense foods that fuel mountain town lifestyles, and it has new owners!

In August, the Raff family carefully handed the torch to fellow business owners Dorie Ross, Kathryn Podschwit and Cheri Buell, who also have Chickadee Bakeshop of Snoqualmie.

The Raff family was careful in their search for entrepreneurs. With years of community involvement and thriving business partnerships, they felt safe with Dorie, Kathryn and Cheri.

"It is a beautiful partnership, and we are excited for the opportunity to be in this community," said Dorie.

Curious what to expect as the business continues to grow? The team values Pressed On Main's original concepts of providing healthy foods to fuel an active community. "We have a strong community that loves our fresh pressed juice," said Dorie.

Located at 208 Main Ave S, Pressed On Main will also continue to be a 100% gluten-free facility.

Residents have noticed Main Avenue has experienced a renewed feeling of vibrancy this past year, with a variety of new and growing businesses and nonprofit organizations filling local storefronts and Pressed On Main continues to be a welcome addition.

Congratulations on your new endeavor, Pressed On Main team!



Twin Peaks Nutrition and Wellness Boutique continues to offer new services, with health and vitality in mind for North Bend

Twin Peaks Nutrition and Wellness Boutique has been a trusted source for whole body healing and nutrition for many years, and in 2023 the North Bend business moved one block from North Bend Way to Main Avenue. Twin Peaks stands out in many ways, one being that the business consistently offers new and innovative services.

"It's a community hub where health, healing and happiness come together. At Twin Peaks, we believe in nurturing the whole person: body, mind, and spirit," said owner Sharon Hockenbury.

Though her storefront is beautifully tucked in on Main Avenue, Twin Peaks Nutrition and Wellness Boutique has an abundance of space within the building at 111 W North Bend Way, with a variety of services, including nutrition and wellness consultation, hypnosis, reiki and energy healing, a coaching and mentorship program, group fitness and wellness classes and more.



Twin Peaks Nutrition and Wellness Boutique owner, Sharon Hockenbury

Why Twin Peaks? A Personal Journey to Wellness

Sharon has curated carefully and mindfully Twin Peaks Nutrition and Wellness Boutique because she saw a need for a more personalized, holistic approach to health in our community. As someone with decades of experience in natural health, wellness

and herbalism, she wanted to create a place where people could find trustworthy guidance, high-quality products, and a sense of belonging.

"Too often, individuals feel overwhelmed by conflicting health information or stuck in routines that don't serve them," Sharon said. Her mission with Twin Peaks Nutrition and Wellness is to provide a different experience—a place where knowledge is empowering and where every person's unique journey is respected.

Thank you for being an integral part of the North Bend community, Twin Peaks Nutrition and Wellness!



Updates from your local

& North Bend Downtown Foundation
SnoValley Chamber of Commerce

From your Downtown Foundation

This summer, downtown North Bend was alive with community engagement, exciting events, and important initiatives! Here's a recap of our recent activities and a look at what's on the horizon.

In July, we hosted our annual Downtown Block Party! With over 75 vendors, community performances, local bands, a beer and wine garden and an army of volunteers, the event drew thousands of attendees for a day of fun and connection. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made the day possible. We also collaborated with the Classic Car Show. It was a fantastic addition to the weekend. We hope to bring the car show back in 2025!

Our Economic Vitality and Outreach Committees partnered with TruView360 to help downtown businesses upgrade their Google Business Profiles. This initiative has strengthened the online presence of local businesses, making it easier for residents and visitors to find and support them.

Our Design Committee led monthly Meet-Up Cleanups, where dedicated volunteers met to beautify downtown and keep it trash-free. We appreciate everyone who helped maintain our town's charm and appeal.

In September, we hosted the Sip Suds and Si Art, Tastings and Music

Walk, an event that showcased local art, live music and wine and beer tastings downtown. Despite a few rain showers, the atmosphere was filled with joy and community spirit, making the evening one to remember!

We were delighted to connect with local businesses and community members during our Community After Hours events at Twin Peaks Wellness Boutique and Wildflower Barrel House, where live music and complimentary treats set the stage for networking and conversation.

Our Merchant Meeting at Trail Youth Coffee Home was a key moment for local businesses, as we discussed ways to become safe spaces for teens and shared training on how to engage with local youth.

A highlight was the completion of the vibrant new mural on the back of the Iron Duck Public House. A huge thank you to the Snoqualmie Tribe for their generous contribution and to artist Sarah. The mural is a beautiful addition to our downtown corridor.

Looking ahead, we have exciting events coming up! On October 26, join us for **Trick-Or-Treat Street**, a free, family-friendly event where costumes are encouraged. Then, mark your calendars for our annual **Holiday Tree Lighting** on December 7. Stay tuned for details!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our summer events and initiatives. We look forward to seeing you again as we continue to strengthen and celebrate our vibrant downtown community!



From your SnoValley Chamber

We have some exciting news and celebrations to share with the North Bend community!

Transportation Option: Community Van in North Bend

The SnoValley Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce a new partnership with Hopelink and King County Metro to bring the Community Van service to North Bend. The convenient ridesharing solution is designed to fill gaps where traditional public transit might not reach. Whether you're commuting or running errands, the Community Van offers a flexible, community-focused way to get around. These vans are housed at the SnoValley Chamber office in North Bend.

This partnership aligns with our C.A.R.E. strategic plan:

- **Connections:** Strengthening ties within the community through shared transportation options.
- **Advocacy:** Supporting sustainable transportation solutions that meet local needs.
- **Responsible Tourism:** Reducing traffic while promoting local attractions.
- **Education:** Sharing valuable resources like the Community Van to

enhance mobility. To learn more about how the Community Van can benefit you, visit us at 128 W 2nd St (Umpqua Bank building).

What the Chamber of Commerce Represents to the Community

The Chamber of Commerce is a vital link between businesses, residents and government. We advocate for local businesses, foster relationships, and promote a thriving, sustainable community. By offering resources, networking and driving economic growth, the Chamber helps make the community a vibrant place to live, work and play.

30th Anniversary Celebration of the North Bend Library

We were honored to celebrate the North Bend Library in September, a true hub of knowledge and connection for our community. Thank you to the library for an unwavering dedication to learning and collaboration. Here's to many more years of service!

Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings and Events

We recently celebrated ribbon cuttings for **Hartwood Cafe** and **Treasures in Heaven** and are excited for two more:

The Village Project: September 26

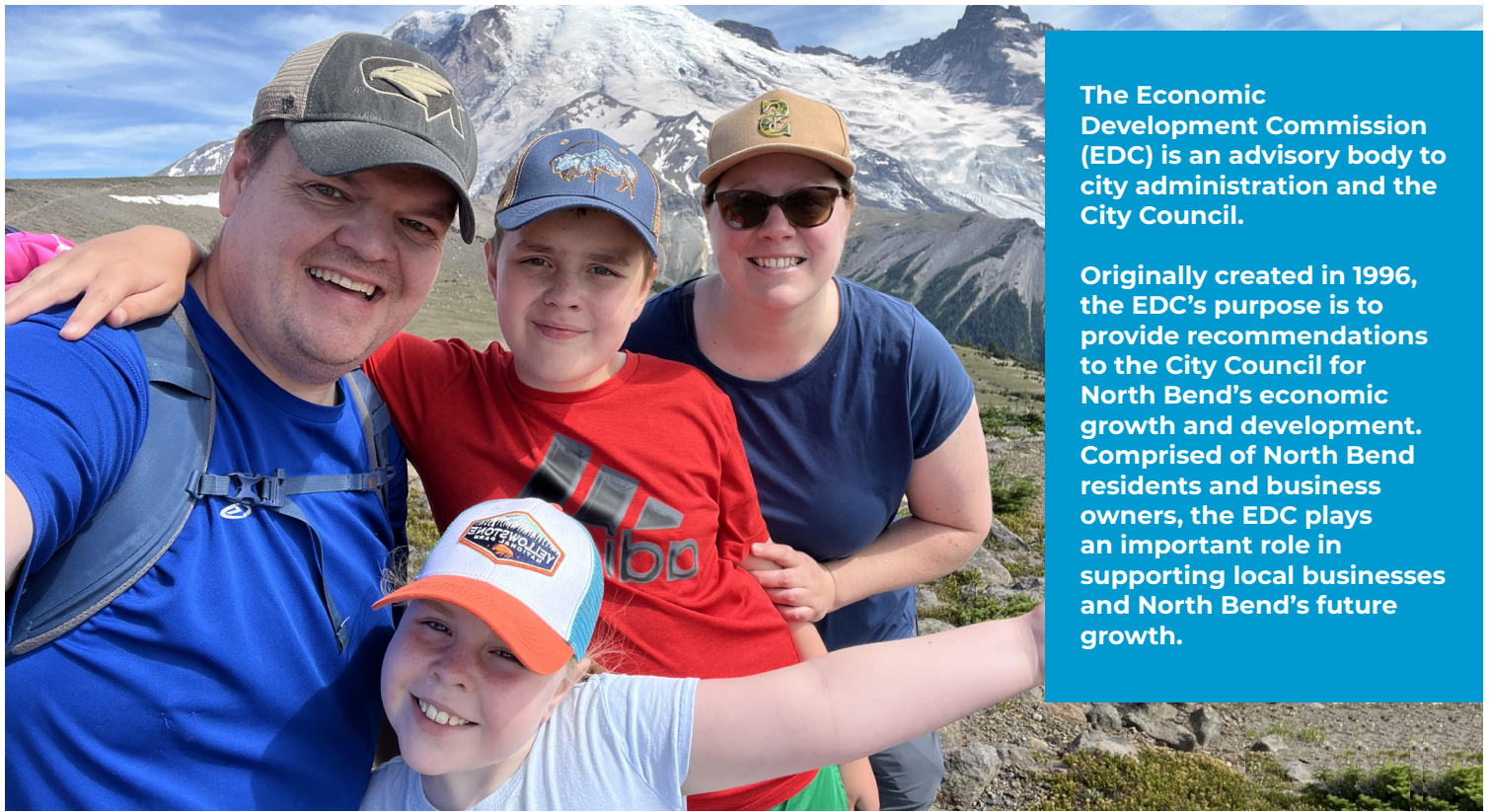
Falling River Meats: October 17 (one-year birthday extravaganza!)

Join us October 16 at South Fork for a **Candidate Meet and Greet** from 4 to 7 p.m. where you can connect with local leaders.

Lastly, stay tuned for our **Shop Local Campaign** in November and December to support local businesses during the holiday season!

We're grateful for the continued support of our members and partners. Together, we're building a brighter, more connected North Bend!





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.

COMMISSIONER HIGHLIGHT

Nick Jensen

Community & Economic Development

This quarter, we are spotlighting Community and Economic Development (CED) Vice Chair Nick Jensen. Nick Jensen has served as Vice Chair of the North Bend Economic Development Commission (EDC) since 2023. He chose this volunteer opportunity because he feels strongly that North Bend's biggest opportunities and challenges will be how we develop as a community.

Why did you and your family choose North Bend, and what makes it different than other communities in western Washington?

>> When our family first drove into North Bend, we were struck by the breathtaking beauty of Mt. Si. Walking through town, we immediately felt connected to its charming, walkable streets and welcoming community. We've always valued walkable cities for their ability to get us out in the community and foster closer connections among neighbors, and North Bend offered just that. The people we met were warm, generous, and family-oriented. As we looked for a place to settle down, North Bend stood out for its excellent schools, proximity to nature, and the strong sense of community we wanted for raising our children.

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

>> My involvement with the EDC began when I participated in North Bend's Citizen Academy. I was drawn to the commission's collaborative role in working with city staff and commissioners to shape priorities and provide feedback on projects that benefit our community. A major focus is supporting local businesses while highlighting unique qualities that make North Bend special. One of our key initiatives is creating 'playbooks' for entrepreneurs and business owners to help them navigate the complexities of working with government entities, reducing confusion, red tape and delays. Additionally, we prioritize strengthening connections around the community's existing assets—particularly outdoor recreation—so that everyone, from businesses hiring employees to hikers looking for the trail, a coffee, new gear, or a bite to eat, feels supported in our vibrant community.

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

>> Looking toward the future, I remind myself that the work of a community is never truly finished. Our challenge is to find that balance between solving today's issues without limiting future generations' choices or forgetting what makes North Bend unique. In 2034, I envision a community that continues to embrace walkability and bike-ability, reducing local car congestion and parking issues while keeping our dollars local. Economically, I hope to see a vibrant, thriving downtown where local businesses flourish, and the city is poised for the next century—while preserving our town's charm and character.

Describe your perfect North Bend Day.

>> My perfect North Bend day starts with a morning walk for coffee or a doughnut, cheering on one of my kids at a sports game in town, and it ends with a stroll to the North Bend Library on the way to a pint at Volition Brewing with friends.

EVERY THURSDAY



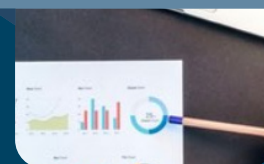
Sept. 19 - Oct 17:
Fall Food Trucks
with [Si View Metro Parks](#)

EVERY THURSDAY



7 PM: Young
Persons AA
with [The Trail Youth](#)

EVERY FRIDAY



12 PM:
Business
Meetups with
[SnoValley Innovation](#)

TRAFFIC ALERTS

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS *HAPPENING NOW*

-  **AUGUST - EARLY OCTOBER.....**
SE 140th St, between North Bend Way and Tanner Falls frontage
-  **SEPTEMBER 16 - 26.....**
SE North Bend Way between the Snoqualmie Casino Roundabout and 384th Ave. SE (King County Local Roads project)
-  **SEPTEMBER 19 - NOVEMBER 15.....**
SE Orchard Dr., between Riverside Dr. SE and Meadow Dr. SE
-  **SEPTEMBER 23 - 27.....**
Cedar Falls Way, between North Bend Way and 436th Ave. SE
-  **SEPTEMBER 25.....**
SE Mt. Si Rd., just southwest of 434th Ave. SE (King County Local Roads project)

Local roadwork to expect around North Bend

A smoother, roadway, a safer driving experience and sidewalk connectivity: these transportation improvement projects are part of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). This plan maps out ways to improve and maintain the city's transportation infrastructure consistent with the prioritized area needs and availability of funds. Your City Council adopted the 2025 - 2030 TIP in June.

Check it out by visiting www.northbendwa.gov/176/Six-Year-Transportation-Improvement-Prog. Please note: Transportation project dates can change due to scheduling conflicts and weather. These dates are accurate at the time of publishing this newsletter. We've got some great projects in store for our community!

City welcomes new staff to North Bend Public Works and Finance Departments

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

Elaine Morse joined the Finance Department in August as the new Deputy Finance Director. Before North Bend, Elaine worked for the Bellevue Children's Museum as the Deputy Financial Director.

Elaine brings extensive experience in all levels of financial operations, grants and budgets in profit and not for profit businesses. She has a full understanding of the importance of cross-functional team support and strong collaborative practices.

Elaine is a North Bend resident and is looking forward to contributing to her community.



Jared Myers joined the Public Works Department - the Streets Maintenance group in September.

Jared brings years of experience working in municipalities in Michigan and Idaho. He has the experience and certifications the Streets group was looking for, and a strong work ethic.

Jared is moving to the Valley to be closer to family.

Be sure to wave when you see Jared and team members out in the field, working for our community!

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

SEPTEMBER 21



10:30 AM: Fall Farm Day with Si View Metro Parks

SEPTEMBER 24



5 PM: KC Septic Code Revision Public Meeting

SEPTEMBER 24



5 PM: Sno-Valley Youth Council at NB Library

An Open House!

The Shoreline Public Access and Trail Plan

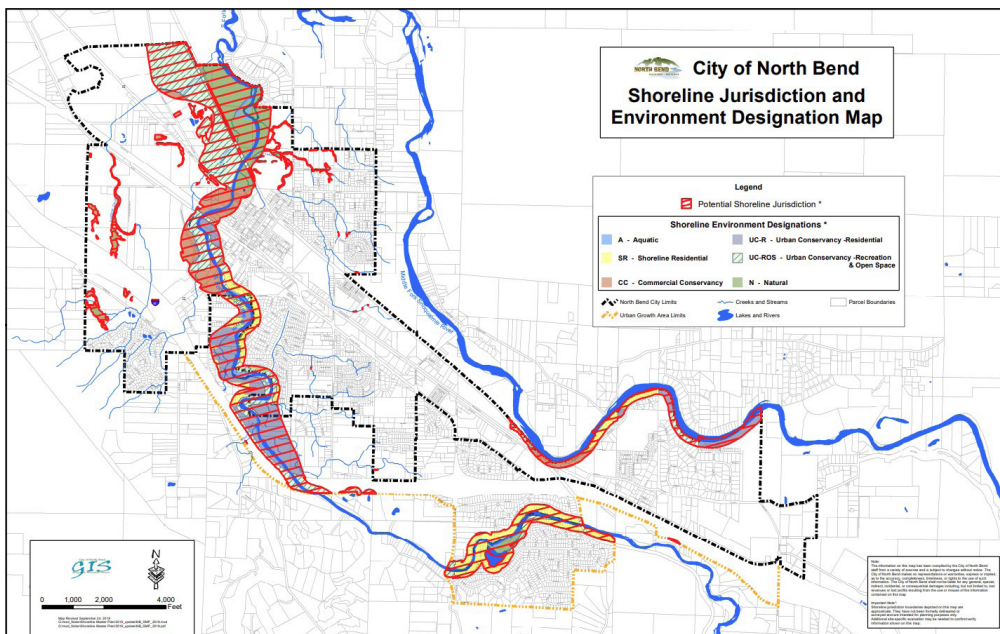
Shorelines from the Middle and South Fork Snoqualmie River make up a special part of our community, and on Wednesday, September 25, we invite you to join city staff and project partners for an Open House to discuss the new North Bend Shoreline Public Access and Trail Plan! View the public notice for the Open House [here](#).

To view a map of shoreline jurisdiction which includes the Middle and South Fork Snoqualmie River throughout city limits, areas 200 feet landward, associated wetlands, floodways and 200 feet of floodplain contiguous with floodways, visit the Shoreline Jurisdiction and Environment Designation Map, below.

The Shoreline Public Access and Trail Plan is a project that, once complete, will share a cohesive network of access points and trails, with the goal of enhancing recreation opportunities for residents and visitors. The Open House will be located at the North Bend City Hall, starting at 5:30 p.m.

This project is a result of a Shoreline Public Access and Trail Plan Project grant by the Department of Ecology. The grant works to support planning and planning related efforts that advance climate resilience, improve the implementation of Shoreline Master Program (SMP), and support local shoreline planning priorities. To learn more about this project and the shoreline, visit the SMP webpage, at www.northbendwa.gov/226/Shoreline-Master-Program. When complete, it will provide improved communication in the area of shoreline jurisdiction, as regulated under [NBMC 14.20](#).

For questions, updates, and more information, please contact Senior Planner Jamie Burrell by phone, at (425) 888-7642, or by email, at jburrell@northbendwa.gov.



SHORELINE JURISDICTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGNATION MAP

Take a look at the map of shoreline jurisdiction, which includes:

- the Middle and South Fork Snoqualmie River throughout city limits
 - areas 200 feet landward,
 - associated wetlands
 - floodways
 - 200 feet of floodplain contiguous with floodways
- Zoom into the Shoreline Jurisdiction and Environment Designation Map by visiting www.northbendwa.gov.

SEPTEMBER 25

5:30 PM:
Shoreline
Public Access
Open House
with the [City](#)

SEPTEMBER 26



4 PM: A Grand
Opening [ribbon
cutting](#) with
The Village
Project

SEPTEMBER 28



2 PM: Meet Up
with Mayor
Miller-Pressed
On Main



Help keep North Bend walkable

Maintain vegetation along sidewalks abutting your property






Pedestrian connectivity is an integral part of daily life for our North Bend community. Residents value the safety and versatility local sidewalks and trails offer, as noted in the City's [2023 Community Survey](#).

Getting around town by foot requires sidewalks that are accessible and clear of vegetation. North Bend Municipal Code (NBMC) 18.18.125 requires that residents with property abutting public Rights-Of-Way (ROW) must maintain trees, shrubs and other landscaping from encroaching.

What is Public Right-Of-Way? Public-Right-Of-Way (ROW) is City owned and managed corridors used for transportation by pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles, and used for utilities, which are mostly underground while some are overhead. ROWs are the most important corridors in a City. Public ROW can abut private or public property.

Got vegetation pushing its way into public ROW abutting your property?

Here are a few tips to help you trim it back:

-  Regular pruning helps maintain the shape and size of evergreen shrubs.
-  Regular mowing and weeding prevents encroaching grass and weeds from entering public rights-of-way.
-  Tree branches that are diseased or hanging low may need to be trimmed to help ensure they do not fall and potentially hurt someone. Doing so also encourages healthy growth and it improves the overall appearance of your trees and shrubs.
-  While evergreen shrubs are generally resistant to pests and diseases, be sure to monitor them for signs of trouble, like aphids, spider mites and powdery mildew.
-  Make the cleanest cut possible on greenwood branches to help your tree or shrub recovers from the cut area. A jagged tear requires more energy to heal, and it increases the risk of the tree or shrub developing a disease.
-  Maintain your tools. Cutting hedges with dull blades can damage branches, creating tears that lead to disease. Sharpen your pruning shears to ensure the smoothest cuts and keep them clean to avoid transmitting infection from a diseased shrub to a healthy one.



Ensuring everyone has equal access to public ROW is a key component to our highly livable, highly walkable community. As part of our ongoing efforts to improve access to public right-of-way, the City is creating an Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Transition Plan, and we need your help!

Please participate in a brief online survey to report specific right-of-way barriers you have encountered within our community. Take the survey and learn more by visiting www.northbendada.com. The ADA Transition Plan will help to ensure future projects align closely with the needs and objectives of North Bend residents, It will identify physical barriers to accessibility within local ROW, and it will provide detailed descriptions of methods that can be used to make facilities accessible. It will also develop a schedule to achieve full ADA compliance by removing barriers based on a prioritization analysis..

Questions? Reach out to Public Works Project Engineer Mike Mayen by email, at mmayen@northbendwa.gov or by phone, at (425) 888-7671.

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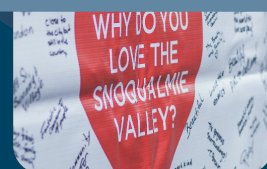
**Arsenic & Old
Lace with
[Valley Center
Stage](#)**

OCTOBER 5



**6 PM: North
Bend Blues
Walk with
[JazzClubsNW](#)**

OCTOBER 5



**9 AM:
Valley-wide
Volunteer Day
with [LoveSV](#)**



The North Bend Blues Walk is coming to town

One ticket not only gets attendees into every venue, but it also supports Jazz Clubs NW, a local nonprofit organization committed to supporting live jazz performance and education.

The North Bend Blues Walk is back in town on Saturday, October 5, from 6 p.m. to midnight. The festival will feature 22 bands and more than 100 musicians throughout 18 downtown venues.

Tickets and a list of performing bands can be purchased at www.northbendblueswalk.com. Purchase tickets early to receive \$15 off on your ticket.

This year's event will feature the following: JoMomma, Michele D'amour and the Love Dealers, The Dangerfields, Johnny Burgin Band, Elnah Jordan, Eric Verlinde, Joe Doria Group, Joe Cook Band, Lonnie Williams, Sutton-Lewis, Brian Butler, Octopus Balet, McPage and Powell, Gin Creek, Chris Stevens, Eric Madis, Ross Robinson, Billy Stoops and Dirt Angels, Blue Healers, Rafael Tranquilino, Eric's Maine Connection, Mark Riley Trio, Cold 102's and more!

Approximately 1,000 attendees are expected between 6 p.m. and 12 a.m. City streets will remain open during the Blues Walk, and participants will utilize sidewalks and crosswalks as they walk to each venue.



OCTOBER 9



12 PM: The [Business Workshop](#) at Umpqua Bank

OCTOBER 12



8 AM: Free Yard Waste Recycling with the [City](#)

OCTOBER 12 - 27



Halloween Train with the [Railway Museum](#)

Get involved!

Meet up with your mayor, chat with your police and fire chiefs, join Citizens Academy



Connect with Mayor Miller on September 28, at Pressed On Main

Community members are invited to join Mayor Mary Miller at Pressed On Main, located at 208 Main Ave. S on Saturday, September 28, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Bring your questions and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the gluten-free eatery and cold-pressed organic juice cafe. This casual setting provides the perfect opportunity to get to know your mayor while discussing city-related topics that are important to you.



Meet North Bend-Snoqualmie Chief of Police Brian Lynch and Eastside Fire and Rescue Chief Ben Lane

Chat with the Chiefs is your opportunity to talk about public safety in North Bend. This opportunity is hosted at a local gathering place about once a quarter. Check www.northbendwa.gov for future events.

The City of North Bend contracts with the City of Snoqualmie Police Department for law enforcement and police services. For fire prevention, education and protection, emergency medical care, and a variety of special operations, the City is part of a consolidation of several fire departments, called Eastside Fire and Rescue (EF&R).



Police Chief Lynch and Fire Chief Lane at a local Chat with the Chiefs event



Apply to join the North Bend Citizens Academy, an eight-week course on government operations

The North Bend Citizens Academy is a free, eight-week interactive course designed to provide an in-depth look into how your local municipal government operates. The course runs annually from February through April.

Please stay tuned for the 2025 Citizens Academy course by checking the Citizens Academy webpage, at www.northbendwa.gov/390/Citizens-Academy.

Last year's course guided 15 participants through various aspects of city operations, including administration and city history, legal, public records and information, finance, fire, police, public works and infrastructure, and community and economic development.

Most courses are held at the North Bend City Hall. Some sessions take participants on local tours of parks and other department buildings. Involvement in this course is a great way to learn more. Former Citizens Academy graduates include current councilmembers and commissioners!



OCTOBER 16



5 PM: Monthly Makers Meetup with NBA&I

OCTOBER 17



A ribbon cutting with Falling River Meats

THRU OCTOBER 18



Soup-er Hero Soup Drive with Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank

Merchants' Corner

Business-focused updates for North Bend merchants and nonprofits

Here to help

Healthy relationships with local businesses are essential. The Fire Marshals team conducts annual fire inspections to check for possible hazards related to exit routes, extinguishers, extension cords, and other potential preventable fire and life safety dangers.

EF&R Fire Marshals strive to help businesses remain open through education, enforcement, and partnerships. Enforcement is a rarely used tool and only occurs after an organization has been educated and chooses non-compliance. Conformance with standards protects the occupants, businesses, first responders, and the larger community.

Reach out to Jeromy Hicks, EF&R Certified Building Official (CBO) and Certified Fire Marshal (CFM). Jeromy is the Fire Marshal for North Bend, Issaquah, and Mercer Island.

He has over 20 years of experience working to keep communities safe. Jeromy looks forward to connecting with you!

Talk to Jeromy



jhicks@esf-r.org



(425) 313-3323



Fire safety and inspections are a must for all businesses and nonprofits

Did you know that roughly 40% of businesses that experience a fire do not reopen? The key is routine safety checks, maintenance of fire protection systems, following manufacturer's instructions, and correctly using equipment are one way to ensure your business stays open, and you and your employees stay safe in your workplace.

The Eastside Fire and Rescue (EF&R) Fire Marshals Office is here to help. Fire inspections ensure businesses are safe, remain open and thriving in our community. Partnerships formed between local fire departments and organizations are essential. The EF&R Fire Marshals team conducts annual fire inspections to check for possible hazards related to exit routes, extinguishers, extension cords, and other potential preventable fire and life safety dangers.

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OCTOBER 22

Please stay tuned for information, at NorthBendWA.gov

Park St. and Main Ave.
Open House with the City

OCTOBER 23

11 AM: Monthly luncheon with the [SnoValley Chamber](#)

OCTOBER 26



3 PM: Trick-Or-Treat Street with the [NBDF](#)

Community shares feedback on concept to rejuvenate a downtown North Bend property

This summer, we invited community members to join in on envisioning a new future for the site by filling out a survey that was open from July 19 to August 9, 2024. The City received over 746 responses.

Located on the corner of North Bend Way and Sydney Avenue, 302 W North Bend Way is a 1,400 square foot building surrounded by asphalt. What was once a gas station and convenience store, today is a vacant lot with potentially contaminated soil from its previous use. As a highly visible property in our downtown corridor and near a gateway to our city, 302 W North Bend Way has the potential to meet a variety of community needs.

Mayor Miller commented, “This property has the potential to serve our community in a whole new way. Thanks to engaged citizens, we are that much closer to identifying a shared vision for 302 W North Bend Way.” Results from the survey will help guide redevelopment to ensure the property evolves into a community asset for North Bend. Respondents shared a variety of hopes for the site, including:

- Incorporating a food bank and affordable housing
- Mixed use or commercial development as the preferred development type
- Building architecture to reflect a “mountain-town feel”
- Incorporating public amenities

View a presentation on survey responses by visiting the 302 W North Bend Way Redevelopment webpage (see link below).

Next steps for revisioning 302 W North Bend Way include working with the Washington State Department of Ecology to understand the site’s cleanup needs. The City will continue sharing updates on progress towards cleanup, the goal being to transform the site through the City’s commitment to sustainable urbanism and environmental quality, while incorporating redevelopment that benefits residents and enhances the downtown’s unique, cherished identity.

Learn more about redevelopment ideas and see survey results by visiting www.northbendwa.gov/421/302-West-North-Bend-Way-Redevelopment.

Your feedback an overview of results: 302 W North Bend Way survey

- A** Many respondents would like to see a development that incorporates the food bank and affordable housing.
- B** A mixed use or commercial development is the preferred development type.
- C** Most (41%) want the architecture to reflect a “mountain-town feel.”
- D** 72% would like to see public amenities in a new development.
- E** Top businesses respondents would like to see at the site:
 - restaurants
 - climbing gym
 - grocery store (Trader Joe’s or PCC)
 - book store
 - day care
- F** Top businesses respondents would not like to see at the site:
 - pot shop
 - gun shop
 - tattoo parlor
 - fast food
 - fitness center



OCTOBER 26



Harvest Festival with Si View Metro Parks

NOVEMBER 1



2 PM: Arbor Day celebration with City and MTSG

DECEMBER



STAY TUNED FOR DATE: Santa Breakfast with Mt. Si Senior Center



TRICK-OR-TREAT Street

COSTUMES, TREATS & FUN!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
3:00-5:00PM

EXPLORE DOWNTOWN NORTH BEND MERCHANTS

Family fun with Trick-or-Treat Street

Local treats and lots of shopping are coming to downtown North Bend, as the popular Trick-or-Treat Street event returns! Dress up in your most spirited garb and join the North Bend Downtown Foundation and local businesses for family-friendly trick-or-treating.

www.northbenddowntown.org

Please drive carefully through town during this event. Streets will remain open, with many little participants using sidewalks and crosswalks.

Trick-or-Treat Street will be held in tandem with Si View Park's popular Harvest Festival, which also runs October 26 for double the seasonal fun. The Harvest Festival is located at the Si View Community Center.

Holly Days is coming to town!

The North Bend Downtown Foundation invites you to join in on an ever-heartwarming, outdoor old-fashioned festival and tree lighting ceremony this winter. In addition to the official tree lighting ceremony led by Mayor Miller, activities will include fireside s'mores, Santa photos, crafting, shopping, dining and local live entertainment.

www.northbenddowntown.org

To safely accommodate everyone, the City of North Bend will be closing a few blocks of the downtown historic area.



Celebrate the Season in North Bend.

Holly Days

AN OLD-FASHIONED DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th
5:00-8:00PM

TREE LIGHTING • FIRESIDE S'MORES • SANTA PHOTOS • DINING
HOLIDAY SHOPPING • COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES • CRAFTING

DECEMBER 7



Holly Days Festival and Tree Lighting with the [NBDF](http://www.northbenddowntown.org)

DECEMBER 7



Holiday Bazaar with [Si View](http://www.si-view.com) [Metro Parks](http://www.metro-parks.com)

DECEMBER 16 - 25



[Light Up North Bend](http://www.light-up-north-bend.com) with the community and the City

Housing in North Bend

A staff report introducing the Housing Element updates of the Comprehensive Plan

As a highly livable small town that values community, the City of North Bend agrees that every city should share the responsibility for achieving equitable distribution of diverse housing to meet the needs of a wider range of incomes. Here is what North Bend is working on right now.

Why propose amendments?

The City of North Bend is proposing amendments to the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Amendments are being prepared as a part of the broader 2024 periodic update to the North Bend Comprehensive Plan, as required under the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70A.

Proposed amendments include:

- Update to the housing and employment growth targets provided to the City by the Puget Sound Regional Council, and corresponding population projection.
- Updates to policies for consistency with amendments to the Growth Management Act, Multicounty Planning Policies, and King County Countywide Planning Policies that have occurred since the time of the last update to the Comprehensive Plan in 2015.
- Updates to address residential growth capacity for various housing types necessary to meet the City's required residential growth targets, which have now been broken down into multiple income brackets.
- Affordable Housing Updates and required zone and code changes to meet required targets.
- A new Natural Resources section incorporating policies and provisions from the existing Natural Resources Element, which is being eliminated in the updated 2024 Comprehensive Plan.
- Discussion in changes in Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) laws.
- A new Housing Capacity Analysis and Zoning Updates section
- A new History of Discriminatory Practices in Housing section



A redline version, showing all amendments and comments describing changes, can be found [HERE](#). If you are reading a printed newsletter, find this link the Document Center at www.northbendwa.gov.

Impacts of Proposed Amendment

NBMC 20.08.070 and .080 requires that applications for Comprehensive Plan and municipal code amendments be evaluated for their environmental, economic, and cultural impacts, as well as impacts to surrounding properties. These impacts are evaluated below.



Workstudy and Planning Commission meeting, followed by a Public Workshop in January. Business owners and residents can find information and copies of the 2015 Land Use and Housing Elements Goals and Policies, for community input on the update.

Environmental Impacts. Negative environmental impacts are not anticipated from adopting the updates to the Land Use Element, Housing Element, and Zoning Map. The proposed amendments support an increased allowance for development of housing types affordable for employees working in retail and service jobs within the community, potentially reducing commute distances for such employees, many of whom need to commute from out of the area as they cannot afford local housing. Reducing commuting may have positive environmental impacts associated with reduced greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants generated from motor vehicle use. State Environmental Policy Act review will be conducted for the Comprehensive Plan update as a whole, which will provide opportunity for further consideration of environmental impacts of the Comprehensive Plan including this Element prior to its adoption.

Economic Impacts. The amendments support an increased allowance for development of housing types affordable to persons in lower-income brackets, which are necessary for housing for employees working in retail and service jobs within the community, often referred to as workforce housing. Such housing is necessary to support the staff needed for local businesses that rely on this labor force, as well as for teachers, firefighters, and many other positions that serve the community. As such, the amendments provide a positive economic benefit and support a balanced community.

Cultural Impacts. No significant cultural impacts are anticipated from the amendments. The draft amendments include new policies addressing cultural resources and coordination with Tribes, as well as a new Equity section that includes policies aimed at bringing underrepresented and marginalized populations more into the planning process. Specific future projects that are subject to City permitting requirements will be subject to cultural resource reviews as appropriate, which will plan for addressing potential cultural resource impacts. State Environmental Policy Act review will be conducted for the Comprehensive Plan which will provide opportunity for further consideration of cultural impacts of the Comprehensive Plan including this Element, prior to its adoption before the end of 2024.

...Housing in North Bend continued



Impacts to Surrounding Properties. The Elements apply City-wide, however the Zoning Map amendments do include zoning revisions to specific properties, which have been noticed about the proposed changes for opportunity to provide comment at the public hearing. Different uses allowed within these zones may increase the intensity of development allowed on such properties. The City's development regulations including lighting regulations, landscape regulations, building setbacks, and height limits are intended to minimize and mitigate impacts of adjacent development to other properties. Future projects that are located on and/or adjacent to properties subject to the revised zoning will be subject to public notification and permitting requirements, which will include evaluation of potential impacts to such properties consistent with State Environmental Policy Act review and review against City development regulations at the time of application and review for such projects.

Compatibility of Proposed Amendment with North Bend Comprehensive Plan

In accordance with NBMC 20.08.080, Comprehensive Plan and development regulation amendments must be evaluated for compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendments are provided consistent with Multicounty Planning Policies, Countywide Planning Policies, and requirements of the Growth Management Act pertinent to land use and housing requirements, including updated population projections and growth targets.

Compatibility of Proposed Amendment with the North Bend Municipal Code (NBMC)

In accordance with NBMC 20.08.080, Comprehensive Plan amendments must be evaluated for compliance with the North Bend Municipal Code. Corresponding amendments will be prepared to the North Bend Municipal Code implementing the amendments to the Housing Element to ensure consistency.

Planning Commission Analysis

Pursuant to NBMC 20.08.100, the Planning Commission shall consider the proposed amendment against the criteria in NBMC 20.08.100(B). A staff analysis is provided in italics under each criterion below.

Is the issue already adequately addressed in the Comprehensive Plan? The existing Housing Element in the Comprehensive Plan dates to 2015 and needs to be updated consistent with state law (see below). The Zoning map needs to be revised for consistency with the updated Comprehensive Plan Elements including Land Use Designations and Zoning necessary to meet growth targets.

If the issue is not addressed in the Comprehensive Plan, is there a need for the proposed change? Yes. The proposed update is necessary to ensure consistency with requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA) and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), as a required component of the City's periodic major update to the Comprehensive Plan due at the end of this year. Consistency with the GMA and PSRC Vision 2050 is required for certification of the City's Comprehensive Plan by PSRC for eligibility for various state and federal grants, which the City may rely on to fund municipal projects. Without such certification and use of grants, the City would need to fund a much larger share of the cost of these improvements.

Is the proposed change the best means for meeting the identified public need? Yes.

Will the proposed change result in a net benefit to the community? Yes. An updated Housing Element consistent with requirements of the Growth Management Act and Countywide Planning Policies will keep the City eligible for important grant sources that fund local infrastructure and park improvements. Providing amendments to Land Use Designations and Zoning to accommodate required housing targets will help facilitate the development of housing affordable to individuals that work within the community who might not otherwise afford to live here, resulting in a more complete, balanced community. The proposed revisions will result in a net benefit to the community.



Helpful links to learn more

Exhibit A: [Draft Housing Element – Redline](#)

Exhibit B: [Draft Housing Element – Clean](#)

Exhibit C: [Draft Zoning Map](#)

Exhibit E: [Land Capacity Analysis](#)

Comprehensive Plan: www.northbendwa.gov/238/Comprehensive-Plan

Exhibits can also be found in the Document Center, at www.northbendwa.gov

2023 Your House Contest, Housing Action Plan Winner, Betsy of North Bend Elementary