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# NORTH BEND neighbors

Welcome to the latest edition of North Bend Neighbors, your source for city information, community events and local updates

## Mayor Miller proclaims September as Senior Center Month in North Bend

The city recognizes the local Mt. Si Senior Center's ongoing work to affirm the dignity, self-worth and independence of older people by facilitating their decisions and actions, while tapping into their experiences, skills and knowledge. This, in turn, enables their continued contributions to our community.

Older Americans are significant members of our society, investing wisdom and experience for the betterment of everyone. The senior center offers a wide array of services that support and empower people to get involved in local activities and make valuable new connections.

Mayor Miller encourages residents to recognize the special contributions of senior center participants and the efforts of staff and volunteers who work to enhance the well-being of these residents.

Read Mayor Miller's full [Senior Center Month Proclamation](https://tinyurl.com/4ed8zbsd) ([tinyurl.com/4ed8zbsd](https://tinyurl.com/4ed8zbsd)). See Mayor Miller read her proclamation by watching the September 2 City Council meeting, located at the [Media Center](https://www.northbendwa.gov) ([northbendwa.gov](https://www.northbendwa.gov)).



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## Shop, support local at Sip Suds & Si

Saturday, September 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Downtown North Bend

Mountain town shopping, dining, wine and beer tasting returns this month, with the popular Sip, Suds and Si walk through Downtown North Bend. Local businesses will open their storefronts, welcoming community in for this special Saturday evening event alongside the North Bend Downtown Foundation.

Proceeds will benefit North Bend Downtown Foundation programs, beautification initiatives, and projects in Downtown North Bend. City streets will remain open during the event, and participants will utilize sidewalks and crosswalks as they walk to each venue. Over 450 attendees are expected at Sip Suds and Si. Check-in for the event begins at 5 p.m. at the North Bend Train Depot, located at 205 E McClellan Street.

[www.northbenddowntown.org](http://www.northbenddowntown.org)



## Bring back the blues: North Bend Blues Walk

Saturday, October 4, from 6 p.m. to midnight

The North Bend Blues Walk is back in town on Saturday, October 4, from 6 p.m. to midnight. The festival will feature 22 bands throughout 18 Downtown North Bend venues.

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.



[www.northbendblueswalk.com](http://www.northbendblueswalk.com)



# Wastewater Treatment Plant honored with Outstanding Performance Award



This month, the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) announced the City of North Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) was honored with the Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance Award.

Of approximately 300 wastewater treatment plants statewide, North Bend's plant was among the top treatment plant operations in 2024. DOE staff evaluated plants for compliance by regularly meeting permit criteria, conducting monitoring and reporting data.

Washington State DOE Water Quality Program Manager Joe Kenning commented, "Ecology acknowledges the exceptional level of effort required to protect water quality and provide this critical service to the communities you serve. Dedicated and proficient operators are essential to successful plant operations and to protecting the health of Washington's waters."

In 2024, the City of North Bend celebrated the completion of its largest ever capital project, WWTP High Priority Improvements. Wastewater treatment facilities are essential for maintaining a healthy

ecosystem, preventing disease, and ensuring safe water for our community. Improvements also add the ability to take additional capacity, such as the Meadowbrook Sewer Utility Local Improvement District, a ULID that will expand public sewer throughout the western portion of the City.

Approximately 80 percent of residents are currently connected to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), with about 20 percent remaining on private septic drain fields.



**"We are proud to receive this recognition. We attribute it to North Bend's dedicated wastewater treatment team, whose passion, professionalism and daily commitment to water quality protection set the standard for excellence," said Mayor Miller.**



[Request a tour of the WWTP!](#)





## Free yard waste recycling events

The 2025 North Bend Yard Waste Recycling Program is an affordable way to easily recycle yard waste, such as grass clippings, leaves, weeds, and branches up to 3 inches in diameter and up to 3 feet long.

The program is open to North Bend residents with a 98045-zip code.

Simply stop by the Public Works building, located at 1155 E North Bend Way, on select Saturdays between now and October.



Schedule & details:  
<https://bit.ly/3K0tDki>

## Remaining Yard Waste Recycling dates

- **SEPTEMBER 13:** 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **OCTOBER 11:** 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.



# STAY INFORMED, GET INVOLVED!

## Upcoming City of North Bend public meetings

**September 16, 7 p.m.**

**September 17, 8 a.m.**

**September 17, 6:30 p.m.**

**September 23, 7 p.m.**

**September 24, 6:30 p.m.**

**September 25, 12 p.m.**

City Council meeting & Public Hearing

Joint North Bend-Snoqualmie

Economic Development Commission meeting

Planning Commission meeting

City Council Workstudy meeting

Parks Commission meeting

Economic Development Commission meeting



# 09 SEPTEMBER

## calendar of COMMUNITY EVENTS

**THURS**  
**3:30 - 7:30 PM**

**FARMERS MARKET, SUMMER CONCERTS**  
Si View Park



**SEPT 6**  
**10 - 5 PM**

**SNOQUALMIE VALLEY ART STUDIO TOUR**  
Various locations



**SEPT 11 - 13**  
**10 - 6 PM**

**FRIENDS OF THE NB LIBRARY BOOK SALE**  
North Bend Library (Sept. 13: 11 - 6 p.m.)



**SEPT 13**  
**6 - 9 PM**

**SIP SUDS & SI**  
Various locations throughout Downtown NB



**SEPT 14**  
**5 - 3 PM**

**TUNNEL LIGHT MARATHON**  
Hyak to Tanner Rd on the SVT

**SEPT 19**  
**4 - 6 PM**

**VINTAGE CAR CLUB SHOW, CHILI COOK-OFF**  
Mt. Si Senior Center



**SEPT 21**  
**12 - 2 PM**

**SVFB EMPTY BOWLS LUNCHEON & BINGO**  
North Fork Farm



**SEPT 21**  
**5 - 7 PM**

**CAREPOINT CLINIC'S HEALTHCARE ON THE MOVE BENEFIT**  
Meadowbrook Farm Interpretive Center

**SEPT 22**  
**7 - 9 PM**

**GRANGESTOCK**  
Sallal Grange



**SEPT 24**  
**5 - 7 PM**

**COMMUNITY AFTER HOURS EVENT**  
Boxley's



**SEPT 27**  
**10 - 5 PM**

**COMMUNITY ART SUPPLY SWAP**  
Snoqualmie Valley Center for Creativity



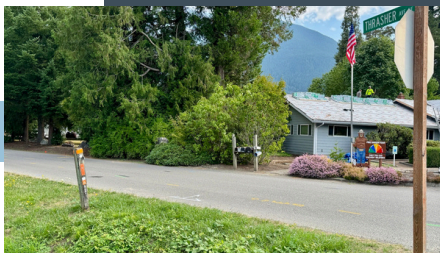


# Infrastructure Projects

North Bend transportation improvements to watch for this month



From 3 feet of walking space along this busy stretch of WSDOT-owned road in Downtown North Bend, to an ADA accessible sidewalk, we hope you have a chance to take a walk in the Historic District and check it out this month. The project is a result of a \$157,435 WA State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant.



## THRASHER AVE SIDEWALK GAP REMOVAL PROJECT

The result of this project will be a new sidewalk on the east side of Thrasher Avenue NE, with curb, gutter and stormwater improvements.

Continuing pedestrian safety improvements from this location, residents can expect additional improvements to the North Bend Way and Thrasher Avenue intersection.

Learn more: [www.bit.ly/450TctA](http://www.bit.ly/450TctA)



## SE 140<sup>TH</sup> ST SIDEWALK GAP REMOVAL PROJECT

Crews are still hard at work, improving connectivity and walking conditions along SE 140<sup>th</sup> St.

The final portion of the project involves installing a 5-foot-wide asphalt trail connecting to the sidewalk. The trail will end at Tanner Rd. Asphalt work will begin in early September.

Learn more: [www.bit.ly/471igCv](http://www.bit.ly/471igCv)



## 5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> & MAIN AVE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

In August, crews began work in the Old Silver Creek neighborhood: a sidewalk for 5<sup>th</sup> St, 6<sup>th</sup> St and Main Ave.

The project will include storm drainage and conveyance pipes, curbs, gutters and longer lifespan ductile iron water pipes.

Crews are currently working on water main installation.

Learn more: [www.bit.ly/4fm4YTb](http://www.bit.ly/4fm4YTb)

Want to stay in the know on local transportation projects and other city updates? Notify Me is a free, online subscription tool featured on the city's website ([www.northbendwa.gov/list.aspx](http://www.northbendwa.gov/list.aspx)).

Subscribe to the topics that you care about most and receive updates in your inbox or via phone!



# APPLE CUP FOOD DRIVE!

Now through September 22,  
in support of the Snoqualmie  
Valley Food Bank

In the spirit of the historic, 125-year Apple Cup tradition, residents are gearing up for the big game on September 20...but this year, North Bend is adding a new feature to the friendly competition: a food drive to benefit the Snoqualmie Valley food Bank.



Learn about different ways  
to donate to the SVFB:  
[www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org](http://www.snoqualmievalleyfoodbank.org).

ALL DONATIONS BENEFIT THE SNOQUALMIE VALLEY  
FOOD BANK



SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>

Drop off donations in the box for your favorite team!

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## HOW IT WORKS



Stop by City Hall with unexpired food donations. Walk inside, select your winning team donation box – the University of Washington Huskies or the Washington State University Cougars – and add your donation:

- Every seven food items donated per family equal one touchdown
- Every three food items donated per family equal one field goal

Whether you are a die-hard Huskies fan, or a Coug for life, your donation will provide much needed nourishment for local families. The Apple Cup food drive competition will culminate on September 20, when donations will be counted, following with an announcement of the winning team!

North Bend City Councilmember Christina Rustik and her daughter, Alyssa, decked out Apple Cup competition donation boxes, and will lead the charge for this healthy, local competition.

# North Bend's Water Conservation Ordinance

## What it means, why we have it, and how to comply with each stage

As climate change continues to impact King County and the Pacific Northwest region, more communities are participating in water conservation. The City of North Bend is at the forefront of these efforts.

The city pursues conservation in a variety of ways: through ongoing distribution system leak reduction efforts, environmental Wastewater Treatment Plant infrastructure upgrades, customer conservation education, watermain replacement, and what began in 2020, the Water Conservation Ordinance (WCO).

The WCO is a positive way to actively make a difference in water conservation. The preceding winter had a lower snowpack than average in the Snoqualmie River Watershed. With warmer temperatures at higher elevations this spring, snowpack throughout the upper watershed of the Snoqualmie River melted faster than usual.

Additionally, the past few months have had very little precipitation.

### Beginning August 20, Stage 2 of the City's WCO went into effect.

The WCO pertains to all property owners inside city limits and all City of North Bend water customers inside or outside city limits. For some, this ordinance is an anticipated seasonal practice in our community, and for others, the WCO is new and as a participant, we understand new residents want to ensure they have all the information they need to join in water conservation efforts.

Your work to help conserve water and protect the Snoqualmie River is appreciated!

### Stage 2

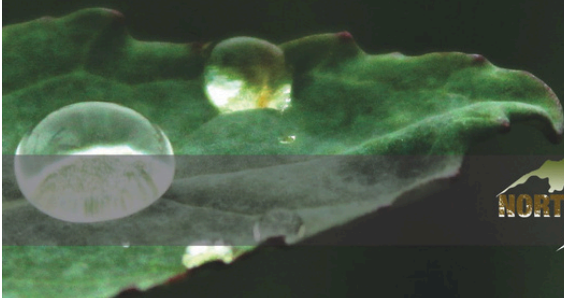
- **Water between 6 p.m. & 10 a.m.**
- **Irrigate 3 times weekly**
- **Water only served upon request at restaurants**
- **No city water will be used for construction purposes without prior approval**



Read the WCO, full requirements for each stage, FAQs and more: [www.bit.ly/3UeCrVU](http://www.bit.ly/3UeCrVU)

## - What to do at Stage 2 - Water Conservation Ordinance

- ✓ Water landscape a max of **3 days** per week  
 ➔ **WHAT DAYS TO WATER:** Odd street addresses - Tues, Thurs, Sat  
 Even street addresses - Weds, Fri, Sun
- ✓ **No irrigation on Mondays**
- ✓ **Water between 6 PM & 10 AM**
- ✂ ✂ **Do you use drip irrigation only? If so, you are exempt from the WCO**
- ✓ **Water is served upon request at restaurants**
- ✓ **No hardscape surface washing**, except for health, sanitation, fire protection



Learn more at [www.NorthBendWA.gov](http://www.NorthBendWA.gov)