

Monday, November 10, 2025

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 November as Kindness Month in North Bend

North Bend recognizes that kindness is a fundamental part of the human condition, bridging the divides of religion, politics, and gender.

Through simple acts of kindness, we can promote healthy behavior and positive dynamics within our community.

The Empower Youth Network's (EYN) Youth Suicide Prevention program, which includes the #BeKindSV campaign, makes our schools, communities and state stronger by facilitating meaningful changes through simple acts of kindness.

Read Mayor Miller's [Kindness Month Proclamation](https://tinyurl.com/4ed8zbsd) (tinyurl.com/4ed8zbsd).

See EYN's Youth Success Mentoring Program Coordinator, Kathy Hyland, accept the proclamation by watching the [November 4 City Council meeting recording](https://youtu.be/bEqr9PSeR8k) on the city's [YouTube page](https://youtu.be/bEqr9PSeR8k) (<https://youtu.be/bEqr9PSeR8k>).



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Meet North Bend Police Chief finalists November 17

WHEN >>

Monday, November 17
6 - 8 p.m.

WHERE>>

North Bend City Hall
920 SE Cedar Falls Way

WHAT>>

A unique opportunity for residents to engage with finalists, ask questions, and share impressions as part of the city's inclusive hiring process.

Next, finalists will interview with three panels composed of city councilmembers, staff and community representatives. Results will provide feedback to Mayor Miller and City Administrator Emery, who will deliberate with panel facilitators before selecting a preferred candidate.

The city anticipates the final selection for Police Chief in early December.



2025 Services Update

At the September 16, 2025 North Bend City Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously to authorize a new Police Services Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Snoqualmie.

The Snoqualmie City Council also unanimously approved the new ILA during a special meeting on September 15, 2025. The ILA requires Snoqualmie to dismiss the lawsuit filed against North Bend and enables a successful transition of police services for North Bend, moving from the Snoqualmie Police Department to the King County Sheriff's Office in 2026.

The Snoqualmie Police Department will continue providing police services to the City of North Bend through March 31, 2026.

Beginning April 1, 2026, the King County Sheriff's Office will begin serving as North Bend's police department.



www.northbendwa.gov/428/2025-Police-Services

November is Flood Awareness Month

Major flooding from heavy rains and snow melt increases risk to lives and properties. Mayor Miller invites all residents, especially those living in flood-prone areas, to join her in learning preventative steps and preparedness techniques that can preserve your home and the lives of those you love.

Read her [Flood Month Awareness Proclamation](https://bit.ly/49A1rQ5) (<https://bit.ly/49A1rQ5>).



Read the newest NB Floodplain Newsletter
<https://bit.ly/44248WW>



FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

Over the years, North Bend has had numerous flood events of varying magnitudes. The North Bend Public Works Department oversees a nationally recognized floodplain management program that helps reduce damages and the cost of flood insurance policies by 25 percent, backed by the National Flood Insurance Program for residents.

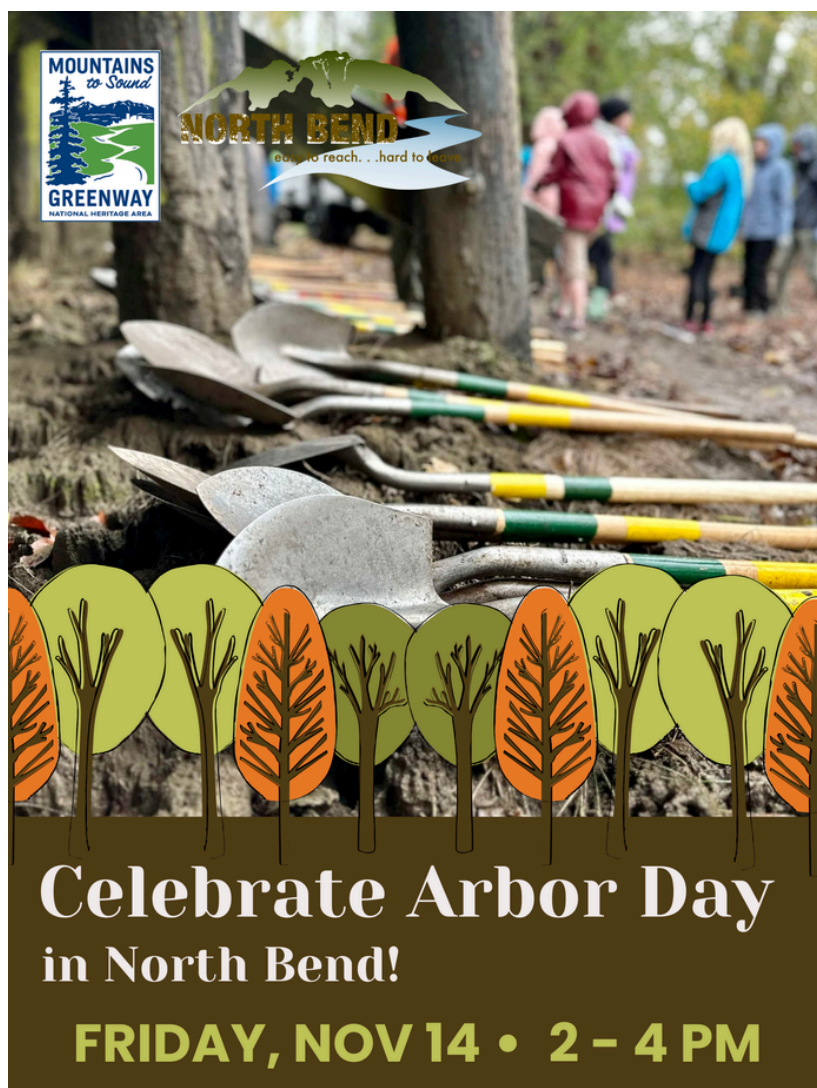
During all flood events, the City of North Bend is here to help. The city collaborates with King County's Flood Control District, and as a member, it serves as a Sandbag Center year-round.

In addition, King County provides a state-of-the-art flood warning and emergency response system providing critical flood and emergency information each time the city experiences major flooding.



When storms sweep across the valley, and residents are worried about potential localized street flooding impacting their homes and businesses, our Public Works Department has sand and sandbags available during regular business hours:

- Monday - Thursday: 8:30 - 4:30
- Friday: 8 - 12 p.m.

A vertical poster for Arbor Day in North Bend. The top half features a photograph of a wooded area with several shovels and axes lying on the ground in the foreground. In the background, a group of people is blurred, suggesting a community event. Overlaid on the photo is a logo for 'MOUNTAINS to Sound GREENWAY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA' and a stylized map of North Bend with the text 'NORTH BEND' and 'easy to reach. . .hard to leave'. Below the photo is a row of stylized trees in green and orange. The bottom section is a dark brown banner with white and yellow text.

Celebrate Arbor Day
in North Bend!
FRIDAY, NOV 14 • 2 – 4 PM

Mayor Miller will be proclaiming Friday, November 14, 2025, as Arbor Day in North Bend.

Please join the City of North Bend, Mountains to Sound Greenway and community for a planting event along the South Fork of the Snoqualmie River. From 2 to 4 p.m., we will work together to restore riparian habitat with native plantings in key locations along the river.

Park at the public Park and Ride, located at 301 W North Bend Way where you will see MTSG staff who will guide participants to the community planting project.

This event is free and open to people of all ages, however, participants under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

For safety, volunteers must wear:

- Long pants
- Sturdy, close-toed shoes
- Gloves (provided)

Register here:
<https://tinyurl.com/45xnr5nb>



STAY INFORMED, GET INVOLVED!

Some upcoming City of North Bend public meetings

November 13, 1:30 p.m.

November 13, 12 p.m.

November 18, 7 p.m.

November 25, 7 p.m.

Public Hearing

Economic Development Commission meeting

City Council meeting

City Council Workstudy



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calendar of COMMUNITY EVENTS

NOVEMBER

NOV 14 - 15
11 - 1 & 10 - 12

WINDOW FEST
Downtown North Bend

NOV 14
2 - 4 PM

ARBOR DAY
Park at Public Park & Ride (301 W North Bend Way)

NOV 15
8:30 - 1 PM

FREE VALLEY-WIDE CAREGIVER CONNECTION CONFERENCE
Issaquah Senior Center, co-hosted by Mt Si Senior Center

NOV 17
6 - 8 PM

OPEN HOUSE: NORTH BEND POLICE CHIEF FINALISTS
North Bend City Hall

NOV 19
9 - 10 AM

MEET UP WITH MAYOR MILLER
Hartwood Cafe

NOV 19
9 - 10 AM

MERCHANT MEET-UP COMMUNITY AFTER HOURS EVENT
Pearl & Stone

NOV 22
11 - 6 PM

HOLIDAY BAZAAR WITH FRIENDS OF THE NB LIBRARY
North Bend Library

NOV 24
7 - 9 PM

GRANGESTOCK
Sallal Grange

NOV 30
10 - 4 PM

ARTISTS SUNDAY WITH NORTH BEND ART & INDUSTRY
Snoqualmie Middle School

DEC 6
5 - 7 PM

HOLLY DAYS
Downtown North Bend



Infrastructure Projects

North Bend transportation improvements to watch for this month



Crews from Ryatt are working in the Old Silver Creek neighborhood: constructing sidewalk, storm drainage and watermain for 5th St, 6th St and Main Ave. They're swapping water services over to the new water main the week of November 10, with water main work wrapping up by the end of November. They continue in working to install stormwater infrastructure along Main Ave and will soon be installing storm drains down 6th St.



THRASHER AVE

This Sidewalk Gap Removal project is nearly finished. The contractor is completing final items this week.

Be sure to check out the new sidewalk on the east side of Thrasher Avenue NE, with curb, stormwater improvements and ADA connectivity.



NORTH BEND WAY

This Sidewalk Gap Removal project is coming along, with a sidewalk pour expected in mid-November on the north side of North Bend Way.

We hope residents enjoy this new, safe connection between Dahlgren Family Park, the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and Tanner Rd.



TANNER RD TO SE 140TH

This Sidewalk Gap Removal Project is anticipated to begin the week of November 17. It was delayed slightly due to recent rain.

Please stay tuned for more information and updates as the North Bend Way trail project begins.



BRIDGE DECK REPAIR

The North Bend Way Bridge Deck Repair Project has been extended and is now expected to wrap up by mid-to-end of November.

Crews are waiting on a few long lead time items in finishing up guardrails.

We apologize for the longer-than-expected process of this project.

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).

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

Infrastructure Projects



Railway Crossing Capital Project continues this fall. Next up: NW 8th St crossing and North Bend Way crossing

The City of North Bend and the Northwest Railway Museum are working together on the Railway Crossing Capital Project, a federal grant-funded project that, once complete, will improve a total of four railway crossings in North Bend. Please take note of the following round-the-clock road closures:

- **NW 8th Street, near Alm Way:** From 7 p.m. Nov. 9, through 5 a.m. Nov. 13
- **North Bend Way, near Tollgate Park:** From 7 p.m. Nov. 13, through 5 a.m. Nov. 17

Crews from contractor, Stacy Witbeck, will work during daytime and nighttime hours, with the goal of completing each project as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Construction began October 7, and so far, two of the four railway crossing projects have been completed:

- **SR 202/Bendigo Boulevard**
- **Main Avenue S**

Meadowbrook ULID update



Construction of the Meadowbrook Sewer Utility Local Improvement District (ULID) continues this fall:

- Crews have finished installing water mains on NW 8th St and NW 14th St
- Sewer installation has been completed on Alm WY, NW 8th St, Tollgate Farm and part of SR 202
- Crews are now installing sewer pipe on NW 14th St
- A sewer lift station at the west end of NW 14th St is under construction

Next steps include:

- Installation of sewer on Boalch Ave NW
- Completing the sewer on SR 202. Weather and high groundwater may delay the completion of the underground piping to next spring
- Reconstructing NW 14th St, planned for spring of 2026 when weather conditions are favorable for that work

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

- 🍌 Spread the word: **EVERYONE** is welcome
- 🍌 Local businesses: Be a distribution site
- 🍌 Donate food
- 🍌 Donate money

Unexpired food donations are always welcome at the
Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank!

Drop off any day, located at 122 E 3rd Street



Let's join our SVFB & SNAP into action, North Bend

You've likely seen the news about the federal pause on SNAP benefits - and how it is affecting families right here in Snoqualmie Valley. Many neighbors are worried about what comes next, and the Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank (SVFB) is already feeling the impact.

The SVFB's biggest message right now is that they are here for everyone. No one is ever turned away.

The SVFB's dedicated staff and volunteers are finding creative ways to meet this growing need, by expanding partnerships, building a regional food distribution plan, and finding new ways to stretch every dollar and every can of food.

To keep their shelves stocked and our neighbors nourished, the SVFB is asking all of us to SNAP into action.

How you can help right now

SHARE>>

If you or someone you know needs food, come to the SVFB. They're here for you, no questions, no judgment.

NETWORK>>

If you're part of a business or organization, ask if they'd be interested in being a food distribution site. By creating more ways to get food to people, the SVFB can increase food access.

DONATE>>

Look for SVFB donation bins at stores, or host a drive.

GIVE>>

Your financial support keeps shelves stocked, heat going, lights on!



Learn more: <https://bit.ly/4qRHieF>

Now accepting applications for the 2026 North Bend Citizens Academy

Are you interested in learning about how your local government works here in the City of North Bend? Want to learn about opportunities to become more involved, while connecting with city leaders, staff, and other civic-minded residents?

The Citizens Academy is an eight-week interactive course designed to provide an in-depth look into city operations.

It will be held weekly, from February 2 to March 30, with a recognition event completing the series on April 7, 2026. Participants will be guided through a series of sessions that cover administration and city history, legal, public records and information, finance, fire, police, public works and infrastructure, parks, and community and economic development.

Sessions will be held weekly, and will include a parks tour, an Eastside Fire and Rescue tour, and a Wastewater Treatment Plant tour.

This free program is open to locals who are 16 years and older. Applications are accepted November 6 until the course reaches capacity. Priority for application acceptance will be granted to residents located within the city limits of North Bend.

HOW TO APPLY

Fill out an application

<https://bit.ly/497e9Wm>

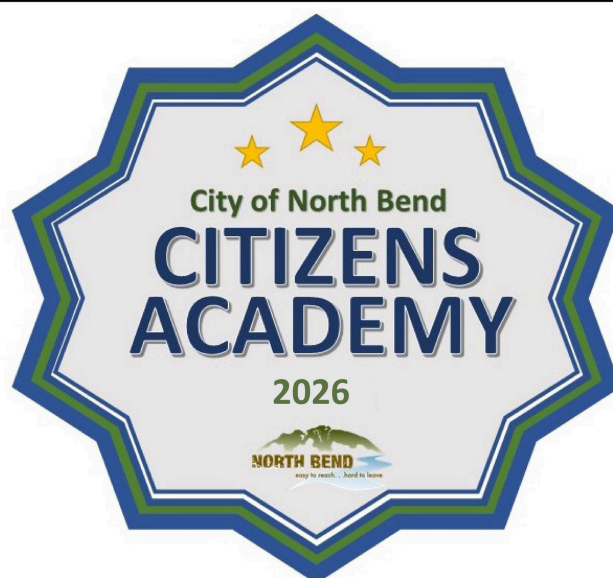
Turn in your application by:

- **Email:**
bkeveren@northbendwa.gov
- **Mail:** Attn to Bre Keveren
920 SE Cedar Falls Way
- **Drop it off at City Hall**
Located at 920 SE Cedar Falls Way

You will receive an email within one week of applying

2026 COURSE
FEBRUARY 2 - MARCH 30
Recognition event on April 7

TO APPLY: Submit an application to
bkeveren@northbendwa.gov



North Bend's Water Conservation Ordinance

Thank you to our residents and businesses for your conservation efforts

On November 7, 2025, the City of North Bend exited the Water Conservation Ordinance (WCO) for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year.

With recent rainfall events and more on the horizon, the Snoqualmie River is likely to continue at above minimum in-stream flows for the remainder of the year. This was the sixth year for the city's WCO, with Stage 1 beginning August 15.

Conservation efforts such as the WCO, in addition to conservation education, distribution system leak reduction efforts and water fixture efficiency requirements, have resulted in reduced water usage, even with a growing number of water customers over the past decade. In 2009, the City of North Bend had approximately 1,700 water meters, which grew to over 2,400 in 2020. In 2009, the city produced 230 million gallons of water to serve customers. In comparison, in 2023 – 14 years later, and with several thousand new residents – the city reduced water production to 198 million gallons.

Though this year's WCO has officially ended, practicing indoor water-wise habits throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

For additional information, tools, and tips to conserve water around your home, including valuable rebates for replacing aging plumbing fixtures and appliances included with the City's membership in the Saving Water Partnership, visit North Bend's [Water Conservation webpage](https://tinyurl.com/ekf7sn87) (<https://tinyurl.com/ekf7sn87>).



Read the WCO, FAQs and more:
www.bit.ly/3UeCrVU



- NOVEMBER 7, 2025 -
**City exits annual
Water Conservation Ordinance**

