



## North Bend Citizens Academy

### Learning About Your Local Government

Thank you for your interest in the City of North Bend's 2026 Citizens Academy!

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. Participants will:

- Learn more about the City of North Bend government operations and services
- Participate in dialogues with city leaders, city staff, and other civic-minded residents
- See taxpayers' investments at work
- Learn about opportunities to become more involved in your local government

**Classes start on February 2, 2026**

**Applications are accepted November 6 until the course reaches capacity. Space is limited to 25 applicants.**

#### How to register and complete the academy:

1. Submit a completed application via email ([bkeveren@northbendwa.gov](mailto:bkeveren@northbendwa.gov)), via mail (Attn: Bre Keveren, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA 98045), or deliver a printed copy to City Hall (920 SE Cedar Falls Way).
2. Receive confirmation and acceptance: Once you submit your application, we will email you confirmation and acceptance.  
\* Due to a limited class size, priority for application acceptance will be granted to residents located within the city limits of North Bend. **Please still feel free to apply should your home be located outside city limits!** We will contact you as soon as possible to confirm your application acceptance. If you live outside city limits, you will receive a separate email that notifies you of acceptance into Citizens Academy.
3. Simply show up and have fun getting to know your local municipality!
4. Receive your certificate of completion. Once all courses are completed, join your fellow attendees at the April 7<sup>th</sup> Citizens Academy Recognition event, where you will be recognized by the North Bend City Council and receive your certificate. Please consider staying until 7 p.m. so that Mayor Miller and the Council can recognize you publicly at the City Council meeting that will begin immediately following the event.

**For more information, reach out to Bre Keveren, Communications Manager: (425) 888-7669 or [bkeveren@northbendwa.gov](mailto:bkeveren@northbendwa.gov).**

Please fill out the application form on the next page.

**City of North Bend  
2026 North Bend Citizens Academy  
Application for Participation**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical and Mailing Addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any dietary restrictions? Snacks will be served during each course. \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you prefer digital copies of each PowerPoint presentation, and a digital file of informational resources that will accompany you throughout Citizens Academy, or would you like this in a printed format?

Printed      Digital

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How did you hear about the Citizens' Academy: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tell us why you are interested in the Citizen's Academy: \_\_\_\_\_

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The following information will help us understand who will be participating in this year's Citizens' Academy.

Please check all the boxes that apply to you:

1. Do you live  and/or work  and/or  go to school in North Bend?
2. If you live in North Bend, how long have you lived in North Bend?  
 0-5 years     6-10 years     Over 10 years
3. In North Bend, do you rent  own a home  , own a business

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Signature

Date

**PLEASE RETURN TO:** Bre Keveren, Communications Manager for the City of North Bend.

**You must return this completed form and receive confirmation to be signed up for the Citizens Academy. We will confirm your registration after we have received your application.**

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

**February 2 - Welcome, City History, and Operations Overview with Mayor Mary Miller, City Administrator Amber Emery and Deputy Director of the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum, Cristy Lake:** Learn about how our city operates, and learn about the history of North Bend. Ask questions, discuss history and current city operations topics.  
**Location:** North Bend City Hall .....**Time:** 6 – 8 p.m.

**February 9 - Records, Law, Open Government, Administration and Public Information with City Clerk Susie Oppedal, City Attorney Kendra Rosenberg, Administrative Services Director Lisa Escobar, HR Manager Erin DeBerg, and Communications Manager Bre Keveren:** Learn about records retention, legal authority, open government, administration, and how the city disseminates information to the public.

**Location:** North Bend City Hall .....**Time:** 6 – 8 p.m.

### **NO CLASS THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16**

**February 23 - Community and Economic Development, with CED Director James Henderson and team:** Learn about the Parks, Economic Development and Planning commissions, land use, and building and code enforcement.

**Location:** North Bend City Hall .....**Time:** 6 – 8 p.m.

**February 28 - Fire and Emergency Management, with Eastside Fire and Rescue (EF-R):** Learn about how EF-R operates, volunteer opportunities, wildfire preparedness and more with Public Information Officer Catherine Imboden and team.

**Location:** City Hall, with a tour of Fire Station 87 .....**Time:** 8 – 11 a.m.

**March 7 – Police Services with King County Sheriff’s Office, Introduction to Native American Law Enforcement:** Learn about how our local law enforcement operates and meet King County Sheriff’s Office, North Bend Police Chief Ed Hall and team members. Get introduced to Native American law enforcement and jurisdiction, with Snoqualmie Tribal Police Chief Chris Sutter.

**Location:** North Bend City Hall .....**Time:** 8 – 11 a.m.

**March 16 - Finance and Budgeting with Finance Director Martin Chaw, Deputy Finance Director Elaine Morse and team:** Learn about how the city plans for our financial future and keeps a balanced budget.

**Location:** North Bend City Hall .....**Time:** 6 – 8 p.m.

**March 23 - Public Works, Infrastructure and City Emergency Management, with Public Works Director Tom Mohr and team, and Emergency Coordinator, Erin DeBerg:** Learn about infrastructure and what it takes to nurture a highly livable city. Sign up for an opportunity to tour North Bend’s Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), the city’s largest ever capital improvement project. Learn also about how the city collaborates and works through emergencies.

**Location:** North Bend City Hall .....**Time:** 6 – 8 p.m., (also, sign up to tour the WWTP at a future date)

**March 30 – Local Parks, with Si View Metropolitan Parks District:** Learn how Si View Metro Parks and the City of North Bend work together to enhance the quality of life for residents through parks and recreation. See how parks’ needs are determined and why your input matters. From planning to development, programming and maintenance, our park system is an essential resource for all residents. Enjoy a guided parks tour with Si View staff, followed by a discussion at the Community Center.

**Location:** Si View Community Center.....**Time:** 3 – 5:30 p.m.

**April 7 – Meet Your City Council and Citizens Academy Recognition Event:** Connect with councilmembers and commissioners. Receive your Certificate of Completion, enjoy refreshments and ask questions. Refreshments and discussion: 6:15 to 7 p.m. Recognition will occur at the beginning of the City Council meeting, starting at 7 p.m.

**Location:** North Bend City Hall .....**Time:** 6 – 7:30 p.m.