

# NORTH BEND neighbors

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

## Citizens Academy starts this month!

On Monday, February 2, Mayor Miller, City Administrator Emery and Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum Executive Director Lake launch into the 2026 North Bend Citizens Academy.

Now in its fourth year, the eight-week interactive course will guide 25 community members through the workings of local government, focusing on:

- Operations and history
- Records, law, administration, public information
- Community and economic development
- Fire and emergency management
- Police services
- Finance and budgeting
- Public Works and city emergency management
- Local parks

Participants meet staff from the city, Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum, Eastside Fire and Rescue, King County Sheriff's Office, Snoqualmie Tribal Police and Si View Metropolitan Parks District.

The series will culminate on April 7 with a recognition event for graduates featuring elected officials and staff.



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# North Bend is a Tree City USA

## 15 consecutive years and running

**In honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management, this winter, the Arbor Day Foundation recognized the City of North Bend as a Tree City USA for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.**

North Bend achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting each of the program's four requirements:

- A tree board or department
- A tree care ordinance
- An annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita
- An Arbor Day observance and proclamation

Local tree conservation is essential to our highly livable community, protected by North Bend Municipal Codes (NBMC) [19.10.091 through 19.10.095](#).

The ordinances require the retention of a number of existing trees when sites are developed, describing tree protection areas and native restoration planting.

Landscape regulations also require the planting of trees at these sites.

Learn about urban forestry by reading the [Energy and Sustainability Element](#), an integral part of the city's Comprehensive Plan.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million-member nonprofit conservation and education organization with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Together with the US Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, there is a combined network of more than 3,600 Tree City USA communities.

Arbor Day Foundation  
[www.arborday.org/our-work/tree-city-usa](http://www.arborday.org/our-work/tree-city-usa)



North Bend Comprehensive Plan  
[www.orthbendwa.gov/238/Comprehensive-Plan](http://www.orthbendwa.gov/238/Comprehensive-Plan)



North Bend Municipal Code  
[www.codepublishing.com/WA/NorthBend](http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/NorthBend)



# A message to our community about ICE immigration enforcement



**The City of North Bend, the City of Snoqualmie, and the Snoqualmie Police Department that serves both cities are committed to serving and protecting all members of our community regardless of immigration status.**

Both Washington Law (Keep Washington Working Act) and Snoqualmie Police Department Policy prohibit our officers from assisting U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) or any other federal law enforcement entity engaged in federal immigration enforcement.

Federal immigration enforcement is not the function of local law enforcement and local officers are prohibited from acting based on a person's immigration status.

Officers will not ask about your immigration status during an investigation, whether you are a victim or a suspect.

Should anyone in our communities observe a situation that creates public safety concerns, please call 911 and report it.

The Snoqualmie Police Department will respond to ensure public safety, keeping in mind that ICE's authority arises under federal law.

Mayor Mary Miller, Mayor James Mayhew, and Interim Police Chief Gary Horejsi remain dedicated to protecting and serving all members of our diverse communities.



More about Snoqualmie Police Dep't  
[www.snoqualmiewa.gov/187/Police](http://www.snoqualmiewa.gov/187/Police)

# A North Bend welcome

## Newly sworn-in councilmembers, Mayor Pro Tem

The City of North Bend welcomes three councilmembers – one newly elected and two reelected – to the City Council this year.

Oaths of Office were administered to returning councilmembers Mark Joselyn, Position No. 6, and Errol Tremolada, Position No. 4, at the December 2 Council meeting.

Councilmember Joselyn began serving in 2022, and in 2025, he served as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Tremolada began serving in 2023.

Newly elected Councilmember Rob McFarland took his Oath of Office on December 29. Mr. McFarland previously served as North Bend's mayor from 2020 to 2024. His term as a councilmember, Position No. 2, began January 1, 2026.

"As elected officials, community is at the core of every decision we make. It requires a whole lot of time, collaboration, and passion for public service," Mayor Miller said. "On behalf of myself and city staff, we look forward to these new and continued partnerships in 2026."

Councilmember Tremolada was selected by his peers to serve as the 2026 Mayor Pro Tem.



As Mayor Pro Tem, he will coordinate with the administration, setting the agenda for monthly Workstudy sessions, support the Council's standing committees in a variety of ways, and he will serve in the absence of the mayor.

"Thank you to my colleagues for your trust," he said during the December 2 City Council meeting. "I have a very good working relationship with all of you, and I look forward to taking on this role."

## STAY INFORMED, GET INVOLVED!

### Upcoming City of North Bend public meetings

**February 3, 7 p.m.**

**February 4, 6:30 p.m.**

**February 17, 7 p.m.**

**February 18, 6:30 p.m.**

**February 24, 7 p.m.**

**February 26, 12 p.m.**

City Council Meeting, with two Public Hearings

Planning Commission, with a Public Hearing

City Council Meeting

Planning Commission

City Council Workstudy

Economic Development Commission



# YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

## The February Special Election

**Election  
Night is  
FEB 10**



**Ballot Drop Box**  
Local - North Bend Library

**Mail**  
In the mail by FEB 3

**Nearest Vote Center**  
919 SW Grady Way Ste 100

Special Election Information:  
<https://bit.ly/46g3Lcr>



## 230 Main Affordable Housing Project DDA moving to Council Workstudy for discussion

On February 24, the North Bend City Council will hold a Council Workstudy on the Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) with Related NW for the 230 Main Affordable Housing Project.

Originally scheduled for consideration at the February 3 City Council meeting, the Council decided further discussion is required on account of new funding information recently provided by the Washington State Department of Commerce, and potential city staff recommendations to address parking around 230 Main Avenue North.

With that, the Council will not be considering the DDA on February 3, 2026.

Residents are invited to attend Council Workstudy meetings in person or by teleconference. In keeping with past Workstudy practices, the public is not permitted to provide comment at Workstudy meetings. Please stay tuned for information on this topic being set for a future City Council meeting, where public comment is available and encouraged.

### Where to find the February 24 Workstudy

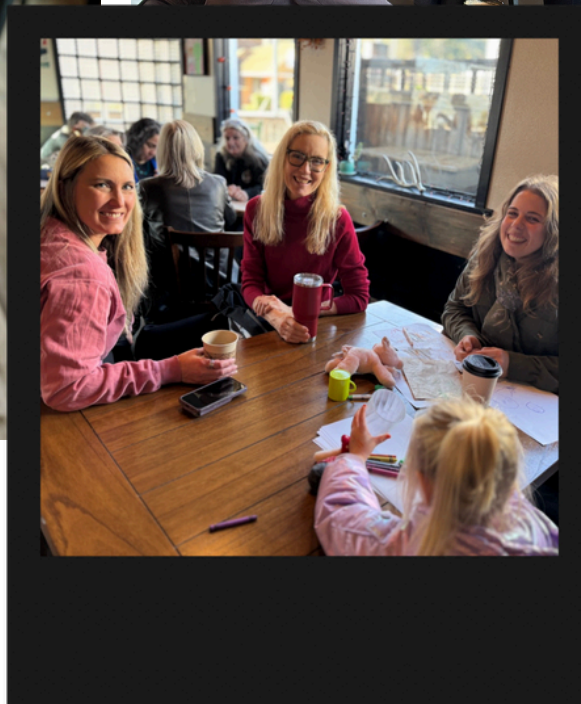
**Agenda and teleconference link:** The agenda will be published by 5 p.m. on February 19, and it will be located on our website, in the [Document Center](#) and in the [Calendar](#) ([www.northbendwa.gov/Calendar.aspx](http://www.northbendwa.gov/Calendar.aspx)).

News Release:  
<https://bit.ly/4roniQd>





MEET UP WITH  
MAYOR MILLER



## An opportunity to connect with your mayor and support local businesses

**On Wednesday, February 18, Mayor Miller invites residents to join her for casual, community-focused conversations with the city's Meet Up with Mayor Miller event.**

Stop by The Trail Youth Coffee Home between 11 and 12 p.m. for your favorite winter beverage or lunch snack and enjoy getting to know your mayor while discussing city-related topics that are important to you.

The Trail Youth is located at 226 E North Bend Way.

Whether you are curious about upcoming projects, or simply looking to connect over coffee, Mayor Miller welcomes this opportunity for open conversation and shared ideas.

*Meet Ups* are offered most months and hosted at a variety of cafes throughout North Bend. If you cannot join, please stay tuned for future dates.

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# calendar of COMMUNITY EVENTS

FEBRUARY

**SUNDAYS**  
2 - 4 PM

**CURIOUS CREATORS WITH NB ART & INDUSTRY**  
Snoqualmie Valley Center for Creativity

**FEB 5 - 7**

**BOOK SALE WITH FRIENDS OF THE NB LIBRARY**  
North Bend Library (times vary)

**FRIDAYS**  
12 - 1 PM

**INNOVATION FRIDAYS WITH SNOVALLEY INNOVATION**  
Columbia Bank Community Room

**FEB 6 - 22**

**MACBETH, A VCS PRODUCTION**  
Valley Center Stage (dates & times vary)

**FEB 7 -  
MAR 28**

**TRAIN EXCURSIONS WITH NW RAILWAY MUSEUM**  
North Bend Train Depot (dates and times vary)

**FEB 11**  
5 - 7 PM

**TRIVIA NIGHT, AN AMERICA 250 EVENT**  
Pearl and Stone Wine Co & the Downtown Foundation

**FEB 18**  
11 - 12 PM

**MEET UP WITH MAYOR MILLER**  
Trail Youth Coffee Home

**FEB 19**  
7:30 PM

**PRO-AM BIG BAND WITH JAZZCLUBS NW**  
Boxley's Jazz Club

**FEB 19 - 22**

**THE REAL TWIN PEAKS**  
Various locations, dates & times

**FEB 24**

**TWIN PEAKS DAY**  
Stay tuned for Mayor Miller's North Bend proclamation!

# City street treatment during snow events **Q&A**

Winter weather in the Snoqualmie Valley often brings our community ample amounts of rain, wind, snow and sometimes ice. While 2026 has not yet brought snow to North Bend, your Public Works Department is prepared for a late winter or early spring snow. Below are several commonly asked questions and answers from our community.

## **Q How can I know when/if the city will plow my street?**

Snow removal on streets begin at an accumulation of 1 to 2 inches. Crews follow the Snow Removal Priority Map, focusing first on Priorities 1, 2 and 3. [Download](https://bit.ly/4pP2eSm) your copy to locate your address on the map (<https://bit.ly/4pP2eSm>).

## **Q Why doesn't the city use de-icer on our streets?**

It is critical to keep in mind that part of our drinking water supply is located directly beneath and adjacent to city streets. Additionally, there are approximately 100 private drinking water wells situated throughout the Upper Snoqualmie Valley. We do not want to adversely impact your drinking water, and these products can also contaminate our environment.

When used in large quantities, they are harmful to fish, wildlife and affect ecosystems.

## **Q How can business owners keep parallel parking spaces clear in front of their businesses when snowplows create a berm?**

During winter weather events, our snowplows create streetside berms. Berms happen when snowplows repeatedly drive through snowy streets, pushing snow to the right and left of the plow.

Our goal is to remove large berms that prevent parking from priority 1, 2 and 3 roadways within two weeks of the end of a snow event. We understand the frustration this can cause. Streetside parking is often affected during extended snow events. Crews will continue to work to ensure all berms are removed as quickly as we can.

## **Q Does the city use sand/salt?**

The city uses a mix of sand and salt on roadways, particularly on hilly areas like Forester Woods, some segments of priority 1 roads, roundabouts and intersections. When needed, we use ice-slicer, an environmentally friendly, low-corrosive granular de-icing product that breaks the bond of snow and ice from roadways.

## **Q How many plows does the city have and what are "route priorities"?**

We have four snowplows, three of which are larger, to serve our city.

Main roads like Bendigo Blvd (SR 202) and North Bend Way are considered Priority 1 routes.

During heavy snow events, crews will often focus most attention on these roadways. When those Priority 1 routes are complete, they will move to Priority 2 roads, like neighborhood collector streets, as safe staffing allows.

When those are finished, crews can move onto Priority 3 roadways like neighborhood side streets.

The city maintains a total of 88 travel lane miles.

## **Q Do I have to clear the sidewalk in front of my house/business?**

Yes. Property owners must manage snow on sidewalks abutting their property. The city is responsible for removing snow along publicly owned properties, such as parks and city facilities.



**Snow Removal Policy:**  
<https://bit.ly/44laQ4M>



**Snow Route Map:**  
<https://bit.ly/4pP2eSm>