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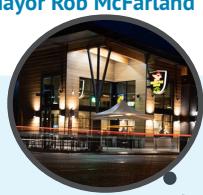
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Striving to support a strong local economy and the unique character of the North Bend community.

2019 in Review: A Fantastic Year for Local Business!

"What an exciting experience seeing new businesses arrive in North Bend. Thriving businesses are a direct response to our community's commitment to support our local economy. We are fortunate to have a business community that continues to provide choice through diversity and value through service, while honouring our history and working hard to support a successful future."

"Reflecting back on this last year, it is clear that good work creates a reciprocal effect resulting in reaffirming we are truly a highly livable town."
- Mayor Rob McFarland



Huxdotter reopens in its new and improved home at 101 W Park St.



Z Ultimate Self Defense opens at 249 Main Ave S.



Wildflower Bistro celebrates opening its new, beautiful location at 228 W North Bend



Pro Ski celebrates opening its new, larger location at 112 W 2nd St.



Clarity Eyewear Boutique opens at 111 E North Bend Wy.

JANUARY

- Twin Peaks Pub
- opens at 129 W North Bend Wy.
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JULY

- Volition Brewing
- opens at 112 W North Bend Wy.
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AUGUST

- North Bend City Hall
- celebrates its new home at 920 SE Cedar Falls Wy.
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SEPTEMBER

- Chinook Lumber
- celebrates opening its new, larger location at 13490 436th Ave SE.
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OCTOBER

- JazzClubsNW
- reopens in a new location at 228 W North Bend Wy.
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NOVEMBER

- Pearl & Stone opens
- its new tasting room at Birches Habitat,
- 202 W North Bend Wy.
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North Bend Welcomes New Mayor, Rob McFarland

North Bend's 20th mayor, Rob McFarland, was publicly sworn in by King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert during the January 4th, 2020 Council Meeting. His term began on January 1st.

Mayor McFarland moved to North Bend in 1997 and immediately became active in the community, donating his time, knowledge and leadership in service through a variety of both volunteer and appointed community positions. His knowledge of city government was built through years of attending countless City Council and Committee meetings as well as serving on several City commissions.

He served for 11 years on the City's Planning Commission and seven years on the Parks Commission. He has also volunteered for other local organizations, including three years with the Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation, five years on the Board of Encompass, and four years on the Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association.

The Mayor has an undergraduate degree in Natural Resources Management and a Political Science Master of Arts degree in Public Administration. His professional work in recent years includes land use planning, real estate and management efficiencies for major companies. Combined, he is well rounded in understanding the complexities of a running a city.

"I have spent many hours listening to citizens, building relationships, and



engaging with City Council and staff learning how our City runs and what it needs. I've seen us grow and shrink with the economy, encounter hurdles and overcome them, face tragedies and address them – all through a caring, engaged community network," he said. "I believe we are at a critical juncture where decisions we make in the next few years will shape how we will look and live to 2050 and beyond."

A few experiences during his first month in office included a sizable snowstorm, a leadership change in the City Administrator role, and a change to the City's legal support due to the former City Attorney leaving the City abruptly.

"A familiar quote is the 'only constant is change.' I'm comfortable with that and am focused on getting to know all City personnel and familiarizing myself with the internal mechanics of the City," he added. "I'm enjoying getting up to speed on the policies and procedures in relation to what I would like to accomplish for the betterment of the community."

As the internal workings of the City are assimilated, his next steps will be more outward looking, including working closely with other jurisdictions and organizations in the Valley and building relationships within the border regional groups.

"With input and help from City Council, City staff and our residents, I'm confident we will continue to be the highly-livable community that we all enjoy."

Local Entrepreneurs

"A ship in the harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." - John A. Shedd



Photos courtesy of Paul and Kim Goldenberger



Welcome Back, BasePoint Fitness

BasePoint Fitness is moving back to downtown North Bend! After moving out of 228 W North Bend Way, owners Paul and Kim Goldenberger are preparing for a February 2020 opening in their new location at 125 SE North Bend Way.

"We are feeling blessed and beyond excited to be re-opening," they said. Their gym will offer a variety of highly specialized classes, personal training and general nutrition guidance. "It will be an upgrade for BasePoint Fitness in all aspects." **Welcome to your new digs, BasePoint Fitness!**

Singletrack Cycles Bike Trade-Up Program Gives Back

Singletrack Cycles, located at 119 W North Bend Way, launched a kids' bicycle trade-up program! For each new kid's bike purchased, customers may bring it back within three years and trade it in. Depending on the condition of the bike, they will receive store credit to apply towards the next size bike. The program stops after they trade up to their first adult-sized bike.



Trade-ins from the kid's bike trade-up program are donated to kids in need in our community.

"For the bikes we take in on trade, we tune them up and replace parts that are needed to make them new again. We then work with Opstad Elementary to have these bikes placed with kids in need in our community," Erik Alston, Singletrack Cycles owner said. In December, they "delivered 24 of these kid trade-up bikes, each with new helmet." **Thank you for giving back, Singletrack!**

New to Downtown: Clarity Eyewear Boutique



Photo courtesy of Amy King

In November 2019, Amy King opened Clarity Eyewear, at 111 E North Bend Way! Amy brings with her 25 years of experience and a mission of providing superior customer service and global awareness with each purchase. "At Clarity Eyewear Boutique, we want you to know where your eyewear is coming from and how your investment in your vision is impacting the world," she said. Amy brings to downtown "a unique optique, offering quality sustainable and recycled eyewear with a vision." **Welcome, Clarity Eyewear Boutique!**

Craig Glazier, Recipient of Spellman Awards for Exemplary Achievement in Historic Preservation

Recipients of the 2019 John D. Spellman Awards for Exemplary Achievement in Historic Preservation were honored October 23, 2019 in a celebration led by King County Executive Dow Constantine at Issaquah's Village Theatre.

One recipient is North Bend's own Craig Glazier, who was honored for restoring the Sunset Garage and Volition Brewing buildings. Craig recently applied for grant funds to work on the Volition façade and the awning.



"Craig is making great strides in improving buildings long neglected in our downtown," former Economic Development Manager and Planner, Lynn Hyde, said. "He is truly an energetic champion of North Bend." **Thank you for your commitment and hard work, Craig!**

North Bend's Pet Place Market Expands to Anacortes



Photo courtesy of Chris Creighton

Pet Place Market is growing!

In addition to looking forward to continuing to provide healthy products to North Bend furry family members, in 2019 Pet Place Market expanded their reach to Anacortes, where they now have a second storefront at 1005 9th Street and 912 Commercial Avenue.

"We are proud to serve our local

communities with quality and service that preserves our customers' commitment to support and shop local," said owner, Chris Creighton. **Congrats, Pet Place Market!**

A Letter from the North Bend Downtown Foundation

As mid-winter snow melts quickly into warmer rain and longer daylight, the NBDF is jumping into 2020 with open eyes and a fresh mindset.

We are in the midst of planning your spring Sip Suds & Si, where we will bring live music, fresh art and new and repeat customers to your downtown. We hope to make storefronts alive with laughter and the joy that comes with a new season and community participation.

With that, we need your help. The NBDF is asking for your support in the form of annual membership. For your tax-deductible contribution of \$25, you become a member of this nonprofit organization. Your contribution will go toward supporting economic development, special events, revitalization and improvement to our historic downtown.

Now, on to events...We've had fun this winter!

We had a record attendance at the October 31st Trick-Or-Treat Street. Jayleigh Ann & the Lost Boys rocked downtown, while families trick-or-treated with 46 local businesses. And you put on quite a show! NBDF /voted winners were: Hair Ink, Re/Max North Bend, Compass Outdoor Adventures.

Mother Nature held off rain (but not quite the wind) for our cherished hometown holiday event, Holly Days, on December 6th. Another happy evening with you, local community groups and hundreds of residents – Santa even made an appearance at Singletrack!

In addition to March 21st's Sip Suds & Si, we are in the midst of preparing for a warm, sunny (hopefully not too windy) Downtown Block Party! Get ready for summer, thousands of residents and visitors, live music, art, vendors, a Kid Zone and more!

The NBDF will be talking to downtown merchants soon about organization and membership. Questions? Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/NorthBendDowntownFoundation

Sincerely,

Your Downtown Foundation

Beth Burrows, Erin Craver, Debra Landers, Nancy Wray, Craig Glazier, Mary Miller & Lucas Haines

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LET'S GET TOGETHER



Twin Peaks Day.....	Feb 24
Sip Suds & Si.....	Mar 21
North Bend Jazz Walk.....	Apr 25
Rattlesnake Ridge Run	May 30
Farmers Market & Concerts	June 11-Sept 10
Movies in the Park	July 18
Downtown Block Party	July 18
Legends Car Show	July 19
Jack & Jill's Downhill Marathon & Half	July 25 & 26
Festival at Mt Si	Aug 7 - 9
North Bend Film Festival	Aug 6 - 9
Iron Horse Half Marathon.....	Aug 30
DoggieStock.....	Sept
Sip Suds & Si.....	Oct 17
Trick-Or-Treat Street.....	Oct 31

Did Buddy visit you last year?



Buddy was SO excited for Holly Days. The NBDF made sure he shared his joy with over 50 business neighbors! More photos: facebook.com/NorthBendDowntownFoundation/

Holly Days 2019: Thanks For Your Participation!

Friday, December 6, marked our annual Holly Days Downtown Celebration and it wouldn't have been possible without the support of our local businesses and non-profit organizations. More photos: facebook.com/DiscoverNorthBend

THANK YOU TO:

- Keith & Scott Tree Farm for the donation of a beautiful Community Tree
- Tanner Electric Cooperative for lighting our Tree
- RE/MAX Integrity North Bend for a festive tractor ride, and for delivering Santa
- North Bend Theatre's free matinee of "Elf" - local tradition!
- Community performers: Sno Valley Winds, Sno Valley Unicycle Club, Ignite Dance, Twin Falls Middle School Jazz Band I, Mt. Si High School Choir
- Emcee & Tree Lighting Ceremony leader, former Mayor Ken Hearing & Communications Manager, Jill Green
- Singletrack Cycles, for sharing their shop with Santa
- Our hardworking Public Works crew, for Tree pick-up, set-up, road safety, trash management & more
- Citizen volunteers, for helping to hang ornaments on the Community Tree
- All the businesses who decorated & welcomed folks in
- North Bend Chevrolet, for sharing space & their kind flexibility
- Local, crafty organizations, including North Bend Art & Industry, North Bend Downtown Foundation, QFC, Mt Si Lutheran Church, Sno Valley Food Bank, Sno Valley Kiwanis, Relay for Life, Chester Copperpot, Encompass NW & The Cascade Team



Introducing... The NBDF Ripple Effect

The North Bend Downtown Foundation has introduced a new award designed to recognize individuals who make a difference in our day; people who make a gloomy day brighter, lighten our load, and make us smile. "These are folks that we go home to our families and tell the story about how they changed our day for the better," said NBDF member, Debra Landers.



This award was suggested to the NBDF by Ambur Brown. She had an individual in mind that she thought would make a great candidate for this recognition. As she shared her thoughts, the NBDF felt that was a program that they would like to sponsor on a quarterly basis.

"So... the NBDF Ripple Effect Award was born! We thank Ambur for the suggestion and also for volunteering to administer the award," Debra said.

One recipient will be chosen on a quarterly basis. Please submit your suggestion and why you feel your nominee would be a good candidate to Ambur Brown: NBDFRippleEffect@gmail.com by the second Friday in:

- March
- June
- October
- December



Photos courtesy of the North Bend Downtown Foundation

The first recipient of this award was Kevin Shadow.

Kevin works at Bartell's Drug Store. He always has a warm smile, a kind word, and a gift for making our community a warmer, friendlier place. He truly creates a positive *Ripple Effect* in our community.

Business Outreach Meeting

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Sponsored by the City of North Bend, Business Outreach Meetings serve as a direct avenue for business owners like you to meet up, to be informed of actions the City is considering which impact commercial and business property, to discuss other important topics that relate directly to North Bend business, and to communicate with your local government.

We recognize that City operations can be a tough but necessary part of community and commercial growth, and hope these meetings continue to provide you with an opportunity to voice your concerns, offer solutions and connect with us and your business community. To be added to a Business Outreach contact list, email bkeveren@northbendwa.gov.

Phase 1 Construction of Wastewater Treatment Plant on Track for 2020 Completion

The Wastewater Treatment Plant High Priority Improvements Project is progressing well.

As of December 2019, McClure and Sons, Inc. had nearly completed the concrete work on the new secondary clarifier and the new mixed liquor splitter box. Masonry work on the new ultraviolet disinfection system building was completed during the last week of December. Electrical work on the site is also underway, with approximately 50% of the new conduit installed.

Project completion for Phase 1 is anticipated for October 2020.



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New North Bend Roundabout Nearing Completion



Construction of the roundabout at North Bend Way and Park Street is 85% complete. When complete, the new roundabout will improve public safety, reduce traffic congestion and improve downtown walkability.



Final pavement work, pavement striping, and installation of power poles is scheduled for this spring.

The roundabout lighting will be similar to the North Bend Way and Cedar Falls Way roundabout.

Pavement lifting will address the existing pavement transitions and standing water that occurs during heavy rains. There are holes drilled into the existing pavement near the new catch basins to allow for some drainage collection during normal rains, but the holes do not provide as much drainage collection capacity as the catch basin grates will once the final pavement lift is completed. The significant amount of paving should be completed during drier and warmer weather.

Thank you for your continued patience during these final stages of construction!

Photo courtesy of the North Bend Downtown Foundation

Ordinance 1712 and Food Trucks: What You Should Know

North Bend City Council passed Ordinance 1712 on December 18, 2019 after the December 3 Public Hearing, amending Permits and Conditional Land Use, in relation to food trucks and how they operate within City limits.

Doing so provides the ability to regulate the operation and location of food trucks in North Bend, which in turn, provides support to our storefront restaurants, while also creating an exciting opportunity to invite a variety of flavorful pop-up dining options in town!

Please read on for a brief, crash-course guide of this ordinance.



For more information, check out Amendment 1712 online:
www.NorthBendWA.gov/Archive/ViewFile/Item/4695.

- Food trucks may not park adjacent to or within 18 feet (on the same side of the street) of an existing restaurant unless they receive permission from respective property owner (written permission).
- No food truck may remain in off-street or on street public parking for more than 24 consecutive hours (or as specifically posted).
- In the Downtown Commercial area, no more than two public parking spaces may be occupied.
- Food trucks must have a sufficient parking and vehicular maneuvering area for customers.
- Food trucks may not park along Orchard, from SE 5th Street, to Meadow Drive SE.
- Food trucks will pay a daily fee of \$12.
- Food trucks must have a City of North Bend Business License; comply with standards of Public Health-King County, the Fire Marshall, state Labor & Industries insignia and all other relevant state and local regulations.
- If on public right of way, an approved Food Truck Permit serves as owner authorization.
- Food trucks will provide and maintain a private waste receptacle near operations, and be kept clean and litter-free.
- No dumping of any waste into drains is permitted.
- Any generators used must be quiet, in good condition, with a maximum of 55 dB(A).
- All materials, structures and products related to the food truck must be removed from the premises between days of operation, except between consecutive days of operation.

Sip Suds & Si



Your local art walk will be back in full force on Saturday, March 21!

Let spring enter your heart early as you prepare for an evening of art, music, hyper-local and regional wine, beer and cider. The NBDF is partnering with downtown businesses to bring tastes, shopping, art and live music, both inside and out.

More information: www.DiscoverNorthBend.com/175/Sip-Suds-Si

North Bend Jazz Walk



The well-loved North Bend Jazz Walk will be back this spring!

This one-day jazz festival invites local store fronts and jazz musicians to get together and create a vibrant, celebratory evening.

More information: www.NorthBendJazzWalk.com

City Improves Alley to Create Pedestrian-Friendly Space

North Bend City Council continues to prioritize projects that will stimulate shopping in North Bend's historic downtown. One of the most recent projects was improving the alleyway between Volition Brewing Co. and the Snoqualmie Valley Antique Co. to create a pedestrian-friendly space. Work included pavers, and a functioning storm drainage system.

The final touch will be the addition of bollards. The bollards had been on back order, but are now in hand, and being installed!

Toward the end of the alley, near Bank of America, the alley will remain open for drivers to enter and exit the parking lot behind Volition Brewing. This enhancement is expected to improve walkability, create a gathering space for all, and enhance enjoyment of downtown North Bend.



Need a Ride to Work? Alternative Transportation for Your Employees

Vanpools offer an economic form of transportation. King County has expanded its Vanpool service to North Bend, and commuting employees are taking advantage of this flexible option, with participants from Genie, Nintendo and McDonalds successfully utilizing this service.

Vanpool is a form of transportation for groups of five to 15 people to commute together in one vehicle. King County notes that members can save over \$6,000 annually, and freeway commuters save time and reduce stress by traveling in an HOV lane. As King County continues to expand their transit service, the Valley can expect to see continued mobility improvements such as this.

Please stay tuned as we receive more information for you to share with your own commuting employees! In the meantime, visit kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/travel-options/rideshare/resources.aspx for a full listing of Vanpools.

Questions? Email Maureen Devlin: mdevlin@kingcounty.gov.

In a van, I can



Join a van and save money on gas. Avoid construction. Drink coffee. Read a book. Get some sleep. Start your own van and get rewarded. Come see what you can do!



Photo: www.rideshareonline.com



Save the Dates: 2020 Downtown Block Party & Legends Car Show

Downtown Block Party

One of our biggest City-coordinated events, North Bend's Downtown Block Party, will take place Saturday, July 18!

This popular festival fosters community pride and engagement, while providing an economic boost to our downtown businesses by bringing in more foot traffic to the downtown core and North Bend in general.

One big thing Block Party does, is it supports the North Bend Downtown Foundation, a local nonprofit organization that is working hard to create and promote a vibrant downtown. To learn more about your NBDF, visit www.facebook.com/NorthBendDowntownFoundation (and check out page 3)!

To ensure that this event positively impacts local businesses to its fullest potential, we are calling all interested merchants to participate in an Advisory Committee for our Block Party. This committee will be focused on increasing merchant participation and providing insight and ideas on how the Block Party can benefit our businesses. To participate, please email Special Events & VIC Coordinator Bre Keveren by Monday, February 10: bkeveren@northbendwa.gov.

Follow Downtown Block Party by visiting www.DiscoverNorthBend.com/177/Downtown-Block-Party, Facebook: www.facebook.com/DiscoverNorthBend and Instagram: #NorthBendBlockParty

Legends Car Show

Legends Car Show is a non-profit organization dedicated toward putting on the best car shows in the Pacific Northwest, while working to raise funds for local charities and causes.

This event raises funds for the Washington State Hot Rod Hall of Fame, which awards an automotive scholarship to deserving young individual(s), and The Forgotten Children's Fund, an all-volunteer organization that purchases food and other staples, personalized gifts, wraps the gifts, and delivers - along with Santa Claus and supportive elves - to families in need during the winter holiday season. For more information about these two non-profit organizations, visit www.forgottenchildrensfund.org and www.legendscarclub.org/washington-state-hot-rod-hall-of-fame.

This year, Legends will run the Poker Run portion of their cherished event during Block Party, on July 19, and will be in amidst the action of the festival - exact location to be announced soon.

Next, on Sunday, July 19, Legends will be back in full force downtown for the big car show! You'll find them North Bend Way with hundreds of beautiful cars and fun activities. They appreciate and show all forms of the automobile from antique cars and classic cars to street rods and muscle cars to sports cars and modern performance cars.