



# CITY OF NORTHBEND BUSINESS BULLETIN

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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

## Park Street - North Bend Way Roundabout Estimated Completion, End of October

Construction on the Park Street - North Bend Way Roundabout is progressing as planned and on target to be completely operational by the end of October, weather dependent!

The contractor will continue pouring curb and gutter along the south side of North Bend Way along with some of the stamped concrete in the medians through Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. On Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the contractor will begin paving around some of the new curb work with the first lift of asphalt.

Starting Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, the contractor will begin removal of pavement and grading for phase three. Phase three is for work on the east side of Park Street and another large portion of the roundabout curb. The contractor is making good progress and on schedule to have all the curb work and the first lift of asphalt done by the end of October.



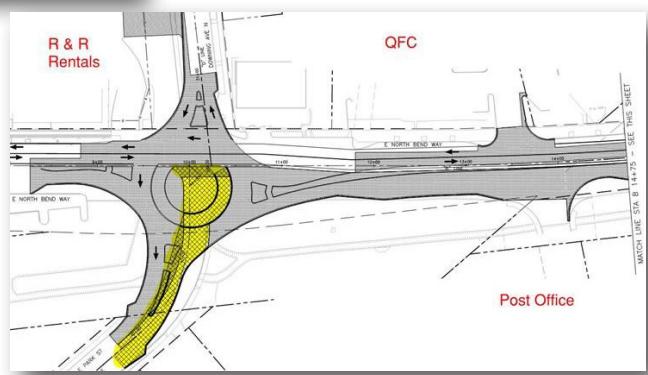
**Businesses along the construction zone are remaining open during construction. Please continue to support downtown businesses during this time!**

We also ask drivers to be courteous and patient of others attempting to pull into and out of business driveways. As an alternative, QFC plaza shoppers are encouraged to

use the entrance off of Downing Avenue North.

Two lanes will remain open during the construction for traffic flow. When completed, this roundabout will improve public safety and reduce traffic congestion.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Tom Mohr, Interim Public Works Director at 425-888-7653 or email [tmohr@northbendwa.gov](mailto:tmohr@northbendwa.gov).



Phase three location (highlighted)

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# SIP SUDS & SI

NORTH BEND, WA

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## A Message from the NBDF

The North Bend Downtown Foundation held its quarterly Merchant Meet and Greet on September 18<sup>th</sup>. It was very informative and interactive, and we had the opportunity to introduce our newest member to the NBDF: Lucas Haines, owner of Volition Brewing Co! As a fellow downtown business owner, Lucas brings to us a wealth of experience and passion for our community.

We would like to give thanks to Erik Alston of Singletrack Cycles for hosting the event, Kimberlea Miller of Wildflower Bistro for the delicious flat breads and marinated walnuts, and Sharon Hockenbury of Twin Peaks Nutrition & Wellness for sharing samples of her newest products: healthy treats and supplements! We would also like to thank our local Bank of America for sponsoring the September Meet and Greet by funding the beverages and food, and all present for sharing information, best practices, ideas, and suggestions to support our downtown businesses.

*Homecoming weekend is right around the corner, with the football game on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, the dance following on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Let's show our school spirit by decorating store windows and dressing in the school colors of red and gray!*

Sip Suds & Si is baaaaaccccckkkkkk on October 19<sup>th</sup>, and is going to be better than ever, with more music, more art, an extended route, and more fun for all!

Save money (and ensure you have access) by pre-purchasing your tickets here: [sipsudsandsi.brownpapertickets.com](http://sipsudsandsi.brownpapertickets.com). This art walk is very popular, and has been known to sell out! Those who do not want to partake in "tastes" are welcome to head downtown and enjoy the music, art, hanging out with your neighbors and friends.

Buddy the Elf (and his wrangler, NBDF president, Beth Burrows) will be making the rounds of downtown merchants to take pictures that will be shared on the NBDF Facebook page in the weeks prior to Holly Days on December 6.

For those of you haven't connected with us yet, please do! We look forward to the opportunity of meeting you and talking downtown business. Find us on Facebook: [facebook.com/northbenddowntownfoundation](http://facebook.com/northbenddowntownfoundation)

Sincerely,

*Your Downtown Foundation*

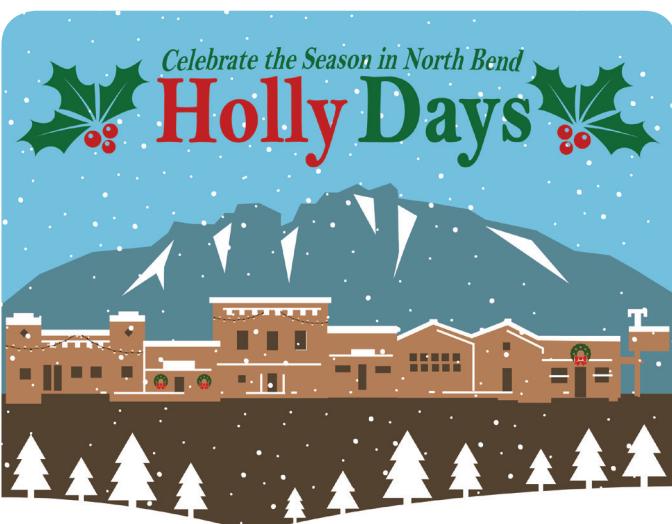
Beth Burrows, Erin Craver, Debra Landers,  
Nancy Wray, Craig Glazier, Mary Miller, Lucas Haines



**NBDF** NORTH BEND DOWNTOWN FOUNDATION



September NBDF Meet & Greet at Singletrack Cycles



December 6 - 8

Downtown Community Celebration:

Friday, Dec. 6

[DiscoverNorthBend.com/176/Holly-Days](http://DiscoverNorthBend.com/176/Holly-Days)

# Local Entrepreneurs

*"Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it." - Henry David Thoreau*

## Pro Ski & Mountain Service

Pro Ski & Mountain Service has moved! Their new location is 112 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.



Pro Ski celebrated both a grand opening and their 20<sup>th</sup> year in town on September 21<sup>st</sup> at their new location. Their adventure in North Bend began in the fall of 1999 with a downtown storefront and the founding of "Pro Guiding Service."



Pro Ski's recent move "was long overdue," said owner, Martin Volken. "We are excited to have more space, better parking and an overall better shopping experience while still being able to provide the same or better mountain culture."

**Welcome to your new digs, Pro Ski & Mountain Service!**

## Karakoram

Karakoram is planning a big move from 1546 Boalch Ave NW, to a new location on North Bend Way! "Our location in North Bend has been a critical part of our company culture from the beginning," said owners Tyler and Bryce Kloster. "Our new site maintains our proximity to everything we love in the Snoqualmie Valley...and most importantly room for growth not only as a company but as a part of the North Bend Community." **Congrats, Karakoram!**



Photo: [splitboardbindings.com](http://splitboardbindings.com)

## Scott's Dairy Freeze

Scott's Dairy Freeze is currently under new ownership! The Lira family has taken over management of Scott's. Be sure to say hello to Al Lira, who is running the restaurant, while the family continues to run Rio Bravo, also a North Bend business, and Rio Bravito, in Snoqualmie.



"We're very excited to have the opportunity to continue to serve our community," said co-owner, Diego Lira. "We are working really hard to make sure that people are being greeted with a smile and that their food is of the quality they expect." **Thank you, Lira family!**

Photo courtesy of the Lira family

## JazzClubsNW Performance Center

JazzClubsNW, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting live jazz performance and educational opportunities in our region, has been a part of North Bend for many years, in multiple locations: the building that is currently The Iron Duck and was once Boxley's, Wildflower's 2<sup>nd</sup> Street location that is now Pro Ski and Mountain Service, and this year, they moved to their own facility downtown, at 228 W North Bend Way. The space is an excellent venue, with a stage, lighting, and comfortable seating. Be sure to visit their website for information on upcoming performances: [jazzclubsnorthwest.org](http://jazzclubsnorthwest.org). **Welcome to your new home, JazzClubsNW!**



Photo: [jazzclubsnorthwest.org](http://jazzclubsnorthwest.org)

## Wildflower Bistro



Wildflower Bistro has moved, from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to 228 W North Bend Way. Their new location includes a beautiful outdoor seating area and an elegant, intimate



**Photos courtesy of Jessica Self**

and art-filled interior. Wildflower "takes great pride in serving fresh, locally sourced cuisine." said owner, Kimberlea Miller. They also serve Washington State wine, beer, and spirits. **Welcome back to North Bend Way, Wildflower!**

## Chinook Lumber

Chinook Lumber celebrated the grand opening of their new home at 13490 436<sup>th</sup> Ave SE on September 14<sup>th</sup>.



This longtime Snoqualmie Valley business now has a larger facility, with room for more products and ample parking. **Welcome to your new location, Chinook!**

## Volition Brewing Co

Volition Brewing Co is officially open for business! They celebrated their grand opening on September 28<sup>th</sup>. "We've kept the historic nature of the interior while breathing new life into the design and infrastructure," said co-owner, Lucas Haines. Volition serves local craft beers, community, and recently has begun incorporating food trucks as well. **Welcome, Volition Team!**



Photo courtesy of the North Bend Downtown Foundation

## Huxdotter Coffee



Photo courtesy of Jeremy Westlake

Huxdotter Coffee created an expanded 3,585 square foot building at 101 W Park Street, and they have been open, operational and busy this season! The new building replaces the old 200 square foot drive-thru building and the former car wash on the corner of Park Street and Main Avenue.

They offer over 50 seats with spectacular views of the Mount Si and a spacious outdoor patio. The drive-thru offers plenty of space to keep cars off the public street. This long-time North Bend business serves North Bend specialty coffee, fine teas, local beer, Washington wines, fresh baked goods, sandwiches, salads, flatbread pizzas and other small plates.

**Congrats, Huxdotter!**

## Pearl & Stone Wine

Estimating an opening this fall, Pearl and Stone Wine Co will be offering a new tasting room downtown! They have been busy, also moving to a new production location at 45120 SE North Bend Way, allowing Pearl and Stone to continue growing and making quality wine.



PEARL AND STONE WINE CO.

"We started in 2013 with about 350 cases and this year (2018 vintage), we produced approximately 1,400, so the growth has been good and steady thanks to the amazing support of our local community," said winemaker, Chris Stone. **Welcome downtown, Pearl & Stone!**

# -WATER CONSERVATION-

## Simple Ways to Save Year-round

Even with recent rainfall, rivers are low due to a dry summer and low snowpack in the Cascade Mountains. Check out a few ways you can do your part to conserve water, which, in turn, will benefit the Snoqualmie River.

### *Tips for efficient use of water resources:*

- ✓ Fix leaks promptly. Little drips can waste lots of water.
- ✓ Install "water displacement devices" in your toilet tank if you have an older model toilet.
- ✓ Replace older toilets. Newer toilets use only 1.5 gallons of water to flush.
- ✓ Replace your showerhead with a low flow model.
- ✓ Capture shower warm-up water. Use it to water plants, wash the floor or car. Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth or shaving.
- ✓ Keep a bottle of drinking water in your refrigerator. Running tap water until it is cold enough to drink wastes water.
- ✓ Wash only full loads in the dishwasher and washing machines.
- ✓ In restaurants, accept water only if you want it. Not only will you save the water you don't drink, you will also save the water to wash the glass.



### Sip Suds & Si

The NBDF is bringing back the art walk that incorporates art, live music, beer, wine, cider and local shopping! More info: [DiscoverNorthBend.com/175/Sip-Suds-Si](http://DiscoverNorthBend.com/175/Sip-Suds-Si)



### Harvest Festival

Si View Metro Parks is hosting the 2019 Harvest Festival, a well-loved family fall tradition. More info: [SiViewPark.org/Harvest-Festival](http://SiViewPark.org/Harvest-Festival)



### Trick-Or-Treat Street

The City of North Bend and the NBDF is hosting their third Trick-Or-Treat Street. With over 35 participating businesses, this is going to be FUN! More info: [DiscoverNorthBend.com/173/Trick-Or-Treat-Street](http://DiscoverNorthBend.com/173/Trick-Or-Treat-Street)

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## Learning from One Another via Cultural Exchange: North Bend and Mestia, Georgia

Community and Economic Development Director David Miller, AICP, and community architect, Laroy Gant, AIA, participated in a "twinning" or cultural exchange trip to the city of Mestia in the Republic of Georgia in late August of this year. This exchange program is sponsored by the Asian Development Bank.

The purpose was to assist the City of Mestia as a fellow mountain community to put together a scope of work for a comprehensive zoning, transportation, and parking study with a financial implementation element. Mestia is one of the fastest growing tourist economies in Europe with a rich cultural history, amazing historic architecture, world famous wine industry and ski facilities.

David and Laroy also investigated the trend-setting planning concept of form-based codes which looks at the physical vision for the future of development instead of merely zoning regulations.

This exercise will be repeated in North Bend to assist us with realizing the vision for our future as well. We also learned that even a country coming out of a highly structured top down economy without the creative entrepreneurship of our economy is able to pull themselves out of the 20th century and a depressed economy to a position of a leading tourist industry. Creative solutions to hospitality, access to the outdoors, capitalizing on recreational opportunities and history in our local economy also proved to be great takeaways. This kind of a learning experience positively contributes to foreign relations and exchange of ideas contributing to the health of great mountain communities.

Representatives from Mestia are scheduled to visit North Bend this month to continue the exchange! We hope to learn much from

them which will help us to be the premier gateway to the Cascades recreational outdoors.

Mestia has proven that a community can prosper while respecting the environmental values that maintain the quality of the great outdoors.

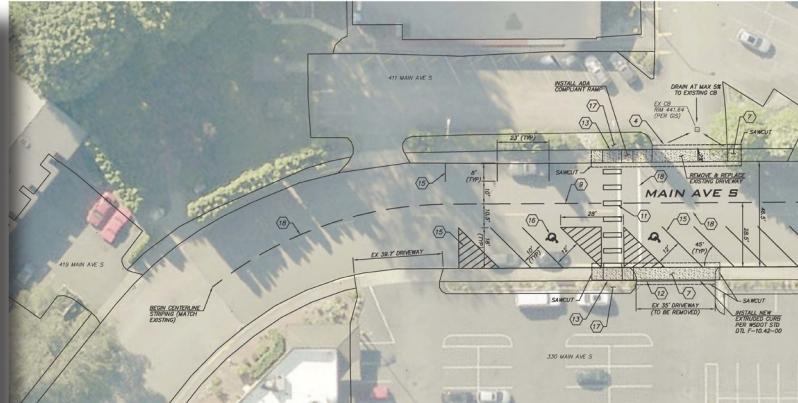
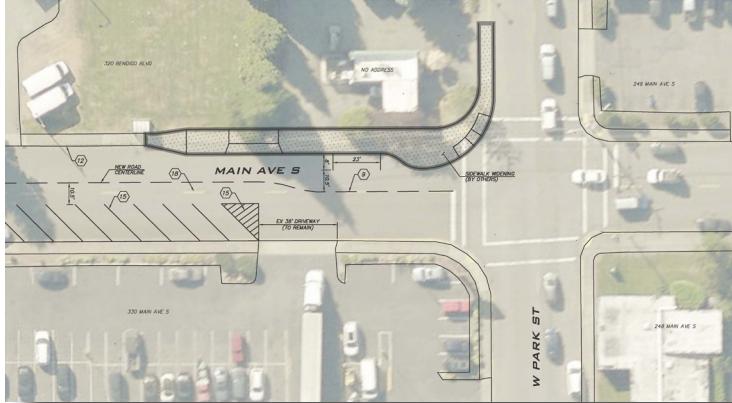


Visiting Mestia: Translator and municipality property manager Tekla Pajani, Mestia hotel owner David Zhorzhiani, Architect Laroy Gant, Mayor Ken Hearing, Community & Economic Development Director David Miller, Senior Planner Mike McCarty

# More Parking, Anyone? City to Add Parking Stalls Along Main Avenue South!

Rainer Asphalt Sealing, who recently contracted with the City of North Bend, will start construction in early October on an angle parking stall project along Main Avenue South.

In late 2018, City staff discussed likely parking additions in the public right-of-way with adjacent property owners. These additions will create more opportunities for customers to access businesses. Once begun, construction will occur from 8 a.m. to around 5 p.m. The project should be completed by the end of October.



## Shop Local Day

**CALLING ALL NORTH BEND**

**BUSINESSES!** Shop Local Day is right around the corner. Get ready for a busy day as we usher in the holiday season.

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## Holly Days

**Si View** hosts their Holiday Bazaar Dec.

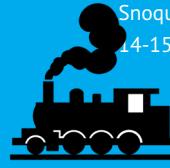
7, and **Mt Si Senior Center** hosts their Holiday Bazaar Dec. 6 and 7, with a pancake breakfast Dec. 7! **The City of North Bend** and the **NBDF** is hosting the Downtown Community Celebration Dec. 6.

More info: [DiscoverNorthBend.com/176/](http://DiscoverNorthBend.com/176/)

## Santa Train

**The Northwest Railway Museum**

is once again hosting the Santa Train in Downtown North Bend and Snoqualmie! DATES: Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 20-21



## Over 150 Attended Ribbon Cutting for New City Hall

Around 150 people gathered to celebrate the opening of North Bend's new City Hall with a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 5<sup>th</sup>.



The event featured cupcakes, light refreshments, live music by local students, tours of the facility, and a warm, sunny North Bend afternoon!

Mayor Ken Hearing and King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert spoke. Snoqualmie Tribe

Chair Bob de los Angeles presented a tribal blanket to the City of North Bend, now displayed in the front sitting area of City Hall.

The new facility houses City Administration, Finance Department, Community and Economic Department and Council Chambers, and is next door to the Public Works Department.

Stop by and say hello! Our new address is 920 SE Cedar Falls Way.



Snoqualmie Tribe's gift to the City of North Bend, with tribal members and Mayor Ken at the September 5<sup>th</sup> City Hall Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

## Downtown Revitalization: Pedestrian-friendly Alley Work Scheduled for Fall 2019

The North Bend City Council continues to work on projects that will stimulate North Bend's historic downtown, one of them being the revitalization of the alleyway between Volition Brewing Co. and the Snoqualmie Valley Antique Co. to create a vibrant pedestrian space.

Currently used as a one-way alley that is designed primarily for vehicular traffic, this space will be modified to serve as a pedestrian-only location. Toward the end of the alley, near Bank of America, the alley will remain open for drivers entering and exiting 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! Work will start in the fall, with expected completion by end of year.



Work will include pavers, a more efficient drainage system, and attractive bollards that will help to ensure the alley is safe for pedestrians to meander along, sit and relax in our beautiful downtown.

Representatives from Prograde met with Interim Public Works Director Tom Mohr, Volition co-owners Lucas Haines and Matthew Sherman and property owner Craig Glazier