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Block Party fosters community pride and engagement, while providing an economic boost to our downtown businesses. One way it does so is by supporting the North Bend Downtown Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting local revitalization, beautification and more.

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

Summer has arrived, with Downtown Block Party, Legends Car Show

Join the fun during North Bend's largest festival and car show, the annual Downtown Block Party and Legends Car Show!

These events will be held from noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 22.

Block Party offers entertainment, music, activities, local food and drinks for the entire family. This year will feature performances by Crème Tangerine, Petty Differences, Spike and the Impalers, LocoMotive, Kellee Bradley, Lights Out, The Amber Lanterns, Ignite Dance and Yoga, Cascade Dance, and DMW Martial Arts.

"This year, we will celebrate a beloved community event that began a decade ago as a small festival with a few local vendors and activities and has grown into a much-anticipated event with over 60 merchants

and fun-filled activities throughout the day," Mayor Ken Hearing said. "The Block Party really brings families together. We encourage everyone to come down, support your local businesses and join in the fun."

The Kid Zone will be hopping with a variety of bouncing, sliding, climbing and playing opportunities for tiny tots to teenagers. Local organizations including Encompass, the Downtown Foundation

and the City are getting together to keep much of it free for play from noon to 5 p.m. Block Party will highlight local merchants,

artisans, crafters and other organizations – you guys! Also, be sure to check out our new participants in the Adopt-An-Animal Alley, with dogs in search of their forever homes, reptiles and more.

There will be a beer garden for those at least 21 years of age hosted by The Iron Duck, featuring local breweries, and a wine garden in the alley near Cascadia Spa and Stoves, featuring wines from local wineries.



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Thank you to those of you who are able to participate this year, and if you weren't able to join, we hope you will stop by for the party, along with your family and friends!

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New Council Member

A Newly appointed Council Member, Chris Garcia, was officially sworn in during a special meeting last night to fill council position #6. This position was vacated by Jeanne Pettersen, who resigned during the June 5 council meeting.

Council interviewed three qualified candidates during open session and then recessed to evaluate the candidates. After reconvening, Mayor Pro Tem, Alan Gothelf, made a motion to appoint Garcia to the vacated position. The motion passed unanimously.

Garcia has lived in North Bend for more than 20 years. His experience includes serving on the Council and Planning Commission. He has also served on the Snoqualmie Valley Watershed Forum. His other community involvement includes serving on the Festival at Mt. Si Committee, serving as the former president and founder of Snoqualmie Valley Wrestling Club and he is a former board member of the Snoqualmie Valley Chamber of Commerce. Garcia is a co-owner of a small business franchise, Frankie's Pizza.



Mayor Ken Hearing and newly appointed Council Member Chris Garcia

Garcia took his seat at the Council table for the remainder of the meeting after being sworn in by Mayor Ken Hearing.

"We look forward to working with Chris and welcome him to his new Council position," Mayor Hearing said. "He has served as a Council Member in the past and this, combined with his 20 years residency and many years of business ownership, gives him a unique perspective that will be a great asset to the community."

Council Member Jeanne Pettersen resigns from North Bend City Council

At the June 5 Council Meeting Mayor Pro Tem Gothelf regretfully accepted the resignation of Councilmember Jeanne Pettersen effective July 1, 2018. The Mayor Pro Tem and fellow Councilmembers commended Ms. Pettersen on the work she accomplished since her appointment to the Council in 2009 and thanked her for her exemplary service to the citizens of North Bend.



Jeanne Pettersen

Mayor Ken Hearing talked about many of the important roles Pettersen has taken on over the years, including supporting several City infrastructure improvement projects, the change in police contract and the new fire station and City Hall.

"Jeanne, it's been a pleasure to work with you. We have all been extremely blessed to have someone of your caliber serving with us," Hearing said. "Your dedication and commitment to the community, your attention to detail, your wonderful sense of humor, we will truly remember."

Hearing then presented Petterson with a plaque recognizing "her outstanding service and dedication to the citizens of the city of North Bend from Dec. 2009 to July 2018."

MAIN STAGE

Block Party Lineup

Noon - 12:45	LocoMotive	4:00 - 5:00	Kellee Bradley
1:30 - 2:00	Cascade Dance	5:45 - 6:30	Creme Tangerine
2:15 - 3:00	Ignite Dance	7:15 - 8:15	Petty Differences
		9:30 - 11:00	Spike & the Impalers

THANK YOU to our Block Party sponsors

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." - Coretta Scott King

The biggest of thank you's to our Block Party sponsors. Your passion for this community resonates throughout Snoqualmie Valley. Your generous sponsorships help folks get outside, visit, support the local economy and one another.

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Downtown Foundation: Updates

The April Meet and Greet was FUN!

Thank you to all who attended, participated in, shared, chatted, mingled, had fun at the April Merchants' Meet and Greet, at the Wildflower Wine Shop.

We circled back to a question from the last Meet and Greet which was, "What is the Foundation?" Answer: "We are a non-profit, whose purpose is to support economic development, revitalization and improvement. Among other things, we help sponsor events like Block Party, Trick-or-Treat Street, and Holly Days."

Again, at the last Meet and Greet, we gathered your thoughts on what you want North Bend to be. Based on your input, we created 3 committees:

- 1) Events
- 2) Downtown Focus



3) Communication

If you have a strong interest in any of these topics, we would LOVE to have you on our committee. Sign up was available, but if you missed that, feel free to reach out to us.

At Meet and Greets, we want to always provide "ONE thing" that we believe will be helpful to you - April, the "One Thing" was a schedule of events in North Bend, that are currently known through September (see right side).

We are looking for your input. Talk to us!

Sincerely,
Your Downtown Foundation
Beth Burrows, Erin Craver, Debra Landers,
Nancy Wray, Craig Glazier & Mary Miller



LET'S GET TOGETHER



North Bend Jazz Walk	April 21 6pm-12am
Rattlesnake Ridge Run	April 28
Mt Si Ultra Runs	April 29
Farmers Market & Concerts	June 7-Sept 6 4-8pm
Summer Matinees, North Bend Theatre	June 19-Aug 30
Rails 'N Trails	June 23 8am
Block Party	July 21 12-11pm
Movies in the Park	July 21 7:30pm
Legends Car Show	July 22 8am
Jack & Jill's Downhill Marathon & Half	July 28 & 29
Raging River MTB Festival	July 28 8am-7pm
Festival at Mt Si	Aug 10-12
North Bend Film Festival	Aug 23-26
Iron Horse Half Marathon	Aug 26
DoggieStock	Sept 8 11am-6pm
North Bend Blues Walk	Sept 22 6pm-12am

BENDIGO STAGE

Block Party Lineup

12:45 - 1:30	Lights Out!
1:45 - 2:15	DMW Martial Arts
3:00 - 3:45	The Amber Lanterns
5:00 - 5:30	Mt Si Wildcats Dance Team



City Engaged Business Community in Business Outreach Meetings, May and June

Local business owners were invited to Business Outreach meetings in May, as well as June 21, to connect with City Council and City staff.

City Council and City staff want to hear from business owners to learn about issues or concerns. These meetings are designed to address these issues to help ensure current businesses' success and attract new businesses.



May Business Outreach meeting

Council and staff are considering ways we can better balance the jobs to housing ratio.

Accordingly, Council has authorized staff to proceed with a Leakage Study to discover what types of businesses our residents are interested in attracting to North Bend to avoid the need to travel to surrounding communities for goods and services.

Please stay tuned for information on upcoming Business Outreach meetings in 2018!

Trailhead Direct: Have You Seen These Hikers?

Trailhead Direct is great for hikers, and it could be benefitting your business, too! From the start of the program in April through early June 2018, the program has transported nearly 4,000 riders to our trails. Keep an eye out for increased business. How can you encourage these weekend warriors to shop local?

Trailhead Direct was first launched in August 2017 as a pilot project sponsored by King County Metro's Community Connections program and King County Parks to expand access to hiking trails and reduce trailhead congestion in the Issaquah Alps, where illegally parked vehicles created traffic hazards and safety concerns.



City Approvals Bring Community Improvements

North Bend City Council and City staff have been working on a number of projects. Many of the improvements are critical to North Bend's infrastructure and are a sign of progress. Here are just a few of the projects designed to create a destination that accommodates growth, attracts people, encourages diverse investment, and improves civil infrastructure - helping to support a stronger community.

NE 12th Street Reconstruction Moves Up on Priority List

The potholes, rough and heaving pavement on NE 12th Street will soon be a thing of the past. City Council voted to move necessary pavement reconstruction, shoulder widening, larger drainage culverts, and watermain replacement up to number one on the Transportation Improvement Plan list. The road was originally slated for reconstruction in 2019. The project is expected to begin in late July 2018.

Park Street Roundabout Project Planned for Early 2019

Design of the North Bend Way / Park Street Roundabout is nearing completion with the City's consultant, Reid Middleton. The City of North Bend was awarded a \$1 million grant from Puget Sound Regional Council for the project. Construction will begin in April 2019 and run through summer 2019.

The roundabout will create better and safer travel through downtown as well as improved access to businesses and driveways along the downtown corridor.

Tennant Trailhead Park Preserved for Community Use

Thanks to a strong partnership among the City of North Bend, Si View Metropolitan Park District, King County and the Trust for Public Land, approximately 32 acres of Rattlesnake Mountain will be preserved for recreation including walking and bike trails. This new park is located south of Interstate 90 at Exit 31 in North Bend. The site was originally slated for development of a large-scale housing development that would have included single family homes and multifamily homes. The acquisition of this parcel preserved this land for all to enjoy.

Torguson Bke Park Offers Safe, Fun Track for Riders of All Ages

North Bend has a new 35,000 square feet bike park at Torguson Park. Open to all levels of riders, the newly built park replaces an old user-built course and includes features that both advance and novice riders can enjoy together. A separate striders track offers a safe environment for young children still learning to ride and allows parents to walk along and assist. The bike park project is a collaborative effort between Si View Metro Parks and City of North Bend along with strong support from the community.



Torguson Bike Park

Downtown North Bend to Get New LED Lighting

The downtown corridor in North Bend will soon be brighter for motorists and pedestrians. Puget Sound Energy will soon be replacing all light bulbs along North Bend Way with brighter LED lights for better illumination. The lights could be installed as early as summer 2018. Better illumination will provide safer conditions during inclement weather.

Main Street Construction to Provide Additional Downtown Parking

The City of North Bend will be providing a pavement overlay to Main Avenue in late June or early July. When completed, the street will have a new pavement section with restriping of parking stalls resulting in 14 additional parking stalls, including two ADA stalls. The creation of new downtown parking is a welcome addition, especially at such a low cost. Construction will include spot road re-construction, grinding, overlaying, and angled parking striping along the east side of Main Avenue from West 2nd Street to West 4th Street.

Downtown Plaza Creates Attractive and Safer Environment

The downtown area along North Bend Way from Bendigo Blvd. to Ballarat Ave. underwent a dramatic facelift thanks, in part, to a \$1.3 million Puget Sound Regional Council grant. The project resulted in a more attractive and safer downtown environment to shop, dine and gather. It provided widened sidewalks, pedestrian amenities, and traffic calming measures for improved public safety and mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicular traffic.

Bendigo Blvd Right Turn-Lane at Park Street Completed

A new right-turn lane was constructed on northbound Bendigo Boulevard from South Fork Snoqualmie River bridge to the Park Street intersection. The right-turn lane reduces traffic backup at two traffic signals. Work included removal and replacement of the existing curb, gutter and sidewalk, pavement widening, restriping, new bike lane, new landscaping and crosswalk modifications.

Torguson Park Improvements Provided New Amenities

Many individuals and several organizations contributed to the planning for improvements to Torguson Park in 2017. These included City staff, Si View Park District staff, King County and Sno-Valley Little League. The updates included 8 new bullpens, 2 relocated fields, new concrete plaza, concessions / restroom building, mile long loop trail, four new backstop fences, 8 new bleachers, etc.

North Bend City Councilman Jonathan Rosen was a tireless advocate before the project started. Rosen's persistence earned him the honor of throwing out the first pitch after cutting the ribbon on September 14, 2017.



Torguson Park

New Apartment Complexes to Bring Affordable Housing to North Bend

North Bend will soon be getting four new multi-family housing units in our community; the first since the mid-1990s. These new complexes will bring more housing options to our community.

Phoenix Plaza is a three-story residential and commercial mixed-use building planned for the former explosion sight in downtown North Bend. The three-story, residential and commercial mixed-use building will have about 5,000 feet dedicated to retail/commercial space on the ground level and 37 apartments on the second and third stories. Plans also include a public trail connecting to Torguson Park. RPMM Group anticipates breaking ground within the next month.

Orchard Place Apartments is a 41-unit development by John Day Homes at the corner of SE Orchard Drive and E. North Bend Way. The project includes 7 multifamily buildings, private common open space, street frontage improvements, and a new public pedestrian trail.

4 Cedar River Apartments is a 212-unit apartment development along North Bend Way near 436th Avenue SE. The project includes 25 townhome buildings, 8 multi-family buildings, a leasing office/community center and a park dedicated to the City of North Bend.

River Run Apartments is a combination of 129 stacked flats and townhomes with some affordable housing for low to moderate income families. This site will also feature a clubhouse and outdoor pool and will be located on the corner of 436th Avenue SE and SE 136th Street.