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CITY OF NORTH BEND

# BUSINESS BULLETIN

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

April  
2021

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

## Quarterly Message from the Mayor



Mayor Rob McFarland

The weather may not always show it, but spring is here. That means we have officially passed the one-year anniversary of the Coronavirus Pandemic stopping the world in its tracks. What a difference a year makes. Last spring was dominated by fear and uncertainty. This spring brings the hope for a return to normalcy with three Covid-19 vaccines spurring positivity.

At our recent virtual quarterly staff luncheon we shared some positive effects we have experienced this past year, living and working in a different way. I encourage you all to do the same – you might be surprised by your answers.

Although it may still be a few months before we see each other mask-less, we are beginning the initial planning work to reopen City Hall to the public. We are cautious and meticulous in our planning so that

we do not reopen before more staff members are fully vaccinated. But rest assured, we are planning. We miss welcoming residents into our still-new City Hall and holding meetings in Council Chambers – and look forward to eventually taking those closed signs off the front doors.



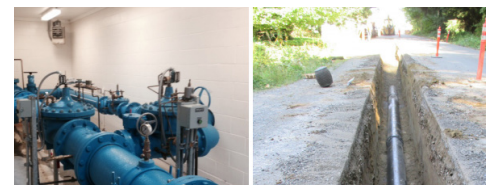
North Bend City Hall

As we move into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021, we wanted to look back at the last quarter and highlight City accomplishments. For a full year now, City staff and elected officials have been working in a new environment. Despite the on-going pandemic, many milestones and achievements were marked.

### Infrastructure

In March, we received the news that our Water System Plan (WSP) received final approval from the State Dept. of Health. The WSP outlines our

5-year plan – consistent with Growth Management requirements and other state law – to deliver safe and reliable drinking water to our current and future customers, which includes both City residents and Unincorporated King County residents. The plan provides a detailed overview of our facilities, procedures, policy and future actions that will guide important future infrastructure projects that ensure we meet our legal obligations to provide water to our customers and residents.



To achieve our goal of water security, we continue evaluating multiple long-term mitigation water options to meet all future requirements of our Centennial Well Water Right, including renewed negotiations with the Sallal Water Association for a wholesale water / mitigation contract.

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# Quarterly Message from the Mayor

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We also continue evaluating alternative mitigation projects.

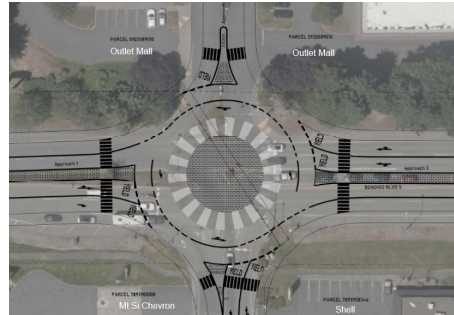
Phase 1 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) High Priority Improvements project is over 90% complete and Phase 2 design is 50% complete. In



Wastewater Treatment Plant

March, City Council approved new sewer rates and General Facilities Charges that will complete the funding through a 30-year low interest bond. While the rate increase was small, your Councilmembers did not take this lightly, but realized these overdue WWTP improvements were critical for our City, the environment and employees. These improvements add redundancy, improve employee safety, increase treatment and hydraulic capacities, replace aging facilities and make important environmental updates that meet strict Department of Ecology requirements to protect the Snoqualmie River. Of special note, we are also working with a local nonprofit – North Bend Art and Industry – on plans to add a mural to the new WWTP clarifier tank that fronts SR 202. Look for additional details on that in the coming months.

On the transportation front, we are making progress on designs for a new roundabout on Bendigo Blvd and Mt. Si Blvd, with the goal to ease traffic near the I-90 exit 31 on and off-ramps and improve the entrance to the Outlet Mall. Design is expected to start in 2022.



Conceptual roundabout plans for Bendigo and Mt. Si

We are currently beginning traffic analysis with WSDOT, engineering design and permitting. A \$1.4 million grant is funding this design work, which coincides with Simon Properties planning a redesign of the Outlet Mall that will likely lead to more on-site hospitality and restaurant uses.

The contract for the Park Street Overlay project which will install approximately 1,700 linear feet of full width overlay on E. Park Street is nearing approval. The project also includes lane configuration and channelization that when complete will create a separate left/thru lane and right turn lane on westbound Park Street. Construction is anticipated to start later this summer.

To increase pedestrian safety, we are beginning initial design work for a new crosswalk at Cedar Falls Way and Maloney Grove Ave. As part of our sidewalk reinvestment program, later this spring parts of the Forester Woods neighborhood will have some



Location for future crosswalk

sidewalks reconstructed. We have also started design work for downtown sidewalk improvements on E. 2nd Street – and thanks to generous donations by local businesses, Fury Site Works and Rainier Asphalt, a 400 ft. extension was added to the eastern end of Tanner Trail.

## Community Development Projects

I would also like to share updates on some of the more noticeable development projects you see happening around town.



Future site of Falling River Meats, 108 W North Bend Wy

business specializes in humanely raised and locally sourced meats.

Work resumed this month at the Dahlgren property. Crews are beginning utility work, installing watermain pipe to connect to the Centennial Well located underneath our Public Works building. This work is happening along North Bend Way and traffic control measures are in place. This project will bring 212 new multi-family homes to our City, along with a new 4-acre city park that will connect to King County's Tanner Landing Park to provide direct access to Middle Fork Snoqualmie River.

Work continues on the new Karakoram Snowboard Bindings headquarters on North Bend Way behind the Napa Auto Parts store.



Karakoram headquarters, located off North Bend Wy E

Phoenix Plaza received its Temporary Occupancy Certificate last quarter and is now actively renting out retail space and apartments.

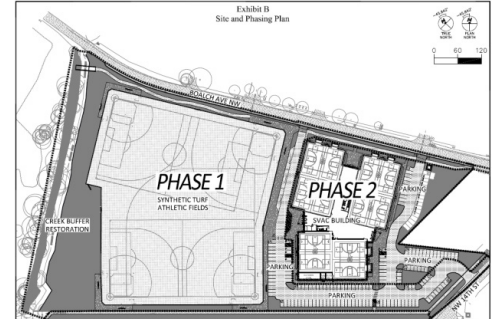
You may have noticed some home removal happening on E. Park Street last month. This work is in preparation for a new 28-unit condominium townhome project which will be built by Pulte Homes. Construction is anticipated to start this spring.

The brand new Torguson Skatepark opened earlier this month, with final landscaping work in progress. We are very excited to add this outdoor park amenity to North Bend.



Torguson Skate Park

Work also continues on the future Snoqualmie Valley Athletic Complex along SR 202 near Encompass. This private sporting complex will increase field space in the Snoqualmie Valley and attract customers to our local businesses.



Snoqualmie Athletic Complex, Phase I and II, along SR 202

## Community Engagement, Local Business Support

As I'm sure you are aware, King County moved to Phase 3 of Washington State's Roadmap to Recovery Reopening Plan, which expands capacity to 50% for our local businesses and allows spectators back to local sporting events in a limited capacity. This is great news for our businesses. This move was possible due to declining Covid activity and increasing vaccinations countywide.

The community support of local businesses has been impressive. All winter residents have shopped and eaten locally to keep their favorite restaurants and shops afloat. I encourage you to keep shopping and eating locally. Although capacity restrictions are loosening, our businesses have weathered unprecedented losses and need your continued support to rebound.

Remember, staying in phase 3 is not guaranteed. We must continue to do our part – masking up, spreading out and keeping social circles small – to keep supporting our community businesses and preventing a move backward to phase 2.

On the community engagement front, we are very grateful for the hard work of Eastside Fire & Rescue, which has been assisting with mobile Covid-19 vaccinations of our most at-risk community members.



EF&R has spent the past 3 months carefully planning, training and executing vaccinations to protect the North Bend community. Their efforts are helping us reopen and valued community members regain normalcy in their daily lives.

As we progress deeper into 2021, we remain positive and hopeful – knowing we are moving in the right direction. City staff and your elected officials continue with our mission to support and enhance this highly livable community. By working in partnership with our residents, our goals can be achieved, and this beautiful small mountain town will continue to be the unique, vibrant place that we are lucky enough to call home.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rob

# A Letter from the North Bend Downtown Foundation

Happy Spring, North Bend Friends and Neighbors!

As anticipated every year, April brings us many things: cherry blossoms, hostas, new leaves, warmer weather and, soon, fresh flowers downtown from our local nursery.

Yet, this spring is unlike any other in that in addition to this season's beauty, we now have access to COVID-19 vaccinations, and with that is hope that the light at the end of this pandemic-tunnel will be here before we know it. We are now seeing an increase in visitors to town, and a slow but steady change in the feeling of normalcy within our community. We are more than ready to get back to business safely.

So, what has your NBDF been up to this year? Well, we've been busy finding new, collaborative ways to support our business community. Partaking in, sponsoring and fully delving into opportunities that showcase our beautiful, historic downtown:

North Bend Beautification Days was a success. Your NBDF, Empower Youth Network (EYN), Republic Services and the City of North Bend sponsored a two-day city clean-up, where we collaborated with residents to spread out and clean up. We walked, picking up trash in various locations around town. We, along with the City, EYN, Republic and the Snoqualmie Valley Hospital more than filled up a large trash dumpster and a recycling dumpster. In addition to disposing of a broken TV, clothing and numerous other items, we found two scooters that will be refurbished and donated!



April 18 North Bend Beautification Crew

NBDF youngsters also worked hard to pick up. Quinn, age six, said about her efforts to help, "I like to help! We need to clean up our planet." Quin, age 11, said, "I think it's

important to help the community. It made me feel proud!" Anja, age 14, said, "It felt good to get rid of a portion of trash to clear up the area a bit. It was fun finding some of the treasures, like the chunk of quartz I found on the railroad tracks!"

We also helped to bring our valley Chamber member merchants a fantastic, free evening excursion on the train on April 28. The Northwest Railway museum, along with the SnoValley Chamber, the North Bend Theatre, the City of North Bend and Bobbi Harrison Real Estate Group sponsored this fun event, where merchants had the opportunity to ride the train, discuss the importance of our local railway and enjoy one another's company.



April 28 Merchant Train Ride

And, right this very minute our NBDF is working on the second annual Drive-In Movie at Meadowbrook. We are confirming dates and details, so please stay tuned for more information!

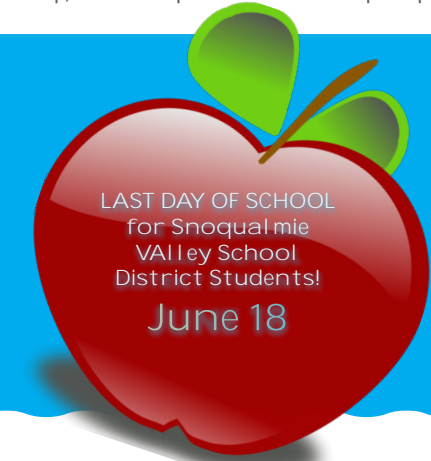
In addition to collaborative events, this spring we have the honor of welcoming three new members to the NBDF: Ellen Schaffer of Frisky Girl Farms, Kristin Tetuan of CommunityBoxed.com and JoAnna Madsen of Pioneer Coffee!

We look forward to new ideas, economic recovery for our local businesses, and a return to seeing all of our community in person, downtown soon! Questions? Reach out at [info@NorthBendDowntown.org](mailto:info@NorthBendDowntown.org).

Sincerely,

Your Downtown Foundation  
Beth Burrows, Erin Craver, Erik Alston,  
Gaila Haas, Lucas Haines, Craig Glazier,  
Kristin Tetuan, Ellen Schaffer and JoAnna Madsen





LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
for Snoqualmie  
Valley School  
District Students!  
June 18



MAY

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Business Outreach Meeting

These 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, discuss other important topics that relate to North Bend business and to communicate with your local government. Email [Bre Keveren](mailto:Bre.Keveren@cityofnorthbend.org) to join.



SI VIEW EVENTS  
EVERY WEEK (until Farmers Market):  
Thursday Park Dinners  
EVERY THURSDAY (June 10-Sept 9):  
North Bend Farmers Market  
MAY 15: Family Fun Day  
JUNE 12: Family Fun Day  
JULY 17: Family Fun Day

## State and Local Covid-19 Vaccination Update



City staffer Erin Mitchell registering one of many local residents who participated in the Mt. Si Senior Center's senior COVID-19 vaccination event, with the help of Snoqualmie Valley Hospital in March and April.

As of April 26, over 5.2 million vaccine doses have been given across the state, which is 81% of the approximate 6.4 million doses that have been delivered to providers and long-term care programs. In King County, nearly 1.9 million doses have been administered. In North Bend zip code 98045, 57.7% of those 16 and over have received at least one dose – and 35.3% are now fully vaccinated. Washington State is currently averaging 61,000 daily administered vaccine doses and 29% of residents have been fully vaccinated. The new Lake Sammamish State Park Mass Vaccination site has approximate 1,300 open appointments. Find a Covid-19 vaccine [here](#).

### Find Transportation to Covid-19 Testing and Vaccinations

HopeLink has developed a new online resource to help residents find transportation to and from Covid-19 vaccinations and/or testing sites. Find it at: [findaride.org/covid](https://findaride.org/covid).

## North Bend Covid-19 Activity Update

North Bend Covid-19 activity was flat this past week.

Over the past 14 days there were 4 new cases reported and the test positivity rate was 1.9%. The City's 7-day daily case average was also flat at .04.

Neighboring Snoqualmie's recent uptick in cases also continues, with 19 new cases reported and a 6.9% test positivity rate over the past two weeks.

This continued activity in the upper Snoqualmie Valley is an important reminder that despite vaccine rollout, the virus continues to circulate in our area. Until more residents are fully vaccinated, it is important to continue following all public health guidelines – spread out, mask up and keep social circles small – to #KeepNorthBendHealthy and help prevent King County from moving back to Phase 2 of the State's Reopening Plan.





# Local Entrepreneurs

*"Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not: nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not: the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."* - Calvin Coolidge, 30<sup>th</sup> President of the United States

## New to Downtown North Bend: Falling River Meats

There will soon be a new storefront addition to the historic North Bend downtown core: [Falling River Meats](#), a Snoqualmie Valley business that specializes in locally sourced, humanely raised meats.

The new store is a great example of the type of businesses the City's Community and Economic Development Department and volunteer Economic Development Commission have been working to attract to the revitalized downtown area to serve the needs of North Bend residents.

Since 2016, family-owned Falling River Meats has operated using a farm-to-door online model but this spring it will relocate to downtown North Bend. Owner Christeena Marzolf said she and her husband Darron – a 4th generation butcher – are excited about the move. Construction is currently underway to turn the former ProSki retail space on North Bend Way into a retail

butcher shop / deli. The building is owned by North Bend native Craig Glazier of Carbonite Properties.



Future home of Falling River Meats, at 108 W North Bend Wy

Craig explained, "After 2 years of searching for a long-term, sustainable local small business for the former ProSki location, I was absolutely thrilled to come across the Marzolf family and learn about their Falling River Meats business and their plans to open a butcher shop in historic downtown North Bend. Christeena and Darron are genuine, hard-working people and I'm sure the local community will pack their store as soon as they're open."

Falling River Meats will offer both fresh and frozen meats, along with select seafood. All meat and seafood will come from local, sustainable and

humanely raised / caught sources. There will also be prepared foods, cured meats, charcuterie boards, raw pet food and treats and other locally grown or made products. And for residents who feel like learning, there will also be classes and tastings.

The Marzolf's say they are passionate about local meats and showcasing the hard work of local farmers. The couple also raise animals in the Snoqualmie Valley and are active in the farming community, with Darron currently serving on the King County Agricultural Commission and Christeena just recently stepping down from the Sno-Valley Tilth Board after seven years of service.

Falling River Meats is anticipated to open in late May or early June.



Welcome to North Bend, Falling River Meats!

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### Rise & Shine Volunteer Celebration

The [Rise & Shine Volunteer Celebration](#) Event is an Empower Youth Network (EYN) occasion to recognize the generosity of so many eligible volunteers. EYN will host an event for the nominees and nominators to come together and celebrate. The celebration event will be livestreamed.

JUL

### North Bend Film Festival

Something strange is coming back to North Bend...The NB Film Fest! The Festival will feature special screenings, filmmaker talks, a VR showcase, and immersive events in addition to their film program. More information can be found [here](#).

JUL

### SnoValley Chamber Golf Tournament

The SnoValley Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on July 23. For more information, click [here](#).

## Valley Center Stage: Revitalizing the Sallal Grange

Valley Center Stage officially relocated to the Sallal Grange at the beginning of the year. Work is now underway to refresh this beloved community building and adjust to meet the needs of a live performance theater. Their new address is 1060 Stilson Avenue SE.

"This effort is being completed entirely by volunteers and donations from the community – so a HUGE thank you to everyone that is pitching in, donating their time and resources, cleaning, painting and updating the building. If all goes well, and Covid phases stay moving ahead – we hope to reopen the theater in October and kick off our 2021-2022 season," said Wynter Elwood.

For more information on their soon-soon-to-arrive season, volunteering or donating – please visit [ValleyCenterStage](#).

Keep up the good work, VCS and volunteers!



Volunteers hard at work!  
Photos courtesy of Wynter Elwood.

## Hair Ink Donates to Womens Shelter and Support Services

Hair Ink is doing their part to help families impacted by homelessness. This winter, they donated to King County nonprofit, The Sophia Way, an organization that strives to provide shelter, safety and stability to women in need.

Hair Ink wrote, "We value our community. We want to nurture and encourage representing yourself for who you are. We believe in positive changes and unity as we strive for our best, individually and together."

You can learn more about The Sophia Way at [SophiaWay.org](#).

Thank you, Hair Ink Team!



Hair Ink donating to The Sophia Way. Photo from [Facebook.com/HairInkNorthBend](#)

# Local Entrepreneurs

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## Ignite Dance & Yoga Owners Fire Up a New Cafe in Town - Ignition

From LivingSnoqualmie.com; by Melissa Grant

About 15 years ago, before they were married, locals Gavin and Katie Black dreamed of opening a cozy little bar. Life took them on a different path, and the couple opened IGNITE Dance & Yoga in 2010.

That year was a tough year to open a business, but little did they know that March 2020 would be an even tougher year to open their dream second business, Ignition. They signed the lease for their new space right before everything shut down due to the virus.

Covid restrictions have made the timing of opening a café tricky, but it has allowed the Blacks to really develop the space better than they had originally imagined.

The inside is warm and inviting, with a beautiful wooden bar with vintage accents and beautiful stained-glass details throughout. Seating will include a large bench seat with tables and chairs, bar seating, and a high-top table option, giving customers multiple options.

The patio is their next focus, which will be done over the next month. The mountain views from inside are incredible and even more expansive from the soon-to-be-done outdoor patio space. They hope to be ready to open by May.

The food will be high-quality, healthy options, including paninis, salads, soups, grain bowls, empanadas, all-day breakfast, healthy smoothies, acai bowls, and snack options. They will have great appetizers – a cheese plate, charcuterie board, olive tapenade, hummus, tzatziki and more. All this includes vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options.



Ignition, at 468 E North Bend Wy

As for drinks, they've partnered with Marta Rothnie of Snoqualmie's Dark Horse Brew, who will be roasting their own Ignition beans, and they will include a full coffee and tea menu, beer on draft, including a local handle from Volition, and great wine options including some local favorites like Pearl & Stone and Sigillo.

When asked how community support has been, the answer was a resounding "Outstanding!" They say they've loved living and working in the community for the last 12 years, and the response to Ignition has warmed their hearts. We genuinely enjoy the space and cannot wait to welcome people in! Read the full article [here](#).

Thank you for continuing to make North Bend your home, Ignite and Ignition Family!

## Blue Prints Plus Moves!

Blue Prints Plus, a long-time local copy and print shop in North Bend, has moved! Fortunately, Blue Prints Plus is still in North Bend. In July, 2020, owner, Donna Hayes, made the difficult decision to move from downtown to her home office, located at 14700 446th Ave. SE, as the pandemic progressed.



Donna Hayes, owner of Blue Prints Plus

Donna's keen eye for detail and friendly persona makes Blue Prints Plus yet another winning North Bend business. Her specialty is blueprints, with additional services such as business cards, realtor flyers, menus, scanning, faxing, graphic design, and more. Donna has added curbside pick-up and local delivery as additional perks, to help with daily business during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you are in a pinch and need same-day service, do not hesitate to send her a text message, at (661) 599-4101.

Congrats on a successful move, Blue Prints Plus!

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3rd Visit 20% OFF

Business Cards, Flyers, Menus, Invitations, Laminating & More



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### Festival at Mt. Si

The North Bend Educational and Cultural Association (NBECA) is working hard to bring back a smaller-scale Festival at Mt. Si this summer! Check [FestivalAtMtSi.org](#) for information as planning commences.



AUG

### Rotary Golf Tournament

An [annual golf tournament](#) that supports the Snoqualmie Valley! All proceeds go to benefit local charitable organizations.



SEPT

### Fall for Art

[North Bend Art & Industry's](#) annual fundraiser allows the community to help further their mission of creating a regional center for the creation of art, where people of all ages and backgrounds can explore art in all of it's wondrous varieties!

## Local Entrepreneur + Innovative Idea = CommunityBoxed.com



Kristin Tetuan, owner of CommunityBoxed.com

North Bend artist, Downtown Foundation board member, resident and business owner, Kristin Tetuan has started an exciting, locally supportive business in North Bend! [CommunityBoxed.com](#) is a subscription box, gift concierge and hybrid experience company that helps you *Shop Local, One Box at a Time*.

"CommunityBoxed.com was born out of a necessary pivot my creative studio made when the pandemic hit and a deep desire to use my skills to support multiple businesses during this historically challenging time. I was inspired, also, by the number of consumers who were compelled to help their favorite restaurants, shops and other businesses," she said. "I wanted to give people the ability to do this easily without having to leave home."

CommunityBoxed.com is thrilled to release their new, May product: the Special Edition Mother's Day Box! Dropping May 1<sup>st</sup>, this box is a curation of self-care products, all locally sourced and created.

The team is now working hard to reach their first milestone goal of 50 subscribers through word of mouth, social media and email marketing. "Each subscriber we gain allows us to incrementally increase our orders to

vendors," she said. "We are also toiling over product development, continuing to innovate ways to bring quality tangible local products to our customers while also providing them with unique experiences in the community that pair well with their product curations."

CommunityBoxed.com is preparing to release their flagship product, The Outdoor Box, for individual subscription. The Outdoor Box is a curated selection of local outdoor snacks, accessories and goodies with the perfect pairing of a Discover Pass for your next adventure!

To sign up for your own subscription, visit [www.CommunityBoxed.com/theshop!](#) CommunityBoxed.com is right now offering a Family Sampler Pack subscription that consists of a variety of products that will engage your whole family.

The next release will be a grilling-themed Father's Day Box! "It will have locally produced sauces, meats and a few other grilling necessities that we are super excited about," said Kristin.

Interested in participating as a vendor? Connect with Kristin via email, phone or text message, at (425) 281-8312!

Thank you for keeping it local, [CommunityBoxed.com!](#)



CommunityBoxed.com is a subscription box, gift concierge and hybrid experience company

WANT TO SHARE SOMETHING INNOVATIVE YOUR TEAM IS DOING? [Email Bre Keveren!](#)



# Updates from the City of North Bend

## New Professionals Join the City of North Bend Team

The City of North Bend is pleased to announce the arrival of two new professionals. They bring with them expertise, an appreciation for community and love for North Bend. Please join us in welcoming Stephanie Vaughan and Brice Thomas to our team!



City of North Bend GIS Analyst, Stephanie Vaughan, in Quito, Ecuador

Stephanie Vaughan is the City's new Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Analyst, working in the Public Works Department.

Stephanie moved to Washington State this year, and enjoys North Bend's beautiful, scenic views, as well as local outdoor recreation opportunities.

"There is a lot to love about North Bend," she said. "I love the dedication everyone shares in improving the community," and our "small town with big goals."

When she is not at City Hall providing expertise and support, Stephanie enjoys traveling, hiking, cooking and spending time with friends. Stephanie started with the City in March.

Brice Thomas is the City's new Utilities Coordinator, working in the Finance Department.

Brice has a real appreciation for the outdoor beauty that surrounds North Bend. "I love how close we are to the mountains," he said. "I grew up in Alaska which makes me feel right at home having mountains all around."

When he gets home, after helping processing and assisting residents with utility billing inquiries, Brice enjoys traveling, hiking and exploring new places with his dog, Sitka.

Brice started with the City in April.



City of North Bend Utilities Coordinator, Brice Thomas, exploring the great outdoors

## TRAFFIC UPDATE: MAJOR SR 202 PAVING PROJECT KICKS OFF WITH SNOQUALMIE RIVER BRIDGE CLOSURE, MAY 10 - 14

This May will see the start of a major SR 202 paving project that will stretch from approximately Snoqualmie Falls to the western edge of North Bend. This work will require a full closure of the SR 202 Snoqualmie River bridge, weather dependent: 10 p.m. May 10 to 4 a.m. May 14. Travelers should plan for additional travel time of approximately 25-30 minutes for the detour route: NOTE: Closure starts between the Tokul Roundabout and the SR 202 bridge, which still provides local access to Millpond Road. Read the full press release [here](#).

## City Receives Port of Seattle Tourism Marketing Grant

The City of North Bend is one of 23 recipients of the Port of Seattle's sixth annual Tourism Marketing Support Program! In the April 20 City Council meeting, Council approved the \$10,000 grant, with the City providing a \$5,000 match.

This grant will specifically go toward marketing outdoor recreation tourism like hiking, mountain biking, skiing and culture via a social media campaign and more that guides future out-of-state visitors to the City's tourism website, [DiscoverNorthBend.com](#).

To learn more about this program, visit [PortSeattle.org](#).



## THANK YOU: Community Effort Helps Beautify Town During Inaugural Earth Day Event

The City of North Bend wishes to express its gratitude for the community effort during the City's inaugural, two-day Beautification Days Event in honor of Earth Day.

On Sunday, April 18th and Monday, April 19th, residents, multiple community organizations, local businesses, Republic Services representatives, Councilmembers, the Mayor and City staff turned out to collect garbage and recyclables around the City.

North Bend Beautification Days was an idea of the City's employee Wellness Committee and the North Bend Downtown Foundation – as a Covid-safe, small-scale way to celebrate Earth Day through positive community impact by partnering with Empower Youth Network and Republic Services. The committee then decided to invite residents to join in by cleaning up their own neighborhoods and/or favorite recreation spots, with an added bonus opportunity for residents to win prizes from the North Bend Theatre.

"Due to Covid-19 public health guidelines, we couldn't do the large Earth Day event as we had hoped, but by asking community members to find their own part of the City to tidy up, we harnessed the compounding power of small efforts for the greater good," explained Communications Manager Danna McCall.

Mayor McFarland commented, "It was good to see citizens' positive energy to help their environment over the course of the two-day event. There was a true sense of caring and commitment to make us all better, for which myself, Councilmembers and City staff are grateful."

Areas like McClellan Ave, Southfork Ave, North Bend Way east of downtown, and the historic downtown core were the primary focus of city volunteers. As a result, approximately two large waste containers at City Hall were filled with recyclables and debris collected during the event.

Thank you to residents and our community partners!





# Local Winners... The Snoqualmie Valley Record's 2021 BEST OF THE VALLEY

In February, the Snoqualmie Valley Record released the results of its 2021 Best of the Valley contest. The Snoqualmie Valley Record's General Manager, William Shaw, writes, "The Best of the Valley is one of the more popular initiatives that we do, and with reason. The online poll gives residents the opportunity to make their picks in nearly 60 categories, which is a fun opportunity for bragging rights from a cheerful showdown among local businesses. It's also a good snapshot of our community and its movers and shakers."

See below for Valley winners of the Best of the Valley!

Mt. Si Montessori  
Sno Falls Credit Union  
Handy in the Valley  
North Bend Ace Hardware  
Forever Allure  
Tennyson Jacobson Agency  
Daniel Skagen  
Birches Habitat  
Ole Cedar Mill Storage  
Brown and Sterling  
Ignite Dance & Yoga  
The Trail Youth  
North Bend Farmer's Market  
North Bend Bar & Grill  
Mt. Si Golf Course  
Huxdotter Coffee  
The Swirl  
Scott's Dairy Freeze  
Little Si Restaurant & Lounge  
Il Paesano Ristorante  
Black Dog  
Frankie's Pizza  
The Attic at Salish Lodge  
Park St. Healing Arts  
Mt. Si Family Dentistry

Dr. Doerfler  
Mt. Si Sports & Fitness  
Healing Garden  
Remlinger Farms  
Si View Park  
Snoqualmie Valley Alliance Encompass  
Loraine Neal of the City of North Bend  
Firefighter Kyle Jacobsen  
Kevin Shadow of Bartell Drugs  
Bob Keaton of Snoqualmie/North Bend  
Police Department Chris Garcia of Frankie's  
(and North Bend Councilmember)  
Encompass Preschool Teacher  
Anne Wiseman  
North Bend Auto Parts  
Nice Nails  
Dirty Doggone  
Mary Miller Photography  
Crescent Market at Snoqualmie Casino and  
Veterinarian Dr. Mike Treuting!

North Bend's own Mary Miller named  
Best City Councilor. Fellow North Bend  
Councilmember Chris Garcia was also a  
finalist in the category.



Read the complete article and results at [ValleyRecord](https://www.valleyrecord.com).

## FREE Business Listing Opportunity for 98045 Businesses and Nonprofits

PLAY STAY DINE SHOP EVENTS BUSINESS DIRECTORY



[DiscoverNorthBend.com](https://DiscoverNorthBend.com) is a tourism website that branches from and links to the [NorthBendWA.gov](https://NorthBendWA.gov) website. The purpose of this site is provide information to visitors who want to explore beautiful North Bend, with a concentration on economic development and tourism.

We created a [North Bend business directory](https://DiscoverNorthBend.com) on [DiscoverNorthBend.com](https://DiscoverNorthBend.com), with the goal of supporting our local businesses and organizations. In this directory you will find the following information for each business listed:

Business Name  
Address  
Phone Number  
Website / social media link

Please check it out! Email [bkeveren@northbendwa.gov](mailto:bkeveren@northbendwa.gov) if your listing is incorrect, or not listed all. This listing is available for free to all North Bend and Unincorporated King County businesses and non-profit organizations.

## CALLING OUR COMMUNITY: Snoqualmie Valley Transportation is Hiring New Drivers

Do you know a dependable, honest, hardworking person who is good with people?

Do you know someone with a clean driving record (5 years driving with no accidents or speeding tickets), who can pass a drug test, and have a clean record (no arrests)?

Do you know someone who can work Monday through Friday?



If so, please connect them with Snoqualmie Valley Transportation! Due to staff retirements, SVT currently has AM and PM shifts available. No CDL required. All positions are 30+ hours a week. SVT provides complete training, and starting pay is \$16.26 per hour. Benefits (you get \$950/mo. worth of medical, dental, etc.) after 90 days.

### STOP BY SVT AND PICK UP AN APPLICATION

Applications are available at Snoqualmie Valley Transportation – 1308 Boalch Ave NW, or visit [SVTBus.org](https://SVTBus.org)!



# COVID-19 Business Resources

We are researching resources for our local businesses with the intention of sharing helpful, actionable information. We are doing our best to learn and share information in this uncharted territory with our business community. Questions? Suggestions? Want to receive weekly business resource updates in your inbox? Please email [Bre Keveren](mailto:Bre.Keveren).

## PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP)

FROM THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) - The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on payroll. Borrowers may be eligible for PPP loan forgiveness.

SBA is currently offering PPP loans until **May 31, 2021**. Consider visiting the links below for PPP resources:

- [Find a PPP lender](#) via the SBA
- Umpqua Bank offers a series of PPP pre-recorded video guides covering various aspects of the program. Visit their [resource page](#), and scroll to the bottom to view.
- The [SBA E-Bulletin](#) provides updates about the PPP and other relief options. Sign up for updates [here](#).
- Fact sheets: [PPP First Draw Loans: Overview](#) and [PPP Second Draw Loans: Overview](#) (sba.gov)

## ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER (EIDL) LOAN

FROM THE SBA - The deadline to apply for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for the Covid-19 Pandemic disaster declaration is extended to **Dec. 31, 2021**, pending the availability of funds.

To date, the SBA has approved \$197 billion in low-interest loans which provides working capital funds to small businesses, non-profits and agricultural businesses.

Loans are offered with a 3.75% interest rate for small businesses and 2.75% interest rate for nonprofit organizations, a 30-year maturity, and an automatic deferment of one year before monthly payments begin.

Consider visiting the links below for EIDL resources:

- [SBA's overview of the EIDL loan](#)
- [Apply](#) for an EIDL loan (sba.gov)

## TARGETED EIDL ADVANCE (GRANT)

FROM THE SBA - Covid-19 [Targeted EIDL Advance](#) was signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020, as part of the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Non-Profits, and Venues Act. The Targeted EIDL Advance provides businesses located in low-income communities with additional funds to ensure small business continuity, adaptation, and resiliency.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Free, reusable masks - The City of North Bend received an inventory of cloth face coverings, thanks to our King County Council Representative, Kathy Lambert. These masks are available free to you and your employees, while supplies last. Interested? Email EOC Coordinator, Erin Mitchell, at [emitchell@northbendwa.gov](mailto:emitchell@northbendwa.gov).

'PPE Connect' - AWB Rebound & Connect is an organization concentrating on getting Washington employers prepared to safely reopen, under new protocols and safety measures. They are providing a free online service right now that can connect businesses to much-needed PPE. For more information, visit [reboundandrecovery.org](http://reboundandrecovery.org).



## EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS

THE SHUTTERED VENUE OPERATORS GRANT (SVOG) - FROM THE SBA - The application portal reopened for application on **April 26**, after temporarily closing due to technical issues. The SBA has also added the following updated resources.

- [Applicant user guide](#) and [FAQ](#)
- [Checklist](#)
- Call Center: For technical assistance, call 1 (800) 659-2955 or, for the deaf and hard-of-hearing 1 (800) 877-8339 and follow the prompts to SVOG assistance.

THE RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND (RRF) - FROM THE WA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - signed into law on March 11, 2021, Congress appropriated \$28.6 billion for the SBA to award emergency assistance for eligible restaurants, bars, and other qualifying businesses impacted by COVID-19.

Fund recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as the funds are used for eligible purposes no later than **March 11, 2023**. Registration for application portal begins **April 30**, at 6 a.m. PST. The SBA will begin accepting applications via the portal on **May 3**, at 9 a.m. PST. Consider visiting the links below for RRF resources:

- Sign up [here](#) to receive email alerts from the SBA when more information is available on the RRF.
- [RRF program guide](#)
- [RRF sample application](#)
- For technical assistance, call 1 (844) 279-8898

Eligible businesses include:

- Restaurants
- Food stands, food trucks, food carts
- Caterers
- Bars, saloons, lounges, taverns
- Snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars
- Bakeries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Brewpubs, tasting rooms, taprooms (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)

- Breweries and/or microbreweries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Wineries and distilleries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Inns (onsite sales of food and beverage to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts) Licensed facilities or premises of a beverage alcohol producer where the public may taste, sample, or purchase products

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES SPRING 2021 CHILD CARE COVID-19 GRANT PORTAL OPEN - FROM THE WA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - To ensure a stable, functional and flexible child care system that supports providers and families during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) is providing direct support to licensed child care providers to offset increased costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure child care services are available to families.

All licensed child care providers ready and able to serve children are eligible to apply.

More information about eligibility criteria and prioritization can be found [here](#).

## FREE ONLINE BUSINESS TRAININGS

ScaleUp: The Rebuild Edition is focused on helping small businesses restart and rebuild by improving their strategic decision-making, creating new operational efficiencies, and strengthening the bottom line. Topics include creating efficient business systems, improving product/service alignment, creating a stronger competitive advantage in the marketplace, understanding financial statements and key business drivers, increasing sales leads and improving the sales funnel. A special "study hall" provides additional opportunities for private mentoring and coaching. The cost of this program valued at \$1,599 is covered for Washington state businesses thanks in part to a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration. Registration information can be found [here](#).