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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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

Quarterly Message from the Mayor



I hope your summer is off to a great start. It's hard not to notice positivity in the air as our state fully reopens and begins a path forward from the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you to the community for helping us reach this point by following

public health guidelines for months on end and getting vaccinated. I am proud to report that at this time over 77.6% of those living in North Bend zip code 98045 (12 and over) have begun the vaccination process - and we reached a major milestone with 72.2% of residents now fully vaccinated. This milestone allowed our retailers and restaurants to full reopen - congrats to all! [As a reminder, if you're not yet vaccinated, appointments are widely available locally.]

It is this accomplishment as well that has made it possible to reopen City Hall to the public. As I am sure you can imagine, it is not just as simple as throwing

the doors wide open. It has taken us weeks to finalize our reopening plan for both staff and citizens - and we're still working toward a final plan for our hybrid City Council and Commission meetings.

At this time, I am happy to tell you that citizens have been welcomed back inside City Hall since July 12th.

There are some public health guidelines we must follow, and we ask for your assistance and patience when you visit. The Cedar Falls Way entrance is the only public access point, where you will find a sign-in sheet, hand sanitizer, and masking guidelines.

We are targeting September-October to conduct hybrid in-person City Council meetings, yet there are many factors which may impact that. After months of Zoom meetings, I can assure you that your Councilmembers can't wait to return to chambers. We will be releasing more information on those hybrid meetings when we have a more solid plan, but know that we are actively planning to accommodate both



in-person and virtual meeting attendees.

As we move into the 3rd quarter of 2021, we want to highlight and share with you some City and community accomplishments during the past three months.

Infrastructure



After nearly two years of construction, Phase 1 of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) High Priority Improvements Project is essentially complete and the contract for Phase 2 was approved by your City Council which means the project will move seamlessly forward. We expect Phase 2 construction to begin later this summer and be complete in 2023 - 2024.

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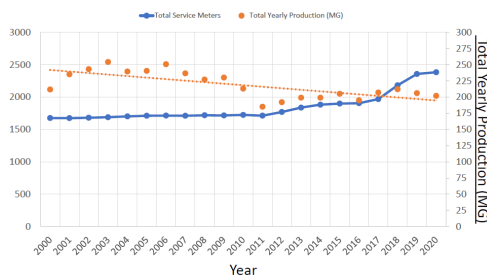
These important WWTP improvements are critical to our surrounding environment, safety, economic development and fiscal stability of the City – and of course providing you sound, reliable service. The project was a major undertaking for the City – and one that was decades overdue.



When fully complete the project will 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.

We are committed to being a good steward of our local environment and as such, continue evaluating multiple long-term mitigation water options to meet all future requirements of our Centennial Well Water Right, including negotiations with the Sallal Water Association for a wholesale water/mitigation contract. We also continue evaluating alternative mitigation projects.

Some good news on the water conservation front, a recent analysis of North Bend Water Meters vs. Water Production shows the City produced less water in 2020 compared to 2000, even while gaining 700 new water meters. We credit this achievement to aggressive water distribution system leak reduction strategies by our Public Works Department, enhanced water conservation state building codes, wider availability of water-efficient appliances, and our Water Conservation Ordinance. We appreciate our residents' efforts to conserve and protect this limited, natural resource and protect the health of the Snoqualmie River. Thank You!



North Bend Total Service Meters & Yearly Production for 2000-2020

As most longtime Washington residents know all too well, summer and fall are construction season for weather-dependent roadway projects. This year is proving to be a busy one for local projects – and we appreciate your patience as we, the State and County work to improve transportation around the area. Some notable projects during the 2021 construction season include the repaving of SR 202 from Snoqualmie Falls Park to Boalch Ave; Reinig Road Revetment repair; a new roundabout at the North Bend Way & 436th Ave SE intersection; and Park Street Overlay and Re-channelization.

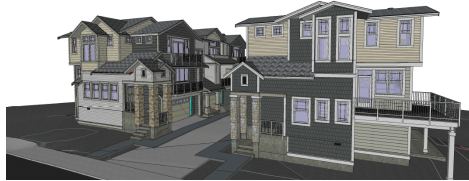
We continue our efforts to obtain grants for Transportation Improvement Projects, like the future roundabout at Mt. Si Blvd & Bendigo Blvd for which a \$1.4 million grant is funding engineering design work. We also received an \$800,000 grant for a future roundabout at SR 202 and 4th Street and are hopeful design work will commence this year.

As part of our sidewalk reinvestment program, contractors recently completed reconstructing

sidewalks in the Forester Woods neighborhood, improving pedestrian safety. This program to improve sidewalks will continue for years to come as we work through a long list of needed repairs in neighborhoods throughout the City.

Community Development Projects

Work by private contractors continues around town on many projects that will bring services to citizens and more housing diversity to homebuyers and renters.



23-unit condo project begins on E Park St

Sitework recently began for a new 23-unit condo project downtown on E. Park Street.

These will be the first new condominiums built in the City in over 20 years and bring a needed homebuying option to residents. Habitat for Humanity is also completing sitework for a new 7-townhome affordable housing community.



7-townhome Habitat for Humanity affordable housing

The Cedar River Partners (Dahlgren) Project continues, which will bring 212 new multi-family homes. Contractors completed a watermain extension and continue with site utility work. Later



Cedar River Partners (Dahlgren) Project

during the project, a new 4-acre City park will be constructed that will have direct access to Tanner Landing Park with its Snoqualmie River access for outdoor enthusiasts.

On the commercial front, Wyndham Hotels plans to build a dual-brand hotel inside the Outlet Mall, with the redevelopment of the mall section that contains the Vanity Fair store. The project is in planning review. Hotel plans include 130 rooms, meeting space and potentially a rooftop bar/restaurant. Puget Sound Energy is also moving through the planning process to bring a new 50,000 sq. ft. training center near Nintendo which will train PSE's future gas and electric workforce. Lastly, the WA Military Department closed on the land purchase for the future National Guard Readiness Center near Truck Town.

On the new business front, a Wells Fargo branch opened in the former visitor's center near Bartell's and Ignition Café opened near QFC. Also expected to open this summer is Falling River Meats - a new butcher shop downtown, Britt Greenland Gallery, and the Snoqualmie Valley Athletic Complex.

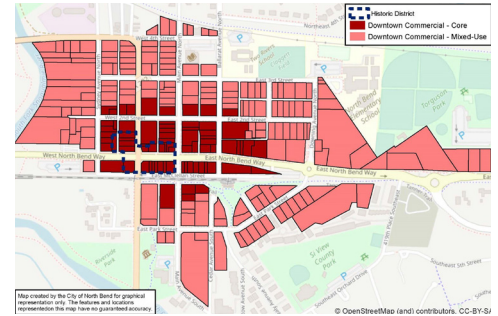


Wells Fargo, 250 Bendigo Blvd S

New Council Legislation

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Code (FBC) for the Downtown Commercial Zone. FBC emphasizes the relationship between buildings and public spaces, as well as the form and mass of buildings in relation to one another. With an emphasis on public spaces, the form-based approach is optimal for creating and sustaining places where people want to be, which will enhance the economic vitality of the City's downtown core. We are confident this is the right move for our downtown, and as more aging buildings are re-developed, FBC will help attain the desired character for the Downtown Commercial zone and ensure any new development is in scale and character with the existing area.



Map of Downtown Commercial-Core and Downtown Commercial-Mixed-Use. Click [here](#) for close-up of map.

Public Engagement/Supporting Local

In late June, after Gov. Inslee eased some Covid-19 restrictions in response to the historic heatwave, we were able to open City Hall as an emergency cooling shelter. Our staff pitched in, graciously volunteering their time to man the cooling center over the weekend.



Public safety is our number one priority and we were happy to serve the community in this way.

We also held an important Wildfire Resiliency & Preparedness Town Hall last month, with experts from Eastside Fire & Rescue and King Conservation District providing invaluable information to prepare our homes and community in the event of wildfires. If you'd like to see the meeting recording, visit the [Media Center](#) on the City website. Not too long after this Town Hall, I made the decision to issue an emergency declaration prohibiting aerial fireworks, as the wildfire risk was just too high. We consulted the experts and feel we made the right decision for public safety and in protection of our surrounding environment.

Here at City Hall, we're feeling positive and excited about the future. Our City is evolving and with that comes change, but not all change is bad. Your elected officials, myself included, as well as staff are dedicated to the livability and character of our small mountain town, which includes welcoming new residents to the North Bend way of life. We do our best to make improvements that we hope also enhance your daily lives, all while respecting citizen voices and our City's history.

Thank you to everyone for helping our local businesses survive the pandemic and supporting us during this unprecedented 1+ year. It is a pleasure to serve this vibrant, beautiful place we are all lucky enough to call HOME.

Sincerely,
Mayor Rob

A Letter from the North Bend Downtown Foundation

"It's so dry the trees are bribing the dogs." Thank you, Charles Martin (Chasing Fireflies). Thursday, July 29th marks about 44 days with no real rain here in the Valley. Grass is now roasting right into summer hibernation and plants continue soaking up that hose water.

Meanwhile, our town is as vibrant as ever, with new businesses popping up, visitors and locals out and about, and events literally in full bloom.

Your NBDF has been busy. With the arrival of summer 2021, our board has welcomed in a new NBDF President: Lucas Haines of Volition Brewing, and a new Secretary: JoAnna Madsen of Pioneer Coffee! Past President Beth Burrows of the North Bend Theatre and North Bend Art and Industry devoted many years of commitment to this organization, and is remaining onboard to assist with the transition. With her work running the North Bend Theatre and supporting NBAI, we all know we will continue seeing Beth around town! Lucas and JoAnna are excited to provide support in this capacity and they look forward to new adventures with you – our business community.

In addition to board work, we are thrilled to bring community events back to North Bend. July 1st marked the second Drive-In Movie at Meadowbrook. Sponsored by Volition Brewing, Carbonite Properties, CommunityBoxed.com, the North Bend Theatre and the City of North Bend, the large screen came back to Meadowbrook Farm with the feature movie, The Neverending Story. With lots of smiling



July 1 Drive-In at Meadowbrook

faces and a sunset visit from our resident elk herd, we'd call this magical evening a huge success. We hope to host more seasonal drive-ins at Meadowbrook in the coming years.

We are now preparing for [Sip Suds & Little Si](#), a slightly smaller scale version of past art, wine, beer and music walks here in our historic, downtown North Bend. If you are a participating merchant or happy hour location, you should be hearing from us now as we continue to pair everyone with their accompanying winery or brewery, and bring in a few musicians and artists. Tickets are going fast, and this event is fully pre-registration-based, so we anticipate a lively evening, full of community on August 21st, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased [here](#)!



Sip Suds & Little Si, Aug. 21!



Next, we will get the fall ball rolling with Trick-Or-Treat Street on October 30th, then the Holly Days Downtown Community Celebration, on December 4th.

In addition to community events, we are looking into new beautification opportunities that will involve teamwork from our downtown business neighbors and friends. Please stay tuned for more information on how we can collaborate!

Want to join us? Your membership helps build community, supports our local businesses and encourages revitalization of our historic downtown. Questions? Email us! Questions? Reach out at info@NorthBendDowntown.org.

Sincerely,

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



Hunting Bigfoot Day

In honor of the worldwide premiere of the movie Hunting Bigfoot at the historical and independently-owned North Bend Theatre next month, Mayor Rob McFarland has proclaimed Fri, August 6, 2021, [Hunting Bigfoot Day](#) in the City of North Bend!

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In addition to premiering locally, the movie was filmed in North Bend and the greater Snoqualmie Valley and highlights the natural beauty and history of the area. The writer and director, Taylor Guterson, is also a nearby Issaquah resident. Click [here](#) for more information. Want your business to join in on the fun? Email the [North Bend Theatre](#).



Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum is Open!

The Snoqualmie Valley Museum is excited to reopen their normal hours after a nearly 16 month closure for the pandemic. Visitors are once again invited to come inside to explore exhibits Saturdays through Tuesdays, 1pm to 5pm. Additionally, visitors may also visit exterior accessible exhibits daily during daylight hours with recently installed exterior exhibit panels and the Farming Exhibit seen through the Farm Shed windows. The Museum has also been adding lots of additional content to their website at SnoqualmieValleyMuseum.org. So far the Museum has welcomed visitors from around the world including Colombia since reopening.



Mt. Si Senior Center Reopens Monday, August

It's been a long time since Mt. Si Senior Center was able to open its doors to the community, but the wait is finally over. The Center will resume on-site programming on Monday, August 2nd. The Center will follow Washington State guidelines on masks and social distancing. Masks are encouraged, but not required for fully vaccinated people



ONSITE PROGRAMMING RESUMES

AT MT. SI SENIOR CENTER

MONDAY, AUGUST 2ND

HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM - 4PM

LUNCH AT 12PM

Since the Center closed to the public on March 12, 2020, staff members and volunteers transitioned to keep in contact with many of the Center's regular visitors, with meals to go, regular phone calls to fight the stress of extended isolation and online programming.

"We are so excited to welcome back our community members after this long wait," said Mt. Si Senior Center Executive Director Susan Kingsbury-Comeau. "Everyone is welcome, and welcome to rejoin us when they are ready. The social isolation of the pandemic has been hard for many people, which is why we prioritized resuming on-site programming. We will also continue to offer online and remote programming for those who have health and safety concerns about returning to the Center in person." Read the full press release [here](#).

Local Entrepreneurs

"Small business isn't for the faint of heart. It's for the brave, the patient and the persistent." - Unknown

New to Downtown North Bend: Britt Greenland Fine Art



Britt Greenland Fine Art

This month, North Bend welcomed the Britt Greenland Art Gallery to downtown, along with Pearbox Designs jewelry.

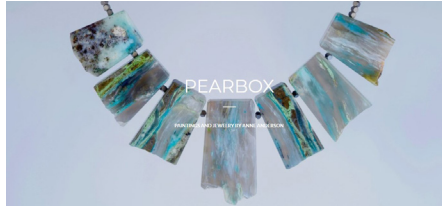
As a working studio in addition to an art gallery, visitors have the opportunity to view the artist at work on her next masterpiece every week, from Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 5:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, noon to 6:00 p.m.

Britt's ambition to open her own gallery arose from an increase in larger landscape painting commission requests, as well as an interest in connecting more with fellow art lovers.

"I'm thrilled to open shop in such a beautiful and friendly town," said Britt. "Having been represented

by several excellent galleries from Gig Harbor to La Conner, I always felt that I was missing out on being the one to connect with the viewers on a daily basis—not just on opening night of a show."

The space also features the jewelry of Anne Anderson of Pearbox Designs, where she creates jewelry using a variety of natural gemstones. "I love to 'paint' the empty canvas of a woman's décolleté," she wrote.



Pearbox Jewelry, located at 301 W North Bend Wy

Britt and Anne held a Grand Opening Reception on July 16, accompanied by live music, treats and

a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the SnoValley Chamber of Commerce.

The Britt Greenland Fine Art Gallery will offer more fun, free-to-the-public art receptions, called First Friday Art Adventures, a unique event that incorporates live music, art in action and community the first Friday of every month, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The next First Friday will be August 6.



Oregon Coast, painting by Britt Greenland

Stop by Britt Greenland Fine Art to say hello, located at 301 W North Bend Way. For more information, visit BrittGreenlandArtist.com and PearBox.com.

Welcome to North Bend, Britt Greenland Fine Art and Pearbox Jewelry!

WEEKLY Live Music at Boxley's

Every Fri. and Sat. beginning at 8:00 p.m. visit Boxley's - JazzClubsNW. JazzClubsNW is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting local and regional live Jazz performance and educational opportunities. Click [here](#) for more information. Located at 228 W North Bend Way.

WEEKLY Free Matinees at North Bend Theatre

Sponsored by [Si View Metro Parks](#), the free matinee series runs through Fri., Aug. 27, with family-friendly films being presented Weds., Thurs. and Fri. of each week at noon! This program is free for all ages. Located at 125 Bendigo Blvd N.

MONTHLY First Friday Art Adventures

The [Britt Greenland Fine Art Gallery](#) features a free, family-friendly art gallery showing the first Fri. of every month, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Located at 301 W North Bend Wy, Ste. 107. Next show: Aug. 6!

North Bend Welcomes Wells Fargo

On June 21st, Wells Fargo opened in North Bend, located at 250 Bendigo Blvd S. The North Bend branch of Wells Fargo is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Branch Manager Roselyn Osuagwu represents the North Bend Neighborhood branch. She said, "My team and I very excited to be here." North Bend's Wells Fargo is the second digital-forward branch in Washington State. "We can provide most services that our traditional branches can, but how we do them is a bit different."

The North Bend Neighborhood Branch, for instance, does not have a teller line, but it does host two high-functioning Assisted ATM's that can deposit, transfer, and dispense larger dollar amounts than most ATMs. The lobby is accessible to customers at all hours via ATM, debit, credit card, or mobile phone or watch digital card.



July 29th Wells Fargo Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Wells Fargo and the SnoValley Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, July 29 to commemorate their opening.

Welcome to town, Wells Fargo!

New Name, Same Team: Arbor Eyecare

On April 30th, Snoqualmie Valley Eyecare Associates and Sammamish Eyecare Associates began serving communities with a new name: Arbor Eyecare.



The Arbor Eyecare team celebrated their new name by planting native-species seedlings on Arbor Day!

"Although we have a new name, we are still the same — we are still locally owned and a proud employer in our communities," they wrote.

Dr. Brian Duvall and Latreash Duvall, leaders of EyeCARE Associates for nearly 20 years, are now looking toward the next phase of adventures together and transitioning towards retirement. With that, Dr. Duvall is preparing to enter semi-retirement by January, 2022, while continuing to care for patients three days per week.

Dr. Rebecca Dale, MD, who has served patients in our area since 2009, will lead the practice as they continue to grow and expand their services. The Arbor Eyecare management team is comprised of the same local doctors and employees that have been a part of EyeCARE Associates for years. Arbor Eyecare is located at 126 E 2nd St. For more information, visit See20-20.com.

Congratulations, Arbor Eyecare!

Local Entrepreneurs

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Pearl & Stone Tasting Room Moves to New Location

[Pearl and Stone Wine Co.](#) is moving, from 202 W North Bend Way, to Main Street.

"We are very excited to continue our growth in the heart of North Bend, and have the opportunity to host many more people in a beautiful new space,"



Blending 2020 Wines at Pearl & Stone Production Facility, Jul. 10

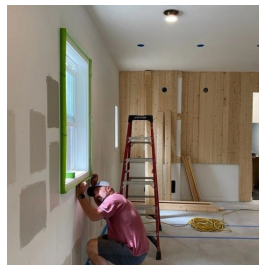
said co-owner, Chris Stone. "We can't wait to pour everyone a taste on the covered patio with a fabulous view of majestic Mt Si!"

Pearl and Stone first moved their tasting room to North Bend Way, with their collaborative and welcoming business neighbor, [Birches Habitat](#). The two businesses have shared a fun and unique space together since November, 2019.

The P&S team is currently hard at work putting the finishing touches on their new tasting room, located on the corner of Main and 2nd St.

Until official opening is announced, Pearl and Stone invites you to see them in their tasting room located 202 W North Bend Way Friday, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon to 6:00 p.m. They are open for tastings, glass pours and bottles to go.

Looking forward to visiting you in your new space, Pearl and Stone Wine Co!



Historic Sunset Garage: Paint Restoration



Craig Glazier and team are putting the final touches on a restoration project on the exterior of the historic Sunset Garage, located at the SW corner of Bendigo and North Bend Way.

The Sunset Garage is an integral part of the Historic District in downtown North Bend. Originally built as a mercantile store in the 1920s, it was eventually converted to service cars traveling the Sunset Highway, when it ran through North Bend. This building represents a vernacular version of the Art Moderne style. As 2019 recipients of the John D. Spellman Awards for Exemplary Achievement, the team continues their preservation work.

Thank you for your beautification and preservation efforts, Craig and team!



WEEKLY

Seattle Underground Comedy Competition

The [Seattle Underground Comedy Competition](#) will feature live comedy shows at the North Bend Theatre, every Sat., beginning in Aug. Click [here](#) for more information. Located at 125 BEndigo Blvd N.

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Volition Brewing's Shred the Gnar 2nd Anniversary

Volition Brewing will be celebrating their 2nd anniversary in style Aug. 6 thru 8! Click [here](#) for more information. Located at 112 W North Bend Wy.

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Sip Suds & Little Si

Sip Suds & Si is BACK - this time, just a bit smaller! Aug. 21, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Starting once again at the North Bend Train Depot, participants will enjoy a self-guided tour through downtown North Bend with merchants, wineries, breweries, art and live music. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Edward Jones Financial Advisor: Jason Glazier Moves to North Bend

In February, Edward Jones Financial Adviser opened in North Bend, located at 530 E North Bend Way, Suite 103.

Located in the new Phoenix, owner, Financial Advisor and resident Jason Glazier is happy to be here. "We are thrilled for the opportunity to make our hometown our new business location, here in beautiful North Bend," he said. "Living where I work is an investment in my community. As a financial advisor, I absolutely welcome the opportunity to help fellow residents - as well as my new business neighbors - plan for anything life may throw out such as: paying for college, planning for retirement income, achieving dreams and goals, and of course, the unexpected."



Edward Jones Financial Advisor: Jason Glazier and Office Administrator Jennifer McDowell, at 530 E North Bend Wy

Stay tuned for information on their ribbon-cutting ceremony this summer with the SnoValley Chamber of Commerce.

Welcome to town, Edward Jones Financial Advisor: Jason Glazier!

New Collaboration: Twin Peaks Nutrition & Wellness and Sanctuary



Twin Peaks Nutrition & Wellness, and Sanctuary, located at 111 W North Bend Wy

In July, Sharon Hockenbury began collaborating with Stacie Beam-Bruce, a North Bend psychotherapist and Stacy Worley, a Yoga teacher/Astrologer from Lincoln City, Oregon, to open Sanctuary, a welcome addition to Twin Peaks Nutrition and Wellness.

As a community hub of health and wholeness, they hold the belief that, "Every one of us has the unlimited potential to transcend the demands and difficulties of life and create the life we envision."

They offer practical tools and transformational opportunities for individuals to actively cultivate their own state of optimum wellbeing through the holistic healing modalities of Ayurveda, Hypnotherapy, Yoga, Breathwork, and Transpersonal Psychology.

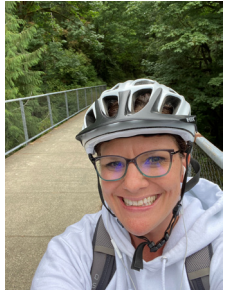
"I am so thankful to be in the community and have this new collaboration," Sharon said. Twin Peaks Nutrition and Wellness and Sanctuary are located at 111 W North Bend Way and open daily from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for making downtown North Bend your new home, Sanctuary!

Updates from the City of North Bend

New Staff, New Team Growth at the City of North Bend

Please join us in congratulating team members for their growth and increase in providing support for North Bend, as well as welcoming a new professional to the City!



Erin Mitchell first joined the City of North Bend in March, 2012, where she worked in accounting. This year, she took on a new role as Human Resources Assistant/Emergency Management Coordinator.

Human Resources Assistant/
Emergency Management
Coordinator, Erin Mitchell

As a longtime North Bend resident and City staffer, Erin enjoys biking along valley trails, gardening, traveling and camping. In addition to working and living in North Bend, Erin is a cheer parent! Her daughter cheers for Mount Si High School. About North Bend, Erin said, "I love the picturesque, panoramic views of the mountains and trees, the

rivers and the small town feel."



Deputy Finance Director, Greg Piland, golfing at The Old Course at St. Andrews in Scotland

Greg Piland joined the City of North Bend in May, 2021, as the Deputy Finance Director.

Outside of work, Greg enjoys the great outdoors, recreating via skiing and showshoeing during the winter, golfing during the summer, and traveling.

What he loves about North Bend: "I love having a vibrant and historic downtown area with beautiful landscapes as a background. It is so fun to tell people I work for North Bend and hear their stories about how much they enjoy the City and the exciting activities available."

Bart Kelly has worked for the City's Public Works Department as a seasonal employee for years. In May, 2021, Bart accepted full time employment at the City as a Parks Maintenance Worker.

Bart enjoys hiking and biking the valley as well as skiing and home gardening. When asked what he loves about North Bend, he said, "I enjoy being so close to all the things I like to do."

Bart is outside working around town every day. Be sure to say hello, the next time you see him!

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Snoqualmie Valley Relay for Life

Relay for Life returns to North Bend, at Tollgate Farm Park, Sept. 10 thru 12! Join the Snoqualmie Valley to support cancer research and celebrate survivors and caregivers. Click [here](#) for more information.

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Valley Center Stage Grand Opening

Join VCS Sept. 11, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. as they celebrate the opening of their new space and their return to live theatre! Click [here](#) for more information.

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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](#) to join.

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TRAFFIC UPDATES: Sphalerite Technologies and 436th Roundabout

SPHALERITE TECHNOLOGIES: Construction is expected to begin soon on the new headquarters of Sphalerite Technologies along SE North Bend Way in the eastern part of the City.

The company was issued a project clear and grade permit by the City this month, which allows sitework to begin. The project - located at 45401 SE North Bend Way near the Mt. Si Pub - consists of three office and associated storage buildings, parking, landscaping, stormwater and street frontage improvements. Two of the buildings will be approximately 1,500 sq. ft. each and one will be approximately 3,400 sq. ft. Read the full press release [here](#).

NEW ROUNDABOUT: Construction of a new privately funded roundabout at the intersection of North Bend Way and 436th Ave SE has begun.

Contractor crews working for Cedar River Partners - which is developing a new 212-unit apartment complex on the nearby, former Dahlgren property - will be building the roundabout to mitigate future traffic impacts at this critical intersection. Construction of the new roundabout will require 436th Ave SE to be closed between North Bend Way and just north of SE Cedar Falls Way during several phases of construction. Local access for residents residing along 436th will be provided. Detour routes will be clearly marked along North Bend Way and Cedar Falls Way in the project area. Read the full press release [here](#).

City Joins Saving Water Partnership, Expands Conservation Efforts

At the July 20th North Bend City Council meeting, Councilmembers unanimously approved a contract for the City to join the Saving Water Partnership, a collaboration between Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) and 17 water purveyors that purchase water from SPU.

The Saving Water Partnership is a water conservation program that offers tips, tools and rebates to help people preserve the region's water for future generations. With North Bend's membership in the SWP, residents will have access to free on-site evaluations from SPU staff to find ways to use water wisely; leak detection kits; rebates for replacing aging plumbing fixtures and appliances with more water efficient models; as well as landscaping assessments and rebates.

The City is excited to offer expanded educational materials, on-site evaluations and valuable rebates included with the Saving Water Partnership to support its ongoing water conservation efforts.

The SWP will also work in collaboration with the City to provide future community outreach programs like its popular K thru 8th grade in-class conservation presentations, as well as informational booths at community events like the North Bend Block Party, the Festival at Mount Si and the North Bend Farmers Market. Read the full press release [here](#).

Downtown Form Based Code Approved for North Bend's Downtown Commercial Zone

On June 1st, the North Bend City Council unanimously approved the adoption of Form Based Code (FBC) to guide development in the City's Downtown Commercial (DC) Zone, which encompasses approximately 20 blocks in the downtown area.

The more traditional North Bend Municipal Code (NBMC) that had guided development in the City's Downtown Commercial Zone focused on segregated uses and density. The new Form Based Code is a land development regulation that fosters predictable built results and high-quality public spaces (sidewalks, plazas, etc.) by using physical form, rather than separation of uses, as its organizing principle. Compared to traditional zoning, FBC places more emphasis on community character and the impact development has on the public realm.

FBC emphasizes the relationship between buildings and public spaces, as well as the form and mass of buildings in relation to one another. With an emphasis on public spaces, the form-based approach is optimal for creating and sustaining places where people want to be, which will enhance the economic vitality of the City's downtown area.

As more aging downtown buildings are re-developed, Form Based Code – with less emphasis on density and allowable uses – will provide a unified development ordinance to attain the desired character for the

Downtown Commercial Zone, and ensure any new development is in scale and character with the existing DC area.

Community survey results citing the importance of Mt. Si views, walkability and open spaces helped guide the development of the new Form Based Code. Other FBC guiding resources included the North Bend Comprehensive Plan, City Design Standards, City branding and the Downtown Master Plan.

Form Based Code does not change maximum allowable building heights for the Downtown Commercial zone. The changes are focused on building setbacks to provide new plaza areas, additional streetscape and expanded sidewalks to enhance the pedestrian experience, as well as encourage underneath/ground parking areas for new buildings.

North Bend Community and Economic Development Director Rebecca Deming explained, "The City chose to go with Form Based Code for downtown in the hope that it will create opportunities for future economic development as a social, cultural and entertainment destination. By focusing on the built environment, we are requiring future development to take on appropriate character of the existing area and to facilitate a lively pedestrian environment."

Read the full press release [here](#).

Form Based Code FAQs

What is Form Based Code (FBC) and how is it different from the zoning that existed on my downtown property prior to the FBC's adoption?

A form-based code is a land development regulation that fosters predictable built results and a high-quality public realm by using physical form, rather than separation of uses, as the organizing principle for the code.

How does applying FBC affect my property?

If your property is located in the Downtown Commercial (DC) zone, the requirements for development or redevelopment have changed. The primary requirements are located in the regulating plan which can be found [HERE](#). The City's Form-based Code gives clear direction about what is expected for building types and building frontage types for each area within the DC zone. Additionally, building setback and multi-story step backs have changes with the approved code.

Please Email CED Department for specific questions. All development will still need to comply with the City's Design Guidelines and other Municipal Code requirements.

For more FAQs, click [here](#).



Fall for Art, with NBAI

[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! Located at North Fork Farm Events.

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Trick-Or-Treat Street

Live music and trick-or-treating with your merchant neighbors! This year, we are hosting this [Trick-Or-Treat Street](#) in collaboration with Si View's Harvest Festival, with the intent of spreading the fun out longer, and offering a further reach. What a great opportunity to connect with new and returning customers! Want to join? Email [Bre Keveren](#) by Sept. 6.

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Blues Walk

The Blues Walk is BACK! Stay tuned for more information about the one-day blues festival's return to downtown North Bend. For more information as it comes available, be sure to follow the [North Bend Blues Walk](#) on Facebook.

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SUMMER FREEDOM

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YOU'RE INVITED!

OCTOBER 30, 2 - 6PM

Is your business located in downtown North Bend?

If so, the City of North Bend and the [North Bend Downtown Foundation](#) invites your business to join in on the fun, with a great opportunity to celebrate community and connect with new and returning customers.

Here are the details: Families will be making their way throughout various businesses in North Bend, trick-or-treating with our merchants. Participating merchants will be included in online marketing efforts, and will also be located on our Trick-Or-Treat Street map. Headquarters for the event will be in downtown North Bend, on North Bend Way, under a large, decorated tent. That is where families can collect their map and enjoy live music (stay tuned for more information).

The North Bend Downtown Foundation will be hosting two contests: one for "The Most Spirited Display" (store front) and one for the "Best Dressed Team."

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Participating merchants will provide fully wrapped treats (following King County Health guidelines) or another creative swag item if they choose and/or a fun activity! Please confirm your participation no later than Monday, Sept. 6. Your participation is key, and very much appreciated. Please email [Bre Keveren](#) to confirm participation!