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

Quarterly Message from the Mayor

Happy Spring, North Bend Residents,



I write to you today, occasionally gazing outside my window here at City Hall. The highest point of Mt. Si is covered in spring snow, with dramatic clouds overhead threatening more of the same. Simultaneously, the sun is shining on North Bend Way, the maples are

leafing out, and two families are strolling Tanner Trail, with a jogger close behind them.

This is spring in North Bend, and we are now in a state of pre-pandemic normalcy that is in stark contrast to the past two years. High rates of vaccination throughout North Bend and the rest of the County, a steep – and welcome – decline in the number of hospitalizations due to COVID-19, and our community's vigilance and resilience through every wave, dip and change in mandate is awe inspiring.

And with that, our City Hall was able to re-open

to the public last month, with in-person customer service making an encouraging return. This month, I had the honor of rescinding previously issued Executive Orders 20-01 through 20-06 that addressed operational aspects of City Hall during the pandemic. Staff, the Human Resources Department and legal counsel have been preparing for months, both reviewing the CDC's Community Level of risk in our county and preparing technology here at City Hall so as to serve everyone, whether visitors are comfortable participating in public meetings or prefer/need to remain virtual.



Our commitment to the livability and character of our small city continues, and I am happy I get to

share with you a most positive and full look back at our first quarter.

Infrastructure & Transportation Improvements

Like many communities throughout the Puget Sound region, North Bend was hit hard this winter, starting the new year off with a perfect storm of record-setting weather and, simultaneously, a garbage strike that lasted between three and five weeks, depending on location. I issued an emergency health and safety order during the extended pause in service, and our Public Works crews took on solid waste operations with the help of a separate contractor. Reliable, consistent solid waste collection is an expectation of our residents, as well as your City Council and staff. We will continue updating you as we move forward with discussions in procuring a new solid waste collection contract.



This winter's dramatic snow events provided for follow-up evaluations with City staff and Council.

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Together, we reviewed a wide range of proactive investments that take into account both drivable high priority roads and preservation of our nearby drinking water supply, services and staffing. Our goal remains to best serve you through any and all weather events.



Photo credit: Mary Miller

Our mountain town is no stranger to extreme weather. While not record-setting, local residents and businesses contended with heavy rainfall in late February. At its height, the rainwater pushed the Snoqualmie River to flood Phase 3. To help contend with events of this nature, the City collaborates with King County's Flood Control District, and as a member, we serve as a year-round Sandbag Center. Located at our Public Works facility, residents and local businesses utilized the Center during this event, and we encourage you to do so as well if you find your North Bend home or business in need.

We are always looking for ways to reduce the possibility of flooding and improve riverbank habitat in North Bend. We understand that what we do in town effects the health of the Snoqualmie River and the rest of the valley. With that, I am proud to share with you two projects that were announced this quarter:

- **Ribary Creek Flood Risk Reduction Project:**

A portion of Ribary Creek often floods after heavy weather events, and the creek's proximity to homes and local businesses make this spot a high priority for flood risk reduction work. This winter, the King County Flood Control District and the City have entered into an Interlocal Agreement to begin design for the project, with specifics expected this spring.



A portion of Ribary Creek in March

- **North Bend's Stream Channel Widening and Wetland Creation/Enhancement Project:**

This spring, U.S. Representative Kim Schrier, M.D. announced that she secured funding for the widening and realignment of a stormwater channel that receives a substantial amount of stormwater runoff during storm events, often backing up as the river rises. In addition, the project will deliver significant wetland enhancement in the area by removing invasive plants, planting native shrubs and trees, and follow-up maintenance.



Mayor Rob, Rep. Kim Schrier (5th District), Mark Rigos, Deputy City Administrator/Public Works Director

Flood risk mitigation and environmental stewardship is a high priority for your elected officials, and so is water conservation. We take pride in the fact that City of North Bend water service customers have not increased water consumption in 20 years, for a variety of reasons, including ongoing efforts to replace old, leaking watermain with new, longer lifespan ones,

our requirement of more water efficient fixtures in new homes, smarter irrigation practices, the City's Water Conservation Ordinance and replacement of older water meters.

It can be difficult to imagine drought conditions in the valley while we are experiencing high levels of rain between the months of October and May, but it is a reality we must contend with. Last summer, we joined the Seattle Public Utilities Saving Water Partnership, which in addition to offering our residents water saving tools and valuable rebates, it also provides youth conservation education through a program called Nature Vision. In March, North Bend Elementary welcomed Nature

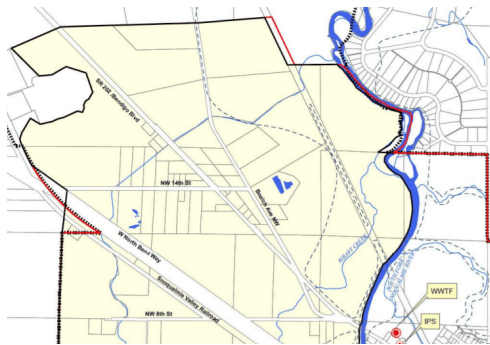


North Bend Elementary, Nature Vision

Vision into their classrooms, beginning with "Water Cycle Terrariums" and "Water Cycles Round." Every class will have a chance to participate in a Nature Vision program, and we hope more schools join in on the opportunity. Keep a lookout for the Saving Water Partnership booth at Downtown Block Party, in July!

We are also continuing in our work to replace aging watermain that have outlived their lifespan, and the Northeast 6th Street Watermain Replacement and Street Repair Project fits well for this goal. With design work finished, and a construction contract awarded to D&G Backhoe, the project will break ground in May. While 2021 leakage rates rested at approximately 15 percent, once complete, we anticipate our leakage rates will be reduced by another 0.5 percent.

Another integral component to nourishing our town's infrastructure – and an element in the City's Comprehensive Plan – is the Meadowbrook area. In 2021, Meadowbrook property owners formed a petition for a potential Meadowbrook Sewer Utility Local Improvement District (ULID).



Map depicting location of proposed Meadowbrook ULID

The proposed sewer improvement project would provide a mix of commercial and residential property owners the opportunity to install sewer or convert aging septic systems to a modern and environmentally sound sewer system. In February, Council unanimously approved an amended resolution confirming the inclusion of City-owned properties. This resolution does not create the Meadowbrook ULID, but it is a required preliminary step, given the City owns a significant amount of land in the area. This month, Council unanimously approved a resolution to set a Public Hearing date for the formation of the ULID and accept property owners' petitions. We hope to see you at the Public Hearing on May 17th.

On the transportation front, we have made

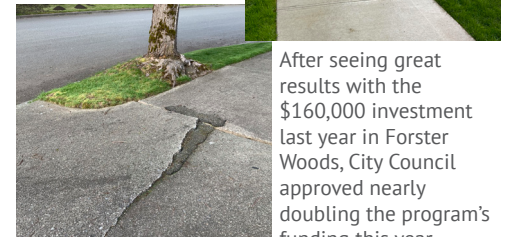
great strides in securing funding and planning for new projects that will enhance safety and diminish traffic in town. I am pleased to share with you that in March, the Puget Sound Regional Council approved funding for the recipients of their 2021 Rural Town Centers and Corridors. North Bend's South Fork Avenue Extension Bypass Project was recommended to receive \$967,500 for preliminary engineering and design.



Map depicting location of South Fork Ave. Extension Bypass

The project includes extending South Fork Avenue Southwest to West North Bend Way, providing drivers – notably heavy truck traffic – with an arterial level connection between West North Bend Way and Bendigo Boulevard South. In addition to reducing truck traffic volumes and emissions impact within our Historic District, the project aims to improve safety for everyone – drivers, pedestrians and cyclists – while also improving access to and from I-90.

Work continues on our Sidewalk Reinvestment Program, tackling the challenge of sidewalk replacement and connection throughout North Bend.



After seeing great results with the \$160,000 investment last year in Forster Woods, City Council approved nearly doubling the program's funding this year,

focusing on more improvements in Forster Woods, the New Si View neighborhood and the downtown corridor. This project will also replace the storm drainage system, watermain, curbs and gutters. While the project was delayed for a time due to a concrete strike that impacted projects throughout the region, we are working hard to get back on track, with work anticipated to begin in June.

To better smooth current traffic patterns while also looking ahead to mitigate potential future traffic impacts, two new roundabout projects are in the works, both of which are developer-funded, with no tax dollars being spent:

- **Roundabout at 436th Street:** Construction of the roundabout is now over 85% complete, though completion was slowed due to the aforementioned concrete strike. The traffic improvement project is part of the Cedar River Partners development.



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- **Roundabout at 436th and Southeast 136th Street:** Construction is expected to start on this project later this year. This project is part of the River Run Apartments development.

Community Development Projects

This quarter, projects moved forward in multiple phases, and while construction always slows during winter months, City staff worked hard to assist in getting projects where they need to be. You may have noticed that single-family home development activity in town has dropped. Instead we are seeing more multi-family housing being built. The last significant multi-family housing build here in town was in the



River Run conceptual drawing

90s. New, diverse housing options are a welcome addition to North Bend. The River Run Apartments project, a 128-unit, multi-family housing development located south of

Chinook Lumber, have begun clearing and grading, after receiving their permit to do so in March. Approximately 28 of the new apartments will be designated as affordable housing for households earning 80% or less of the King County Area Median Income (AMI).

Taylor Town, an affordable townhome community, is in construction right now, and Habitat for Humanity is inviting volunteers to join in the community work of building it. The new community is named in honor of the property's former owner, George Krsak, who donated it to Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Krsak was a masonry and brick layer who lived in the Spokane suburb of Taylor before relocating to North Bend.



Taylor Town build; Photo credit: Mary Miller

With that, North Bend, along with Carnation, Duvall, and Snoqualmie, were awarded funding for a joint Housing Needs Assessment/Housing Action Plan this year. We are confident that joining our neighbor cities in this subregional assessment will positively impact future development of individual housing action plans in the way of affordable housing. As community-minded cities coexisting in a valley that rely on one another's success and health, we agree that we should all share the responsibility for achieving an equitable distribution of diverse housing to meet the needs of a wider range of incomes. North Bend will serve as lead city for this \$135,000, multi-city assessment. Work is expected to begin later this spring.

In addition to multi-family housing, there are multiple light industrial/commercial business projects that made forward momentum this quarter. Knowing that new projects will bring with them living wage jobs is both a local achievement and an expectation of your elected officials. The SeaCon Industrial Building, a 40,067 square foot light industrial building on 2.5 acres, is anticipated to receive their Notice to Proceed this spring.



SeaCon conceptual drawing

This building will house 7,000 square feet of office space and 36,000 square feet of light industrial space.

The Snoqualmie Valley Athletic Center continues moving forward as well, with work on ballfields, critical areas mitigation and frontage improvements. You may see activity on the field, as a temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the project.



Snoqualmie Valley Athletic Fields

New Businesses

In February, we welcomed Arete Coffee Bar, located downtown, within Pro Ski and Mountain Service. Arete serves Lighthouse Roasters coffee and food, and prides themselves on a mountain town community atmosphere that is perfect for sipping a local cup of joe.



Arete Coffee Bar owners, Meghan and David Schumacher

While Volition Brewing is not new to town, their February John D. Spellman Award for adaptive reuse is new for this building and team. Volition has worked hard to breathe new life into what was once, in the 1920s, the popular Glazier Dry Goods Store.



The building was vacant for years, beginning in the 90s, and the Volition team transformed it back into a gathering place, as our first local brewery in town, in 2018.



Budget

Due to proactive staff work the City has been fortunate to receive several grants during the first quarter of 2022. These include:

- A collective \$135,000 Housing Action and Implementation grant, in conjunction with the cities of Carnation, Duvall and Snoqualmie.
- A \$782,000 Transportation Improvement Board grant for an overlay project on North Bend Way, from Northwest 8th Street to the western city limits.
- A \$1,596,000 Federal Surface Transportation Program grant for preliminary engineering of the Bendigo Boulevard/Mt. Si Boulevard roundabout project.
- A \$300,000 Transportation Improvement Board Complete Streets Grant, to be used for the development of a Complete Streets corridor plan, installation of three lighted crosswalk systems, and installation of additional sidewalks where gaps currently exist.

Community Engagement

In addition to snow, the Snoqualmie Valley Kiwanis sprinkled heartwarming messages of love and support throughout our Historic District in February, in celebration of Valentine's Day. These hearts hanged from pedestrian light poles, sharing their own form of warmth all month.



Now that we can say goodbye to lowland snow in town until next winter, residents are itching to get outside and beautify yards. Your City is prepared! The North Bend Yard Waste Program returns, starting April 23rd. This annual recycling program is open to North Bend residents and property owners on select Saturdays, from 8 to 12 p.m. at the North Bend Public Works building. Funded by the King County Waste Reduction and Recycling Program, this event is an appreciated service.

April also brings with it our second annual North Bend Beautification Days. In honor of Earth Day, City Council, staff and I invited community members to join us April 22nd and 23rd along with participating organizations such as the North Bend Downtown Foundation, Snoqualmie Valley Hospital, Empower Youth Network, the Girl Scouts of Western Washington and Republic Waste. We teamed up over the two days, cleaning up areas of downtown that are in need. We also put out a 'clean up call' to North Bend residents - to beautify their own areas of the City, neighborhood or favorite park.



In March, I resumed a series of outreach opportunities called Meet up with the Mayor, where I invite residents to stop by a local business and enjoy coffee and conversation. I saw many familiar faces, and a few newer community members, and together we connected on a wide range of City-related topics folks care about. You can keep up with City happenings by visiting www.NorthBendWA.gov, and I hope to see you at the next meet up, on May 18th.



Regardless of our new year, record-setting weather events, our beautiful mountain town continues to be a highly livable, thriving community, and City staff and your elected officials appreciate the opportunity to support and enhance this place that many of us call home.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rob

DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY

After a two-year pandemic-related hiatus, **Downtown Block Party** is back!

WHAT TO EXPECT: Similar to previous years, North Bend Way, between Bendigo and Ballarat will be closed all day and night on July 16th.

We will guide vendor set-up on Saturday morning along North Bend Way, with a few food vendors as well. The big stage will be back on Main Street, butting up to North Bend Way, with the NBDF Beer Garden across from the state, on Main Street, butting up to McClellan Avenue.

If you are a business on North Bend Way or Main, Avenue, you have the opportunity to claim a free 10'x10' booth space! The new deadline for your application is May 25th. [Here](#) is a link to the application. Follow us on social media, [here](#).

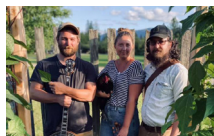
UPDATE ON LEGENDS CAR SHOW: Sadly, Legends Car Club has disbanded, and the non-profit car club is no longer able to host any car shows. We will miss Legends Car Show, and hope that future Block Party festivals see another wonderful car show non-profit



The line-up this year will once again be ROCKIN'!

This year, we welcome local, regional and nationally recognized bands to our stage, as well as talented performances by CASCADE DANCE, Z ULTIMATE SELF DEFENSE, VEILS OF THE NILE, AND MOUNT SI DANCE! Visit www.DiscoverNorthBend.com for more.

THE AMBER LANTERNS. Born in North Bend, this group is an acoustic folk/bluegrass/traditional country music project made up of close friends.



HARMONIUS FUNK. A party band with non-stop music from the 70's, 80's and 2K. They will get you moving!



SANTA POCO. This is Seattle-born country done right! Lots of slide guitar and talented vocals.



THE TOGETHER COLLECTIVE. Sharing a love of music...soulful and heartfelt, gritty and sweet vocals, from North Bend!



EDEN. A talented, new blues/rock/pop band in the Pacific Northwest, with members of previous band, Shaggy Sweet, and Savanna Woods!



IAN JONES. Poetic, personal narratives with an artist's flair. Old school country western with a modern, Americana twist.



STACY JONES BAND. Award-winning, high energy Roots Rock, Blues, and Americana.



THE BLACK TONES describe their music as "Cobain and Cornbread." This tasty description sums up the twin sibling's popular Seattle-spawned punk-blues.



YOUR HEADLINER



HELL'S BELLS. An all out rock-n-roll assault that will leave you both satisfied and begging for more, this all-female band is truly dedicated to bringing you an authentic AC/DC experience. Rock on, North Bend!



APRIL

Best of Seattle Underground

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The historic North Bend Theatre will be hosting the Seattle International Best of Comedy Competition Show this weekend! Doors open at 7 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

APRIL

Prescription Drug Take-Back Event

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The Snoqualmie-North Bend Police Department invites community members to rid their homes of unused prescription drugs at the Snoqualmie Fire Department. Read the press release [here](#).

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Empower Youth Network Heart of the Valley Gala

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EYN is hosting their annual Heart of the Valley Gala next weekend, at the Snoqualmie Casino. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information.

Are you a business or commercial property owner? We need to hear from you!

The City has developed a brief form that will allow us to better track business and commercial property owner contact information. You can choose to allow the City to share this contact information when we receive requests from other business owners or prospective developers. Please use the linked "Register" button below to fill out the short, one-minute form.

Register

Also, if you haven't already, please consider joining fellow business and commercial property owners in North Bend at our bi-monthly Business Outreach meetings. Interested? Email Economic Development Manager, [Mark Noll](#), to receive information. The next Business Outreach meeting will be Thursday, May 19th, at the North Bend City Hall, located at 920 SE Cedar Falls Way.



Port of Seattle

The Port of Seattle Wants to Hear from North Bend Business Owners Like You

The Port of Seattle and Seattle Metropolitan Chamber need your input to assist in developing better programs and support services for small businesses.

Use the "feedback" icon to access the survey and provide your feedback.



A Letter from the North Bend Downtown Foundation

Happy Spring, North Bend Friends and Neighbors!

Can you believe that May is nearly here? With two of the coldest back-to-back April days on record a couple weeks ago, and vague memories of 70+ this time last year...It can be hard to fathom.

Regardless, spring has sprung! And the Valley knows it – our cherry trees know it, our birds know it, and so do we! Events have returned full force... how refreshing!

Your Downtown Foundation is heavily involved in this season's events, here in North Bend. This month, we joined City Council and staff, Girl Scouts, Empower Youth Network, the Snoqualmie Valley Hospital and Republic Services at North

Bend Beautification Days. Along with residents, we picked up of a ton of garbage and recyclables on April 22nd and 23rd, in celebration of Earth Day. Not only was it impactful to come face-to-face with the trash, but it also served as a concrete reminder that the phrase, "Celebrate Earth Day, every day" is real. Getting outside with a pair of gloves and a trash bag, walking while picking up litter – it is good for our community, and good for our earth.

We are also well into planning [Block Party](#) with the City of North Bend! We've got bands, performances, vendors and the Encompass Kid Zone coming your way, for a full day of FUN on July 16th, noon to 11 p.m. Get

ready for the Downtown Foundation beer garden, with local wine and Volition beer, and a headliner that is jam-packed with energy: Hell's Belles, an all female band that will bring a real AC/DC vibe to town!

And hey, while we are sharing events, were you wondering when you'll see the next [Sip Suds & Si](#)? We canceled our spring walk, as we've been challenged with staffing/volunteers, and instead took this time to prepare for Block Party, staffing and program priorities. It was a difficult decision. But, good news is that we feel confident that this event will be back, better than ever, September 10th! Stay tuned for details.

Community events are part of what make North Bend a welcoming live, work, play community. And, coordinating these celebrations requires passionate folks who are willing to get involved and help out! We love our volunteers and are currently in search of those who like to collaborate, get involved, and of course, have FUN! Interested? [Email us](#). Or, feel welcome to stop by Volition Brewing on May 10th. [Sign up here!](#) or respond to the [Facebook event](#).

With that, our board has grown! We had the honor of welcoming 3 new members: Suzan Torguson, Britni Larson, and Tessa Fauske. We are evolving, and while events serve as a great economic driver for local businesses, as well as an essential part of our town, we also work to help out businesses in other ways, such as collaboration, beautification, and when we can, money saving tips. Right now, there are a few neat opportunities we'd like to encourage you to check out:

1. **Collaboration:** The North Bend Business Outreach meeting is a bi-monthly opportunity to meet with fellow business and commercial property owners, to hear updates from the City, ask questions, and, as of May 19th, meet in person! Want an invite? Email [Mark Noll](#).
2. **Beautification:** Join the Downtown Foundation's Design Committee! They meet monthly to discuss Downtown aesthetics, seasonal décor, plantings, cleanup and more. Interested? Email [Beth Burrows](#).
3. **Money saving opportunity:** Join the [Saving Water Partnership](#) for rebates and more, including the knowledge that you are doing your part to further local and regional water conservation efforts.

Now, let's connect!

Sincerely,

Your Downtown Foundation



Volunteers are key to the success of downtown events and programs. Join us to learn about the NBDF, opportunities and connecting with community!

Bring a friend! Light snacks and bevvy's provided.

Raffle prizes!

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Moms Ride Free: NW Railway Museum Train Rides

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The Northwest Railway Museum invites moms to ride free when accompanied by a paying child on Mother's Day weekend! Trains will depart every 75 minutes from the North Bend Depot and the Snoqualmie Depot. Click [here](#) for more information.



City of North Bend and Snoqualmie Tribe's Special Recycling Event

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The City and the Snoqualmie Tribe are hosting the annual Special Recycling event next month, at Snoqualmie Middle School, from 9 - 3 p.m.! Load up your vehicle with accepted items and come on over. Read the [press release](#) for more information.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

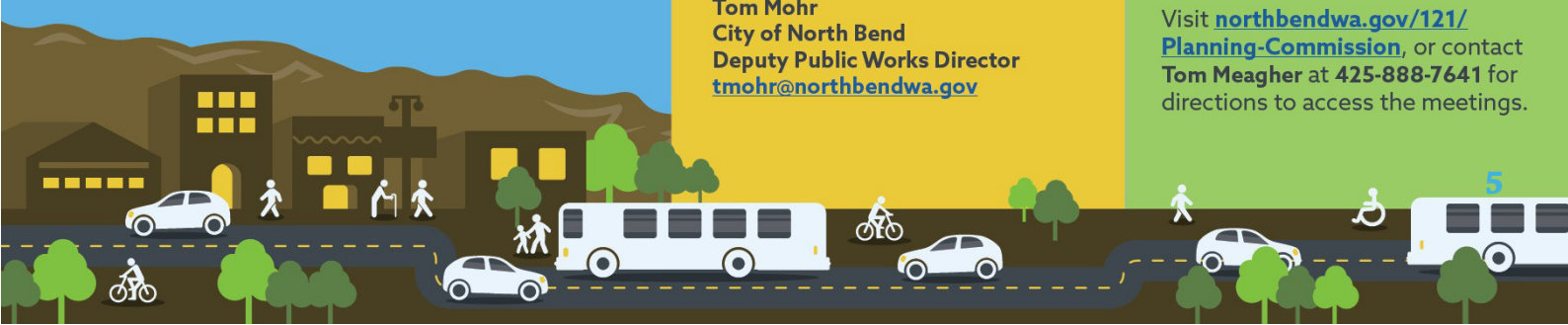
The City of North Bend is updating its 20 Year Plan for Transportation. If you would like to share your thoughts about transportation priorities in North Bend for the future, please send your comments to:

Tom Mohr
City of North Bend
Deputy Public Works Director
tmohr@northbendwa.gov

You can learn more about the transportation plan update by attending one of these upcoming Planning Commission meetings:

- 1 Thursday, May 26th at 7:00 PM
- 2 Thursday, August 25th at 7:00 PM

Visit northbendwa.gov/121/Planning-Commission, or contact Tom Meagher at 425-888-7641 for directions to access the meetings.



Local Entrepreneurs

"Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together."

- James Cash Penney, Founder of JC Penney

South Fork Prepping for Spring Opening

By Melissa Grant, Living Snoqualmie

"I have always loved going to brewpubs with an outdoor place to hang out. I love the ones with fire pits, lights and lawn games. Every mountain town needs a place like this, the perfect place to go after an adventure." - Compass Outdoor Adventures and South Fork Co-owner, Karin Ayling.

Lucas Talbott and Karin Ayling purchased what used to be the Riverbend Cafe in September, 2021. The pair got the keys to the building on November 1st and from that very first day, they've been in full construction mode. The plan is for the place to be an open concept with the ability to close off space for private party rentals. The patio space has been increased, and garage doors are going in to create an indoor/outdoor vibe.

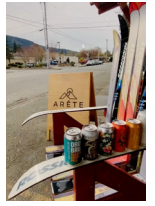


Compass is big into sustainability and has worked hard to source most everything

recycled or reused, and when you walk through the space, they can tell you a story about almost everything. For instance, the awesome fire pit, the perfect gathering spot, came from a local North Bend resident. Read the

Living Snoqualmie article, [here](#).

Keep up the good work, Compass and South Fork Team!



Arete Coffee Bar

In February, Pro Ski and Mountain Service welcomed Arete Coffee Bar, located at 112 West 2nd Street

Meghan and David Schumacher began a new adventure this winter, with Arete Coffee Bar! Serving Lighthouse Roasters coffee and other beverages, as well as food on site and a handy to-go option, Arete fits well within North Bend's mountain town vibe, and Pro Ski and Mountain Service's clientele. Learn more about Arete in a Snoqualmie Valley Record article, [here](#).

Welcome to Downtown North Bend, Arete!



VCS' Staged Reading: Denial

Valley Center Stage is hosting a staged reading, Denial, by Peter Sagal, next month, at 7:30 p.m. No set, no props, no costumes, no blocking, no light or sound cues. Click [here](#) for more information.

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North Bend 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 [Mark Noll](#) to join.

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Play-Based Small World Preschool Opens This Summer

By Melissa Grant, Living Snoqualmie

Small World Preschool is soon opening where Mt. Si Montessori is now located, at 485 Maloney Grove Ave SE.

Susan Lenihan, retiring owner of Mt. Si Montessori says, "After 33 years in the Snoqualmie Valley, Mt Si Montessori will be closing at the end of June 2022. The school was started by Liz Lind, whom I worked with for 15 yrs. and then bought the school from her in late 2007. It has been a wonderful experience for us all at MSM to have touched the lives of so many children in the valley during this time."

New local owner Jami Hildebrand is excited to share her program, a play-based preschool with an emphasis on outdoor time. Hildebrand has worked with kids for over twenty years but started teaching preschool eight years ago in Snoqualmie. She realized then that teaching preschool made her heart sing. Raised in Issaquah, Hildebrand and her husband Ryan, a Mt Si grad, have lived in

Snoqualmie since 2010. He has owned and operated a landscape construction company, J&R Rockscapes, that has served Snoqualmie Valley residents primarily since 2005 and will work his magic on their outdoor play areas.

The Hildebrands have two children, Mia, a 7th grader at SMS, and Ryan, a 4th grader at SES. Both kids are active in sports, and Jami is currently coaching her daughter's 7th-grade select basketball team.

Also joining the fun is the family's 4-year-old yellow lab, Walter Disney, who will be working every day with Hildebrand at preschool. Walter has been working in a preschool classroom since he was seven weeks old. He is always around for a snuggle, a game of fetch, or to

help a child eat their lunch. Walter is thrilled to get his job back after a year off from working. Small World preschool will open for Summer Camps in July of 2022 and for the 2022/2023 school year in

September. Registration for summer camp is now open on their [website](#).

Says Hildebrand, "I respect and appreciate the responsibility of Small World being the first stop on most of my students' academic journey. This is something I take pride in. I hope the Small World environment will be a place every student is excited to come to. I feel confident in my ability to love children where they are at and celebrate them there." Read the Living Snoqualmie article, [here](#).

Welcome to North Bend, Small World!



Small World Meet and Greet, held in February

Local Entrepreneurs

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The Healing Garden and Pet Place Market Expand

Big growth for two North Bend businesses

THE HEALING GARDEN - This month, The Healing Garden completed a large expansion project, in opening a second location on Snoqualmie Ridge, at 7718 Center Boulevard Southeast. "We are so excited to welcome you into this inviting, calming space -- designed with your relaxation and comfort in mind," said owner, Heather Ryan. The Healing Garden is hosting a Snoqualmie Ridge Open House on April 30th, from 10 to 4 p.m.

Heather's Downtown North Bend location (106 W North Bend Way) remains open, and as busy as ever.



PET PLACE MARKET - On April 21st, the Pet Place Market team, in collaboration with the SnoValley Chamber of Commerce, held a ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of their new store expansion, with additional square footage they acquired with what used to be a chiropractor office next door. With their growth comes more specialized food lines, supplements and a new, self service tag kiosk. "We feel that Pet Place Market is a place for our customers to get excellent customer service, quality products, a self-wash for their pets, and consultation from employees about their pets needs," they said. "Plus, it's a fun place to share and interact with your community along with your furry loved ones," said owners, Chris and Amy. Read an article on Pet Place Market's growth, via the Snoqualmie Valley Record, [here](#).



Congrats, Healing Garden and Pet Place Market!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO A FEW LOCAL BUSINESSES

Party time! North Bend businesses are celebrating well-deserved anniversaries. Congratulations to:

- 28 YEARS: Singletrack Cycles
- 24 YEARS: North Bend Bar and Grill
- 15 YEARS: Pet Place Market
- 10 YEARS: Mt. Si Gymnastics

Does your business have an anniversary coming up? Let us give your team a shout-out in the July Business Bulletin. Email [Bre Keveren!](#)



Mt. Si Senior Center's 'Coming Home' Benefit Auction

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Mt. Si Senior Center is hosting their 'Coming Home' Benefit Auction next month, located at the Mt. Si Senior Center, at 6 p.m. This is their largest fundraising event of the year, and it makes a direct impact on their members. For more information, click [here](#).



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Updates from the City of North Bend

New Team Members, More Opportunities to Collaborate for City Staff!

Please join us in welcoming new team members to the City of North Bend!

Jeff Barber joined the City of North Bend in January, 2022, as a new Wastewater Treatment Plant



Operator I. Jeff is an avid cyclist, whether it be riding Olallie, Raging River or a family ride out on the Middle Fork Road. He enjoys downhill and cross country skiing during winter months, and enjoys his cabin in Winthrop year round.

Something Jeff loves most about North Bend, is that it "allows me to easily access all the activities that I enjoy. it also has a rich sense of community...and Friday nights at Volition."

Michael Heuser joined the City of North Bend in December, 2021, as a new Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I. Michael enjoys playing golf and slow pitch softball. He also coaches baseball.

What he loves about North Bend, Michael said, "I love the community vibe here."



Richard Gould joined the City of North Bend in April, 2022, as the new Finance Director. He enjoys working out, walking, reading, computer gaming, watching sports (MLB, NFL, college football), and his favorite pastime is hanging out with his wife, five children and seven grandchildren, all of whom live in Western Washington. About North Bend, he said, "I

love how when I'm driving to work it feels like I am getting away for the day to relax as if on holiday, going to the mountains. I love the scenery I get to enjoy every day especially on my lunchtime walks, rain or shine."

Jacob Weatherspoon joined the City of North Bend in January, 2022 as a new Parks Maintenance Worker. On his downtime, he enjoys writing and playing music.



What he loves most about North Bend: "Pioneer Coffee." Jacob is outside working around town every day. Be sure to say hello, the next time you see him!



North Bend Art and Industry's Driftwood Mobile Making Art Class

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North Bend Art and Industry is hosting a Driftwood Mobile Making art class with local artist, Nancy Wray next month, at Ignition Cafe, from 3 - 5 p.m. Create your own driftwood mobile with wood gathered in nature! Click [here](#) for more information.



Let's Get Back to Business...In Person

North Bend City Hall is now open to the public. Please stop by!



North Bend City Hall reopened to the public on Tuesday, March 1st. City Hall and other City buildings have returned to previously practiced, in-person, regular hours of operation:

- Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon

This reopening comes after a noted, continuous decrease in reported COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, paired with high vaccination rates in North Bend and King County as a whole

"We wouldn't be able to re-open our doors without the incredible community support that is essential to attain this level of decreased COVID-19 transmission rates. Thank you to residents and visitors for not giving up," said Mayor Rob.

TRAFFIC ALERTS

6TH STREET WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT AND ROADWAY REPAIR PROJECT: The NE 6th Street Watermain Replacement and Roadway Repair project is set to begin construction Monday, May 2nd, 2022. Work will begin at the intersection of NE 6th Street and Ballarat Avenue and will continue east. A portion of the project includes work on Janet Avenue, Orchard Avenue, Merritt Avenue, and Thrasher Avenue, south of NE 6th Street.

The NE 6th Street project will help tackle both street repair and contribute to goals in the City's Water System Plan (WSP) by replacing an aging watermain that has lasted beyond its useful life. This work will continue to reduce water distribution system leakage. Read the press release [here](#).

SE NORTH BEND WAY AND 436TH AVE SE FINAL ROAD GRINDING, PAVING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN WEEK OF MAY 2ND

Beginning the week of May 2nd, road grinding is expected to commence along Southeast North Bend Way, from just west of the Snoqualmie Valley Trail to the newly constructed roundabout at Southeast North Bend Way and 436th Avenue Southeast.

This developer-funded roundabout will be constructed to mitigate potential future traffic impacts. No taxpayer dollars are being spent on this traffic improvement project.

Once road grinding is completed, Southeast North Bend Way and the new roundabout are scheduled to receive their final lift of asphalt, which will, in turn, create the permanent driving surface. This work is weather dependent. Read the press release [here](#) for alternate route suggestions. Drivers should expect lane closures, alternating traffic and short delays.