



North Bend Citizens Academy
Learning About Your Local Government

Thank you for your interest in the City of North Bend's inaugural Citizens Academy!

The North Bend Citizens Academy is a free, seven-week interactive course designed to provide an in-depth look into how your local municipal government operates. Participants will:

- Learn more about the City of North Bend government operations and services
- Participate in dialogues with City leaders, City staff, and other civic-minded residents
- See taxpayers' investments at work
- Learn about opportunities to become more involved in your local government

Classes start on February 6, 2023

Applications are being accepted now through January 17, 2023. Space is limited to 15 participants.

How to register:

1. Submit a completed application via email (bkeveren@northbendwa.gov); via mail (Attn: Bre Keveren, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, North Bend, WA 98045), or deliver a printed copy to City Hall (920 SE Cedar Falls Way).
2. Receive a confirmation upon approval. Once you submit your application and it is approved, we will send you a confirmation and welcome email.
3. Simply show up on the first day of class and have fun getting to know your local municipality!
4. Receive your certificate of completion. Once all courses are completed, join your fellow attendees at the March 21st Meet Your City Council & Citizens Academy Recognition event, followed by a City Council meeting to be recognized by the North Bend City Council and receive your certificate.

For more information, contact Bre Keveren, Communications Manager, at (425) 888-7669 or bkeveren@northbendwa.gov.

Please fill out the application on the next page.

City of North Bend
2023 North Bend Citizens Academy
Application for Participation

Name: _____

Physical and Mailing Addresses: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you have any dietary restrictions? Snacks will be served during each course. _____

How did you hear about the Citizens' Academy: _____

Please tell us why you are interested in the Citizen's Academy: _____

The following information will help us understand who will be participating in this year's Citizens' Academy.

Please check all the boxes that apply to you:

1. Do you live and/or work and/or go to school in North Bend?
2. If you live in North Bend, how long have you lived in North Bend?
0-5 years 6-10 years Over 10 years
3. Are you a renter , a homeowner , or a business owner ?

Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN TO: Bre Keveren, Communications Manager, City of North Bend, 920 SE Cedar Falls Way, or mail to this address. Electronic submittals are welcome; email to bkeveren@northbendwa.gov.

You must return this completed form to be signed up for the Citizens Academy. We will confirm your registration after we have received your application.

Course Schedule

February 6 - Welcome, City History, and Operations Overview with Mayor Rob McFarland, David Miller, City Administrator, and Cristy Lake, Assistant Director of the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum: Learn about how our city operates with Mayor McFarland and City Administrator, David Miller. Learn about the history of North Bend with Cristy Lake, Assistant Director of the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum and Collections Registrar at the Northwest Railway Museum. Ask questions and discuss history and current city operations topics.

Location: North Bend City Hall**Time:** 6 – 7:30 p.m.

February 13 - Records, Law, Open Government, Public Information with Susie Oppedal, City Clerk, Lisa Marshall, City Attorney, and Bre Keveren, Public Information Officer: Learn about records retention, legal authority, open government, and how the City disseminates information to the public.

Location: North Bend City Hall

Time: 6 – 7:30 p.m.

February 22 - Finance and Budgeting with Richard Gould, Finance Director, and team: Learn about how the City plans for our financial future and keeps a balanced budget.

Location: North Bend City Hall

Time: 6 – 7:30 p.m.

February 25 - Fire and Emergency Management, with leaders of Eastside Fire and Rescue (EF&R): Learn about how EF&R operates, volunteer opportunities, wildfire preparedness, and more.

Location: North Bend City Hall

Time: 9 – 12 p.m.

March 4 – Police services with leaders of Snoqualmie-North Bend Police: Learn about how our local law enforcement operates and provides services for our community. Participate in a series of hands-on learning opportunities and tour the Snoqualmie Police Department. Enjoy a lunch break with the police!

Location: Snoqualmie Police Department

Time: 8 – 2 p.m.

March 8 - Public Works and Infrastructure, with Mark Rigos, Public Works Director: Learn about infrastructure, and what it takes to nurture a highly livable city. Sign up for an opportunity to tour North Bend’s new, modern and efficient Wastewater Treatment Plant, currently in Phase 2 of development.

Location: North Bend City Hall

Time: 6 – 7:30 p.m., with an offer to tour the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a later date.

March 13 - Community and Economic Development, with Rebecca Deming, CED Director, and team: Learn about City Parks, watch interviews with Parks, Economic Development and Planning Commissioners, land use, and building and code enforcement.

Location: North Bend City Hall

Time: 6 – 7:30 p.m.

March 21 – Meet Your City Council & Citizens Academy Recognition Event: Connect with City Councilmembers, from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, ask questions, and connect one-on-one with City Councilmembers. Receive your Certificate of Completion at the City Council meeting, beginning at 7 p.m.

Location: North Bend City Hall

Time: 6 – 7:30 p.m.