

CITY OF NORTH BEND

# Business Bulletin

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



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## 2023 in review: supporting local

"A highly livable small town that is the premier outdoor recreation destination in the Puget Sound Region." North Bend's brand statement reflects who we are as a community: we are a mountain town, where residents want to live, work, and play. With Council direction and support, staff has worked toward focusing resources on bringing new businesses to town that support our brand and uphold our live-work-play philosophy. We saw many businesses and nonprofits find new locations in town this last year. Let's continue supporting local!



Main Street Pilates celebrates opening at 201 W North Bend Wy.



Pressed on Main celebrates opening at 208 Main Ave S.



Mountain Rescue Center celebrates opening at 43403 SE 128th Pl.



Friends & Co celebrates opening at 111 W North Bend Wy.



NB Downtown Foundation celebrates opening at the Train Depot.



Wildflower Barrelhouse celebrates opening at 209 Main Ave S.

JANUARY

MARCH

MAY

JUNE

JULY

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

The Line celebrates opening at 1130 E North Bend Wy.

Mt Si Physical Therapy celebrates opening at 103 Main Ave S.

NB Art & Industry celebrates opening at 209 Main Ave S.

Blake's Auto Detail celebrates opening at 201 W North Bend Wy.

Scott Rinckenberger celebrates opening at 106 W North Bend Way.

Kinship Dog Training celebrates opening at 320 SW Mt Si Blvd.

Falling River Meats celebrates opening at 108 W North Bend Wy.



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# Local Entrepreneurs

"To be successful, you have to have your heart in your business, and your business in your heart."  
- Thomas Watson, Sr., Chairman and CEO of IBM

## To The Mountain Shuttle supports local businesses and others

The Mountain Shuttle is committed to enhancing access to Washington's recreational opportunities while minimizing our footprint on the natural environment. In the past year, co-owner and entrepreneur Meghann White has seen how many positive impacts the shuttle has had by providing safe transportation for all people.

"We work with Sisters in Action Sports to encourage women to participate in outdoor recreation, which I love especially as the mother of a daughter. My business partner, Samantha, also has two daughters. For her, offering a safe ride for people who have been drinking is especially heartfelt after her family survived being hit by a drunk driver," Meghann said.

The shuttle provides transportation to the three major local ski areas in the winter with twice daily trips to the Summit Snoqualmie and weekend trips to Crystal Mountain and Stevens Pass. In late spring, summer, and fall the company provides twice daily trips from Seattle through the Interstate 90 corridor to Snoqualmie Pass. This includes mountain biking at Exit 27 and Summit bike park, rock climbing at Exit 38, and hiking at Exit 47, Snoqualmie Pass, and Lake Easton. For concert goers, the company provides transportation for all shows at The Gorge Amphitheater.

"Generally, I think the shuttle solves the practical problem of transporting people who don't have cars (students and young people, urban people living car-free, the 30 million tourists who visit Washington State annually, people with mobility issues), thereby reducing the stress of parking at The Summit or at trailheads, providing a better option for people," Meghann said.

To The Mountain has four full-sized school buses that seat up



to 54 people, a charming bus painted like a trolley that seats up to 22, and four short buses that seat between 12 to 14 and are ADA compliant, as well as a five-passenger van. The company can also provide charters for private groups and events and is partnering with Visit Seattle, The Nature Conservancy, and the ALS Foundation.

"To The Mountain Shuttle is also here to support other businesses. We are a link to the amazing businesses, activities, and communities in the Cascades. We are here to bring you all the customers without the traffic and parking problems," Meghann said.

As a gateway to the Cascades, North Bend businesses are an important partner with the shuttle. Buses stop at Arete Coffee twice in each direction every day. A locals pass from North Bend to the Summit is only \$10 each way. And

Seattle passengers can order breakfast and coffee from the bus and pick it up in North Bend.

The company is partnering with North Bend's The Line Bike Experience, the SnoValley Chamber of Commerce, and Visit Issaquah this summer to support bike tourism around North Bend and Issaquah. If you want to get the word out about your business, they also offer advertising opportunities on their buses and in their self-published magazine, The Drop.

To The Mountain Shuttle is a great example of how a business can build community, promote accessibility, and protect our natural environment. For information on trips or partnerships, visit [www.tothemountainshuttle.com](http://www.tothemountainshuttle.com).

**Keep up the good work, To The Mountain team!**

## Moonfall Ink opens in North Bend

Written by Melissa Grant in Living Snoqualmie, on February 18, 2024

Moonfall Ink, a fine-line tattoo studio, opened its doors in June 2023, and it's quickly becoming a cherished part of the local community. Behind this creative venture is Jordan Hanaford, a dynamic individual with a story as compelling as the art she creates.

Choosing North Bend as the location for Moonfall Ink was no accident. Its beautiful landscape and tight-knit business community offered the perfect backdrop for a studio that prides itself on unique artistry and personal connection.

"North Bend is beautiful, and the business community is so incredible – I wanted to plant roots where I live and provide a service in an area that doesn't have much in the way of tattoo shops, particularly my style of art," Jordan explains.

With a commitment to creating meaningful art and fostering community connections, Moonfall Ink is not just a tattoo studio—it's a testament to following one's passion and the beauty of making a mark, both on the skin and in hearts.

Moonfall Ink is located at 301 W North Bend Way, Ste. 111. Learn more by visiting [www.moonfallink.com](http://www.moonfallink.com). Read the full article, "A local dream realized: Moonfall Ink opens in North Bend," by visiting [www.livingsnoqualmie.com](http://www.livingsnoqualmie.com).

**Welcome to North Bend, Moonfall Ink!**



Jordan Hanaford, owner of Moonfall Ink, a fine line tattoo studio.



# Letter from the North Bend Downtown Foundation

This winter, your Downtown Foundation has been busy! In December, the Holly Days Tree Lighting event was a spectacular success, bringing warmth and joy to our community. We extend heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended, making it a magical evening filled with festive cheer. Special thanks to our local businesses and organizations, including Simpson Group Real Estate, Vintage Baristas Drive-Thru, Devon Self Storage, Reflection of Perfection, Christmas Creek Tree Farm, Sno Falls Credit Union, Snoqualmie Valley Health, Eastside Fire and Rescue, Mt. Si Lutheran Church, Snoqualmie Valley Kiwanis, Ignite Dance and Yoga, Sno Valley Winds, and Twin Falls Middle School Choir and Jazz Band for their invaluable contributions. Your support transformed this event into a cherished memory for all who participated.

In February, we brought The Real Twin Peaks experience to thousands of fans from all around the world, including our own Valley. Crafted in collaboration with the Historic Downtown Snoqualmie Merchant Association and SnoValley Chamber of Commerce February 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> was a very special weekend that even Kyle MacLachlan (a.k.a. Agent Cooper) got to enjoy!

And, on Valentine's Day, businesses and residents alike helped us show downtown North Bend "A Little Love!" We all met at the Train Depot, enjoyed coffee thanks to Vintage Baristas, and together, cleaned up litter and debris to beautify our city.

Please consider joining us for our second clean up event on March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day. Sponsored by The Sure Shot, our local bar will offer \$1 off a beer for all participants, so please do consider doing something good with us before we all go "do something bad"... 😊 Meet at 9 a.m. at the Train Depot, where we'll have gloves, garbage bags and limited safety vests - please dress brightly!

And, we are preparing for Sip Suds and Si on May 18<sup>th</sup> - get ready for an event full of art, delicious wine and beer! Tickets will be available at [www.northbenddowntown.org](http://www.northbenddowntown.org).

We are also deep into planning a rockin' Downtown Block Party this summer, on July 20<sup>th</sup>. We are right now accepting vendors, and welcoming potential sponsors with open arms! Visit [www.northbenddowntown.org/block-party](http://www.northbenddowntown.org/block-party) to apply.

As we step into 2024, we invite North Bend business owners, employees, and residents to join our NBDF Committees: Promotions, Design, and Economic Vitality. Whether you're passionate about planning community events, advertising, marketing, beautifying our town, writing grants, or fostering economic growth, your involvement is crucial.

Reach out to our Executive Director, Jessica Self, [jessica@northbenddowntown.org](mailto:jessica@northbenddowntown.org), to express your interest and play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our community. Here's to another year of building connections and creating lasting memories together!

Sincerely,

*Your Downtown Foundation*

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EVERY  
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Friday Business  
Meetups with  
SnoValley  
Innovation

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EVERY  
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Coffee with  
Comrads at  
South Fork  
Restaurant

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Public Hearing  
at City Hall

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# Merchants' Corner

< Business-focused updates for North Bend merchants and nonprofit organizations >

## Upcoming collaborative get-togethers for North Bend businesses

The North Bend Downtown Foundation (the NBDF) invites businesses to join them for some fun and informative meet-up events this spring. Questions? Email Executive Director Jessica Self, at [jessica@northbenddowntown.org](mailto:jessica@northbenddowntown.org).

**TUESDAY, MAR. 12, 9 - 10 AM:** Meet business neighbors and the NBDF for the March Merchant Meeting. Recology Waste Zero Manager Alissa Campbell will be speaking about the April 1<sup>st</sup> transition to the new garbage and recycling service, with Q&A.

**SUNDAY, MAR. 17, 9 - 11 AM:** Meet at the Train Depot alongside businesses and residents for the "We Are So Lucky To Live Here Meet-Up Clean Up" event. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by getting outside and cleaning up. Feel free to dress festive and green!

**TUESDAY, APR. 16, 5 - 7 PM:** Save the date for the April After Hours Meet-Up at Volition Brewing Co.

**OPEN NOW:** Vendor applications for Downtown Block Party, which will be held on SATURDAY, JUL. 20. Find an application [HERE](#).



In the fall, the NBDF hosted a Merchant Meeting with Snoqualmie-North Bend Police Chief Brian Lynch and Records Specialist Melinda Black. They spoke about ways to decrease theft. Key takeaways include:

### DECREASING RETAIL THEFT

#### 1) Implement Loss Prevention Measures

- Train employees to identify suspicious behavior and follow proper protocols.
- Utilize security tags, locked display cases, and anti-theft devices to deter theft.

#### 2) Enhance Surveillance Systems

- Install high-quality surveillance cameras in strategic locations within the store.
- Ensure proper lighting to capture clear images and deter potential thieves.

#### 3) Improve Store Layout and Visibility

- Arrange merchandise and displays to maximize visibility for employees and customers.
- Minimize blind spots and ensure clear lines of sight throughout the store.

#### 4) Engage in Community Partnerships

- Collaborate with local law enforcement and neighboring businesses to share information and best practices.
- Participate in community programs that address retail theft prevention.

### ENSURING BUSINESS SAFETY

#### 1) Install Security Systems

- Implement surveillance cameras, alarm systems, and access control measures to deter potential criminals.
- Provide valuable evidence in case of any incidents.

#### 2) Collaborate with Local Law Enforcement

- Establish a strong partnership with our local police department to stay informed about potential threats or criminal activities in the area.
- Regular communication and participation in community policing initiatives can go a long way in maintaining a safe business environment.

#### 3) Employee Training

- Educate employees about safety protocols, emergency procedures, and how to handle difficult situations.
- Regular training sessions and drills should be conducted to ensure everyone is prepared and aware of their roles in maintaining a safe environment.

#### 4) Lighting and Visibility

- Ensure adequate lighting in and around our businesses to deter criminal activities and make customers and employees feel safer.
- Regular maintenance of lighting fixtures and ensuring clear visibility of entrances and parking areas are essential steps to take.

#### 5) Community Involvement

- Engage with our local community; participate in neighborhood watches or business associations.



# Housing in North Bend

As a highly livable small town that values community, the City of North Bend agrees that every city should share the responsibility for achieving equitable distribution of diverse housing to meet the needs of a wider range of incomes.

Here is what North Bend is working on right now.

## Understanding the Comprehensive Plan Update

The Growth Management Act (GMA) requires many cities and counties in Washington to adopt comprehensive plans that contain elements like land use, housing, capital facilities plans, transportation, utilities, subarea plans, economic development, parks and recreation, conservation and more.

The City's Comprehensive Plan outlines the goals, objectives, policies, actions and standards that help guide the day-to-day decisions of elected officials and staff. It represents the vision of residents for a 20-year planning period. The City's development regulations are consistent with its Comprehensive Plan.

The Plan is periodically updated to ensure it is consistent with the requirements of the GMA and county-wide planning policies. The City's 2024 Plan periodic update is due December 31, 2024. North Bend has been updating and processing approvals one chapter of Element at a time. Details about the update are available on the City's [Comprehensive Plan Update webpage](#). Staff also send out updates through [Notify Me](#).

Staff are now drafting the Housing and Land Use Elements. The Land Use Element provides a long-range guide to the development of North Bend and its Urban Growth Area (UGA). Its purpose is to ensure that an adequate supply of land, a desired mix of uses, and employment opportunities are available for the successful implementation of the other elements of the Plan. The element translates the vision of the City into a plan and directs development in North Bend over the next 20 years by introducing strategies that will retain and enhance small town character, environmental health, and cultural and economic sustainability.



The Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan sets policies that will guide future housing development, by both public and private sectors, to meet the long-range housing needs of the community and to respond to the objectives of the GMA. The policies are written to support opportunities for developing housing for all income groups and for a variety of lifestyle choices. The plan considers the condition of existing housing stock and the provision of a variety of housing types and densities to meet the needs of the population while seeking to retain the small-town lifestyle that is so important to our community. It also seeks to develop policies that encourage the development of recognizable neighborhoods with supportive amenities like parks, trail connections, and open space.

The updates started with meetings, including a Council Workstudy and Planning Commission meeting, followed by a Public Workshop in January. Business owners and residents can find information and copies of the 2015 Land Use and Housing Elements Goals and Policies, for community input on the update.

## Understanding the Growth Management Act

The GMA requires comprehensive plans to include a housing element that identifies "sufficient capacity of land" to accommodate all projected housing needs during the horizon period of the plan (RCW 36.70A.070(2)(c)).

HB 1220 amended this section of the Act to require the housing element to include explicit consideration of capacity for the following household needs and building types:

- Moderate, low, very low, and extremely low-income households
- Permanent supportive housing; Emergency housing, emergency shelters, and
- Duplexes, triplexes and townhomes (within a UGA boundary)

*The graphic below describes the relationship between land capacity and adequate provisions guidance:*



The amendments to the GMA through HB 1220 also required the housing growth targets for each jurisdiction to be broken out into discreet housing affordability levels based on a percentage of Area Median Income, rather than the previous broad singular housing target. The state found that the singular targets weren't sufficient in achieving the types of housing that people could afford.

That 1748-unit target has now been broken down into projected housing needs shown on this table. You can see from this table that we are doing fine on the higher-income side of things, with plenty of land zoned for housing above 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). However, for housing under 80% AMI, which takes the form of multifamily housing, as well as Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU), we actually come up short, with a deficit of 462 units.

This means that we need to make some changes to be able to accommodate the required targets. We have plenty of land suitable for single-family homes, but not enough land zoned to accommodate the needed more affordable types of housing. The Planning Commission has put together possible changes to meet the Housing Need Requirements, which can be found [HERE](#).

**We want your feedback!** Please sign up for [Notify Me](#) for specific meeting or comment periods soliciting such feedback. You may also submit any comments or questions to Rebecca Deming, Community and Economic Development Director, by emailing [rdeining@northbendwa.gov](mailto:rdeining@northbendwa.gov).

UPCOMING  
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Art classes with  
NBAI

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We Are So  
Lucky To Live  
Here Meet-Up  
Clean- Up  
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MAR  
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Grangestock -  
live music

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\*Also APR 22  
& MAY 27

## What Citizens Academy has to offer

- City history
- Operations
- Records, law, public information
- Parks, Planning, Economic Development commissions
- Land use, municipal code
- Fire & emergency management
- Police services
- Finance and budgeting
- Public Works, infrastructure
- Wastewater Treatment Plant tour
- Local parks tour and discussion with Si View Metro Parks



## What is the Citizens Academy?

The Citizens Academy is an annual, two-month interactive course designed to provide an in-depth look into city operations. It is being held weekly, with sessions that began on February 5, and will run through to April 1, with a recognition ceremony on April 8.

Applications for this free program open up beginning in November to locals who are 16 years and older. Class size is limited to the first 18 citizens. The application process for 2025 will open this fall! Please visit the [Citizens Academy webpage](#) at the City's website to follow updates and download your application as soon as it is available. Spots will quickly!



Ops & History with Mayor Miller, Administrator David Miller & Cristy Lake of Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum



Open Government, Law & Public Info with Clerk Susie Oppedal, PIO Bre Keveren & Attorney Kendra Rosenberg



Community & Economic Development with Director Rebecca Deming & CED Department staff



Fire & Emergency Operations presentation and tour of Fire Station 87 with Eastside Fire & Rescue

## City welcomes new staff member to the team: Finance Director Martin Chaw

The City of North Bend recently welcomed a new staff member to our team!



[Martin Chaw](#) is the City's Finance Director. He joined North Bend on March 4. Martin brings over 30 years of experience in public sector budgeting, financial and public policy, as well as supporting executive management and elected officials in developing and executing public policy. He is well versed in local, regional, and state governmental financial planning, financial management and long-term strategic planning.

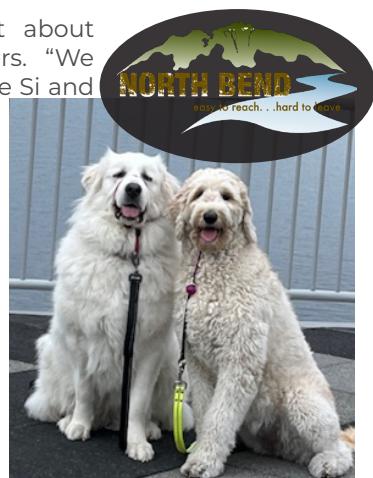
Martin's background includes working as a budget analyst and manager for municipalities, senior fiscal analyst at the state level, and project management and consultant work for Financial Consulting Services. Martin holds a B.A. from the University of Washington and an M.A. in Public Administration from Seattle University. He lives in

Seattle with his wife and two dogs, a 70lb Golden Doodle (Oli) and a 130lb Great Pyrenees (Kona). They enjoy walking on local beaches and dog parks. Martin also bakes, sourdough bread being his next project.

Martin was born and raised in the Seattle Beacon Hill area.

What does he love most about North Bend? The outdoors. "We used to go on hikes up Little Si and Mt. Si when my son was in Boy Scouts," he said. "Mt. Si to me is one of those iconic landmarks that represent the Pacific NW."

Curious about employment opportunities at the City of North Bend? Keep an eye out for jobs by visiting our [Employment Opportunities webpage](#), on the City's website.



### UPCOMING SHOWS



### Live jazz at Boxely's

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### Tenant Trailhead Ribbon Cutting

[Learn more](#)

APR

21 thru 22



### NB Beautification Days

[Learn more](#)



# Garbage services: A new contract starts April 1

**B**eginning April 1, the City will begin a new contract for once-a-week garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection with Recology King County for City customers. This transition marks an exciting development in our community's efforts toward sustainable waste management practices. There are a few ways you can prepare for April 1.

## Helpful Resources

- ✓ Visit the [Recology-NB website](#)
- ✓ Recology Store: 317 Gilman Blvd, #22, Issaquah
- ✓ Call Recology: (425) 448-6220  
Text Recology: (206) 369-8604

### New benefits include:

- **Increased service requirements during labor interruptions**
- **Credit for services missed after 1 week of service interruption**
- **Inclement weather benefits**
- **Free collection of unflocked, undecorated holiday trees**
- **Discounted bulky item collection**
- **Access to the Recology Store/Center in Issaquah**
- **Local call center with texting**
- **More reliable service, lower emissions with new vehicles**
- **Additional performance fees for unsatisfactory hauler performance**
- **Additional recycling, composting education**
- **A 12-year contract - translates to lower rates for customers**
- **A cap at 5% on inflation-related annual adjustments**



**Recology**

WASTE ZERO

## BEGINNING MARCH 18

Whether you are a business owner, property manager, or resident, Recology will work with you to develop tailored recycling, composting, and garbage programs based on your needs.

**You will be able to modify your service or start new service beginning March 18.**

Recology is an established provider serving 11 cities in the region. The decision to select Recology as the City's new garbage collection provider included a rigorous procurement process conducted in 2022 and facilitated by Epicenter Services, where Recology emerged as the preferred choice based on its solid performance in contract compliance, customer service, community outreach, and education.

We appreciate the community's cooperation and patience during this transition period. For further inquiries or assistance, please visit Recology's website for North Bend customers. To view the City's Public Notice, visit the [Public Notices](#) section of the City's website, or check out the February 2 edition of the Snoqualmie Valley Record.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ FEB. 2: City posts Recology's notice of rate increase for new garbage service
- ◆ FEB. 16: Property owners receive flyers in the mail
- ◆ FEB. 29: Property owners receive garbage pick-up schedule by mail
- ◆ MAR. 18: Beginning at this time, property owners update information with Recology
- ◆ APR. 1: New service begins



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Annual Gala

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## COMMISSIONER HIGHLIGHT

### Martin Maisonpierre Community & Economic Development

This quarter, we are spotlighting the Commission's Chair, Martin Maisonpierre. Martin has called North Bend home for over five years where he lives with his wife, two children, dogs and cats. Martin is the managing director of WH Inc., a Seattle-based marketing and communications firm that specializes in global outdoor and active lifestyle brands. He holds expertise in building high profile public relations, public affairs, and crisis communications programs from early-stage startup to global, publicly traded organizations. He brings that expertise to his role on the EDC where he is currently serving in his fourth year.

#### Why did you choose North Bend and what makes it different than other communities?

>> We always knew we wanted to be surrounded by nature and in the mountains and knew we wanted to raise children much like we were raised – with abundant access to the outdoors. For us, there was no better place than North Bend with its access to endless outdoor recreation, a great school system, and a tight knit community, while still being close to Seattle and a major international airport.

#### What attracted you to the EDC and what do you see as a priority?

>> North Bend has given our family so much. I felt that one way I could give back and help shape the future of this special place was to put my professional experience in marketing and communications to use working with the EDC. The outdoor economy is a major driving force for our city and the Valley. I want to see us harness those opportunities to drive smart, sustainable economic growth for our citizens.

#### Where would you like to see North Bend's economy in 10 years?

I want to see a vibrant downtown North Bend that is thriving and growing beyond the core of North Bend Way while offering economic opportunity and housing to a range of business owners and employees. I also want to see national outdoor brands call North Bend home, bringing their light manufacturing and employee base to our city and leaning into the outdoor access and quality of life we maintain here.

## WHAT IS THE EDC?

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) is an advisory body to city administration and the City Council.

Originally created in 1996, the EDC's purpose is to provide recommendations to the City Council for North Bend's economic growth and development. Comprised of North Bend residents and business owners, the EDC plays an important role in supporting local businesses and North Bend's future growth.

Two projects the EDC is working on this year include:

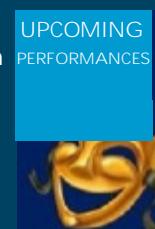
- **An Outdoor Recreation Marketing Campaign:** Look forward to seeing promotional material that will market responsible recreation opportunities in a variety of ways – via visitor guides, websites, and social media.
- **A Small Business Expansion Guide:** We are always looking for ways to improve transparency and simplify the process for small business startup and growth, and this tool will help.



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NORTH JAZZ BEND WALK  
NB Jazz Walk with JazzClubsNW  
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MAY  
18  
Sip Suds & Si wine walk with NBDF  
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UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Performances, staged readings at VCS  
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# The Complete Street approach is coming to North Bend Way!

**A**t the February 6 City Council meeting, the North Bend City Council voted unanimously on a Motion to approve the North Bend Way Complete Street Corridor Plan.

As a main street through town, North Bend Way connects residents and visitors to our neighborhoods, parks, local businesses, and other community gathering places. Using the Complete Streets approach, this important, highly visible local street will be enhanced with more accessibility, safety, and connectivity for people of all ages and abilities whether you are walking, riding bicycles, driving, or taking transit.

The Complete Street Corridor Plan establishes a vision for five miles of North Bend Way. In July 2022, the City began work with consultant, Parametrix, to prepare the

conceptual Complete Street Corridor Plan. Community input on conceptual plans was provided at two public workshops on June 13 and June 15, 2023, and also through an online survey in June.

While the result is expected to enhance quality of life for residents, it also incorporates the community's value in maintaining North Bend's rural, small-town character. The plan does so by integrating wayfinding signage, banners, plantings, seating, lighting, and more.

The plan looks at a wide variety of aspects that can create a greater sense of place and safety, such as trails, sidewalks, pedestrian rest areas, gateways, trail crossings, entrances, and intersections. View the North Bend Way Complete Street Corridor Plan by visiting the North Bend Way Corridor Plan webpage.



## NORTH BEND WAY COMPLETE STREET CORRIDOR PLAN

*Creating an integrated transportation network to enhance accessibility, connectivity, and safety.*

## Look for two new parks opening in North Bend this spring

### Tennant Trailhead Park, opening April 19, 2024

Join us for Tennant Trailhead's ribbon cutting celebration April 19, at 12 p.m.! The 32-acre forested park at 12201 W. Ribary Way will host a network of mountain bike and pedestrian trails, with a 29-stall parking lot, restroom, and trailhead plaza.

The property was originally slated for residential development. To preserve this open space, the City, in partnership with the Si View Metro Park District, King County, and the Trust for Public Land, purchased it in 2016. Funding assistance was received from a WA State Recreation and Conservation Office grant.

Trails have been named by the Snoqualmie Tribe, with names provided in Lushootseed (Coast Salish language) and English that will be installed throughout. The park will soon connect to the trail network on King County and Department of Natural Resource Lands on Rattlesnake Mountain, connecting to Snoqualmie Point Park and points beyond, through a project being developed by the Department of Natural Resources. The park will be managed by the Si View Metropolitan Park District through an interlocal agreement with the City of North Bend.

### Dahlgren Family Park, opening spring 2024

Stay tuned for a ribbon cutting announcement and opening date for Dahlgren Family Park! The four-acre park, adjacent to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and King County's Tanner Landing Park, will include a picnic shelter, restrooms, playground equipment, a sand volleyball court, pickleball court, and pathways through rolling grass lawn areas.

Enjoy beautiful views of Mt. Si, and meet up for picnics, gatherings, and general play. The park also provides parking access to the adjacent Tanner Landing Park and Middle Fork Snoqualmie River. Dahlgren Family Park was funded by the City of North Bend, with proceeds from a WA Wildlife and Recreation Program grant from the WA State Recreation and Conservation Office, secured by the Department of Natural Resources.



# Expanded public transportation coming to Snoqualmie Valley

The Snoqualmie Valley Transportation (SVT) Valley Shuttle will expand operations between North Bend and Duvall, arriving at stops more frequently in every city.

Thanks to King County Metro, SVT can add a third bus to the schedule. With the added frequency of buses on the route, the time between buses will be cut from approximately 90 minutes to about 60 minutes.

"Snoqualmie Valley Transportation is vital to our community as a critical and important resource for all," commented Mayor Miller.

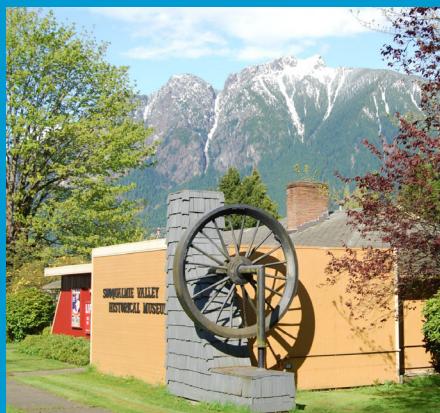
At Snoqualmie Valley School District, Transportation Director Belle Tromp said the district has a very good working relationship with SVT and relied on many SVT services during driver shortages. The district isn't using SVT now, she said, "but for our students, it's a great resource."



Children ages 10 or older can ride the Valley Shuttle. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult.

SVT, a project of Mt. Si Senior Center, provides affordable and reliable public transportation throughout the valley with the Valley Shuttle, as well as circulator routes in the upper valley, and appointment-based, or demand-response, trips within the valley. The buses are accessible, have bike racks, and are all open to the public. Rides are either \$1 or a \$1 suggested donation, based on the type of service.

Find a list of all their services online at [www.svtbus.org](http://www.svtbus.org) or call (425) 888-7001, Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. The website includes the latest schedules, information and applications for working at SVT, and an option to sign up for rider alerts so that you receive information on route delays and local weather that may impact the buses.



## LOCAL HISTORY: Visit your local museum

The Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum is an incredibly important asset to the Pacific Northwest. The museum preserves the history of Preston, Fall City, Snoqualmie, Cedar Falls, North Bend, and other nearby areas.

Stop by 320 Bendigo Blvd S to learn about local history. Visit their website: [www.snoqualmievalleymuseum.org](http://www.snoqualmievalleymuseum.org).



## LOCAL RECREATION PROGRAMS: Si View Metro Parks

Si View Metropolitan Park District is a big part of what makes North Bend the highly livable, outdoor recreation destination our community values so deeply.

Our local park district works in partnership with the community to facilitate a wide variety of recreation programs and parks in North Bend and Fire District 38. As an independent, regional unit of government similar to a fire, hospital or school district, formation of the District allows local control of Si View Park, Pool, and Community Center.

**Summer registration begins April 5.**

Learn more by visiting [www.siviewpark.org](http://www.siviewpark.org).

## GET CONNECTED: SIGN UP FOR "NOTIFY ME"



Looking for a simple way to stay up to date on local city news? **Notify Me** is a free, online subscription tool featured on the [City website](#). The opt-in service allows you to subscribe to a range of topics, so that you can pick and choose subjects for notification that you care about most.

Sign up for Notify Me by visiting [www.northbendwa.gov/list](http://www.northbendwa.gov/list).

# Spring is coming...

Our mountain town climate is already showing real signs of a North Bend spring: fresh buds, warmer soil, and lots of rain. Before you head outside, take in a few spring cleaning tips from the team that works very closely with our environment on a daily basis: Public Works!

**1.** As temperatures warm up and you begin clearing winter debris, make lawn thatching part of your routine. Spring is a great time to thatch! Be sure to take advantage of North Bend's [Yard Waste Recycling Program](#) when you are ready to dispose of your yard waste.

**2.** Moss, anyone? If you have a property in North Bend, chances are you've acquired some moss growth over the winter. Clear your roof and walking paths of slippery moss. Blowing/sweeping sidewalks near your home of excess sand is also a great way to clean up while helping beautify your neighborhood.

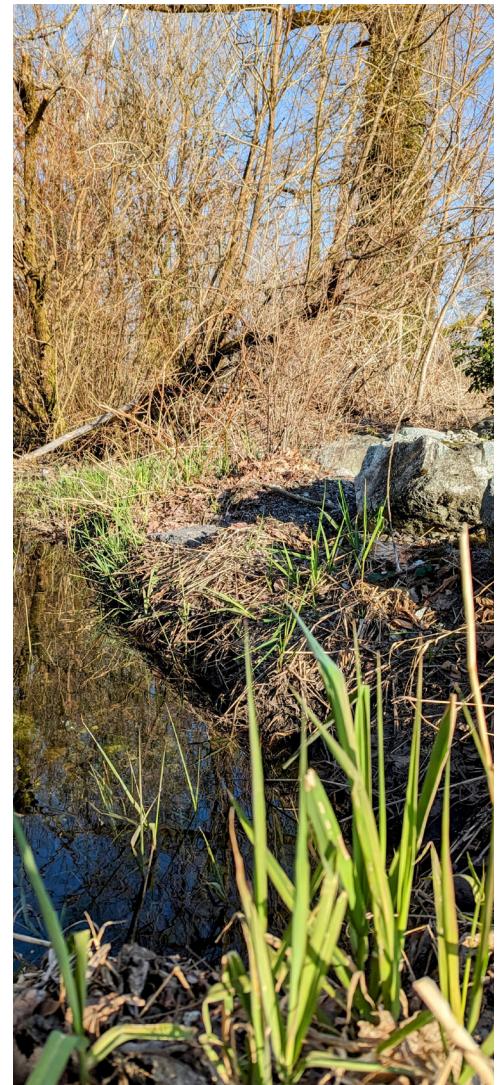
**3.** Clear your neighborhood storm drains of all debris - rotting leaves, puddled soil, etc. Also, when clearing sidewalks and storm drains, please dispose of debris - do not blow, sweep, or dump debris into swales or the street. Your Public Works team thanks you for your efforts to keep your city street clean!

**4.** Windy winters can wreak havoc on your roof's drainage system. Now is the time to clear gutters and downspouts.



**5.** Winter is the time to prune. If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, get your pruning done now.

**6.** Before you know it, it will be time to plant bulbs... As soon as the soil temperature warms up to about 60 degrees, go for it!



## 2023/24 FALL/WINTER FLOODPLAIN NEWS



Floods are the most common natural disaster in North Bend, and many properties have some risk of flooding. Being prepared now could not only save lives, but also reduce the emotional toll and property damages that may come with disaster. High water and flooding most commonly occur between the months of October and April. Heavy rainfall and rapid snowmelt can result in localized flooding.

One way to protect your home and family is to prepare before an emergency even happens. Learn more about flood protection by visiting [Flood Protection Information webpage](#), located at [www.northbendwa.gov](http://www.northbendwa.gov). Download your copy of this winter's Floodplain Newsletter [here](#).

## KING COUNTY ALERT SYSTEM



ALERT King County is a public information and emergency notification system that can reach you on any device. By registering your physical address, email address, and/or phone number, you can get important information delivered to your device - you choose how you want to receive alerts.

The City of North Bend encourages everyone to register for ALERT to receive important information about significant local events or emergency situations via telephone, text and email. Sign up for ALERT by visiting [www.kingcounty.gov](http://www.kingcounty.gov), and selecting "subscribe to ALERT King County."

## YARD WASTE RECYCLING EVENTS



The North Bend Yard Waste Recycling program begins April 6! It is open to North Bend residents and property owners on select Saturdays, April through October, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the North Bend Public Works building, located at 1155 E North Bend Way.

Find dates and accepted yard waste items by clicking [HERE](#). Get notified of events by signing up for "[Notify Me](#)" and selecting "Community Events."

It is funded by the King County Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant. Curbside yard waste collection will also be included in your Recology King County solid waste/recycling services (**NOTE: Property owners within the City of North Bend will transition to Recology on April 1, 2024**).