



NORTH BEND CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT | JUNE 23, 2026

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Finance Department

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Adoption:

The Fiscal Year 2027 budget is scheduled for City Council adoption on June 23, 2026. Adoption of the budget marks an important milestone and allows the City to begin implementing planned services, projects, and staffing levels for the upcoming fiscal year. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability)

Payroll Transition to the New Fiscal Year:

The Payroll team has been preparing for the transition to Fiscal Year 2027. The first payroll issued in July will include all approved budget changes, making this a critical time to ensure employee compensation and related adjustments are processed accurately and efficiently. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability)

Reminder to Submit Outstanding Invoices:

The Finance Department is reminding all departments to submit invoices for goods or services received in June 2026 or earlier as soon as possible. Timely submission helps ensure expenditures are recorded in the correct fiscal year and supports accurate financial reporting. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Policy Review)

Post-Adoption Budget Activities:

Following budget adoption, the Finance Department will complete several required processes, including notifying Coos County of the adopted budget and any related changes. Staff will also prepare and upload the necessary budget files into the City's financial system to begin Fiscal Year 2027 operations. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Policy Review)

City Recorder and Human Resources

Employment and Volunteer Opportunities:

The City of North Bend continues to recruit for aquatics and parks positions, as well as Volunteer Reserve Police Officers. Recruitment efforts have generated strong interest, with 36 applications received for the full-time Parks Maintenance Worker position and eight applications received for the Temporary/Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker positions. A review panel is evaluating applications, and interviews will be conducted next week. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Public Safety)

2026 Municipal Election Information:

The candidate filing period for the upcoming municipal election is underway. Individuals interested in serving as Mayor or City Councilor may obtain candidate packets by appointment through the City Recorder's Office. Completed petition materials should be submitted by August 18. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Policy Review)

Public Works, Building Codes, and Planning

General Public Works Activity:

Public Works office staff are working on a master code document revision, final plans for contracted sanitary sewer improvements on Brussell Street and Tremont Street, the public safety fee audit, building permits, and construction staking for the Visitor Information Center Hub rest area improvement project. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

Wastewater Treatment System

Collection System Improvements:

Wastewater staff have completed the Meade Street underground work and will shift to Liberty Street on June 22 to begin sanitary sewer replacement in the 2600 block. Staff are currently working with Knife River to schedule Meade Street surface paving. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

Biosolids Placement:

Staff anticipate beginning biosolids hauling to the disposal site during the last week of June, as groundwater levels have dropped to an acceptable level. The Chandler Bridge repainting project is expected to slow this year's disposal process, as crews will either need to accept traffic delays or use East Bay Road, a longer route that affects hauling efficiency. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

Street Division

Mowing and Drainage System Cleaning:

Street crews are preparing for striping replacement, roadside mowing, and cleaning of drainage structures, ditches, and drainageways. Crews also cleared annual growth and debris from Pony Creek this week to keep the drainage channel open. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement)

Street Division Project Support:

Two Street Department staff are temporarily working with Wastewater to support pipe replacement projects. The rest of the crew is working on striping and roadside mowing. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement)

Community Development

Visitor Information Center

July Jubilee Returns July 17–19:

July Jubilee will return July 17–19 with traditional events, including the awards ceremony, five-kilometer run, disc golf tournament, Show and Shine, softball game, Family Fun at Pony Village Mall, History Walk, and more. A complete list of activities and registration links is available at northbendoregon.gov/julyjubilee. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

UTV Takeover Economic Activity:

UTV Takeover returned to the Box Car–Hauser area this year and once again drew thousands of visitors to the

region. City staff have met with event organizers and are exploring promotional partnerships for next year's event. The festivities attract more than 10,000 attendees, and local businesses in North Bend reported increased customer traffic during the event. Several North Bend businesses also participated directly by operating food and vendor booths within the UTV Takeover vendor row. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Main Street Program

Sip N Stroll and After Stroll During July Jubilee:

North Bend Main Street will host a Sip N Stroll and After Stroll during July Jubilee weekend. The Sip N Stroll will take place following the Honored Citizen Kickoff event at the Library. The evening will continue at Back Alley Pub with the After Stroll, featuring free live music by Gran Torino from 7:00–9:00 p.m. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Downtown Discovery Tour Series:

North Bend Main Street, in partnership with the Historic Landmark Commission, has launched the Downtown Discovery Tour Series. Tours are scheduled for Sunday, July 19; Friday, August 21; and Saturday, September 26. Each tour begins at the Visitor Information Center and runs from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Participants will enjoy guided tours, interactive experiences, special presentations, and giveaways. The first tour will take place during July Jubilee. Following the tour, 40 & 8 will provide a presentation on the Merci Boxcar, followed by free fire truck rides provided by the North Bend Fire Department. Additional information is available on social media and at northbendoregon.gov/mainstreet. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Urban Renewal Agency and Economic Development

Downtown Property Momentum:

Positive momentum continues in downtown North Bend as the long-vacant property at 2000 Sherman Avenue has been listed for sale and is already pending. The building has remained unoccupied for many years and has been the subject of ongoing community interest and concern. The hope is that new ownership will lead to significant rehabilitation and renewed activity at the site. Several other properties are also available for sale within the downtown district. Information about available opportunities can be found at northbendoregon.gov/mainstreet. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Fire Department

School Tours and Fire Safety Education:

As the school year came to a close, the North Bend Fire Department welcomed numerous school groups for station tours and fire safety education. Firefighters shared important safety messages with students, including cooking safety, proper use of 9-1-1, and the “Stop, Drop, and Roll” technique. Following the presentations, students were treated to a ride back up the hill to Hillcrest Elementary School aboard the antique fire engine, creating a memorable experience while reinforcing important safety lessons. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Community Engagement and Livability)

Fire Extinguisher Training:

The Fire Department's representative to the City Safety Committee recently conducted fire extinguisher training for committee members. The training included both classroom instruction and hands-on live-fire exercises. Participants learned the proper operation of portable fire extinguishers and then applied those skills by extinguishing an actual fire. This type of practical training helps build confidence and prepares individuals to safely respond to small fires, potentially reducing property loss and saving lives. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Organizational Excellence)

1937 Federal Fire Engine Display:

One of North Bend's historic fire engines has found a new home. The Department recently delivered the 1937 Federal fire engine to the new park at the Visitor Information Center, where it will be on public display for future generations to enjoy. Previously stored in the station basement, the apparatus can now be appreciated as part of North Bend's rich history. The 1937 Federal was the third fire engine purchased by the City, following a 1920 REO and a 1921 American LaFrance. While the location of the REO remains unknown, the American LaFrance has been traced to England. With concrete walkways being installed around the display area, the Federal is expected to remain a community landmark for many years to come. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Community Identity and Pride; Economic Development and Tourism)

Annual Ladder Testing:

The Department completed its annual ladder testing conducted by Underwriters Laboratories, including certification testing of the aerial ladder truck. All ground ladders and the aerial ladder successfully passed inspection. During testing, a hydraulic hose was replaced, and one hydraulic cylinder required rebuilding due to an apparent O-ring failure. The Underwriters Laboratories representative commented on the exceptional condition of the ladder truck and noted that it is among the best-maintained apparatuses of its age he has inspected. This outcome reflects the Department's commitment to preventive maintenance, operational readiness, and responsible stewardship of City assets. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Infrastructure and Asset Management; Fiscal Responsibility)

Residential Structure Fire Response:

Firefighters recently responded to a residential structure fire that displaced a family of four. The fire originated on the exterior of the home and extended into the attic space. Suppression efforts were complicated by multiple additions and remodels over the years, resulting in four separate roof systems that firefighters had to access and inspect. A metal roofing system further increased the complexity of the operation. Fortunately, a Coos Bay Fire Department engine company was staffing the North Bend station while participating in rope rescue training, allowing additional personnel to assist with the labor-intensive firefighting operation. Through a coordinated response, crews brought the fire under control and prevented further damage. This incident highlights the value of regional partnerships, training, and maintaining adequate staffing to protect the community during emergencies. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Intergovernmental Partnerships; Organizational Excellence)

Parks and Facilities Department

Seasonal Grounds Maintenance:

Parks crews continue mowing and managing weeds throughout the City to maintain safe, attractive, and welcoming public spaces during the busy summer season. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement)

Downtown Beautification and July Preparations:

Staff completed power washing in the downtown area and continued general cleanup and preparation activities for upcoming July celebrations and community events. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Infrastructure Improvement)

Ferry Road Trail Improvements:

Crews cleaned and cleared sections of the Ferry Road walking trail loop and installed a new bench to provide an improved recreational experience for trail users. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement; Economic Development)

Facility Maintenance and Library Support:

Facilities staff continue to maintain and improve City buildings while also providing custodial support at the Library during the absence of its regular cleaner. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

Municipal Pool

Lifeguard Training and Certification:

The pool successfully hosted lifeguard certification and recertification courses, along with in-service training for current staff to ensure continued readiness and high safety standards. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Infrastructure Improvement)

Summer Swim Season:

Summer swim programming has officially begun, and the pool is offering additional open swim opportunities to better serve residents and visitors during the summer months. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Infrastructure Improvement)

Police Department

Sergeant Promotion:

Officer Jerad Jaehnig has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant following a competitive selection process. Over the past two years, Sergeant Jaehnig has served as one of the department's School Resource Officers, building strong relationships with students, educators, and families throughout the community. In addition to his School Resource Officer responsibilities, he has served as a Patrol Shift Supervisor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, and WRAP Instructor, demonstrating a strong commitment to leadership, training, and professional development. Sergeant Jaehnig's experience, work ethic, and dedication to the organization will serve him well in his new leadership role. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Officer Nowotny Cleared for Solo Patrol:

Officer Nowotny has successfully completed the Field Training and Evaluation Program and is now cleared for solo patrol duties. Throughout the training process, Officer Nowotny demonstrated professionalism, sound decision-making, and a commitment to learning. Completing the Field Training and Evaluation Program represents a significant milestone in an officer's career and ensures they are prepared to independently respond to calls for service and meet the public safety needs of the North Bend community. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Reserve Officer Training Academy:

The Reserve Officer Training Academy is underway with four North Bend Police Department reserve candidates attending the academy. The reserve program continues to provide an important pathway for community members interested in law enforcement service while supporting department operations. Upon successful completion of academy requirements, expanded background investigation, and field training, these reserve officers will further strengthen the department's ability to serve the community. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

K9 Athena Turns Two:

K9 Athena recently celebrated her second birthday. Athena spent the day with her handler, Officer Martin, and his family, who marked the occasion with special treats made just for her. Since joining the department, K9 Athena has become an important member of the North Bend Police Department's K9 Team, supporting

narcotics detection efforts and assisting with a variety of public safety operations throughout the community. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Police Leadership Training:

Sergeants Kinney and Dunning recently completed the first week of a month-long management and leadership course through the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. The course includes two weeks of in-person instruction at the academy, as well as multiple leadership projects that must be completed while continuing their regular duties in North Bend. This training enhances supervisory skills and supports the department’s ongoing investment in professional development and leadership succession planning. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Code Enforcement Professional Development:

Community Service Officer Spini recently joined the Oregon Code Enforcement Association. Membership in this statewide organization provides access to specialized training opportunities, professional networking, and resources related to code enforcement and community livability issues. Participation in the association will help strengthen the department’s ability to address quality-of-life concerns while fostering collaboration with code enforcement professionals across Oregon. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Public Safety Planning for Upcoming Events:

Police administration recently met with representatives from Ko-Kwel Casino Resort to coordinate public safety planning for several upcoming large-scale community events. Operational plans were developed for the Family Motor Coach Association Northwest Area Rally scheduled for June 17–21 and the annual fireworks display scheduled for July 3. Planning efforts focused on traffic management, parking, emergency access, staffing needs, and coordination with partner agencies to ensure both events can be conducted safely and efficiently. These proactive partnerships help support successful community events while maintaining a high level of public safety for residents and visitors. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

North Bend Public Library

School Outreach:

The library hosted field trips from Hillcrest Elementary during the week of June 8. These visits provide students with an opportunity to meet library staff, explore library services, and learn about upcoming summer programs. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Summer Reading Program:

Summer Reading programming began on June 15, and more than 200 participants registered during the first two weeks of the program. The library offers a variety of weekly programs throughout the summer, including Preschool Storytime, Lapsit Storytime, Toddler Time, Oregon Battle of the Books Club for several grade levels, and Teen Oregon Battle of the Books Club. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Wiggly Worms STEAM Program:

The North Bend Public Library and Oregon State University Extension 4-H Youth Development are partnering to offer hands-on STEAM programming that encourages children to explore the natural world through science, observation, and creativity. Wiggly Worms will be held on Wednesday, June 24, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. During this interactive program, participants will learn about worm behavior, anatomy, and the role worms play in composting. Children will also have the opportunity to explore vermiculture, the practice of using worms to compost organic materials. The program is geared toward children ages 8–12. Younger children are welcome to attend with adult assistance and supervision. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Family Musical Night: Oklahoma!:

The North Bend Public Library invites families to a special Family Musical Night featuring a screening of the classic musical Oklahoma! on Thursday, June 25, at 6:00 p.m. Families are invited to enjoy an evening of music, entertainment, and community fun. Popcorn will be provided, and attendees are welcome to bring additional snacks and beverages. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Library LEGO Club:

Library LEGO Club meets on the fourth Friday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Children are invited to bring their creativity to life by building original LEGO creations. All materials are provided. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Friday Night Murder Mysteries:

Adults are invited to test their detective skills during Friday Night Murder Mysteries, a weekly mystery-solving program held Fridays at 6:00 p.m. from June 19 through July 31. Each session challenges participants to work together to solve a unique mystery using clues, witness statements, puzzles, and evidence. Upcoming mysteries include Death at Times Square on June 26 and Murder at Merivale Manor on July 10. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Mz. Pearl's Circus Palooza:

The library is excited to welcome Heather Pearl for Mz. Pearl's Circus Palooza! on Monday, June 29, at 6:00 p.m. This high-energy family program combines comedy, circus skills, and audience participation into an engaging performance designed to spark imagination, laughter, and community connection. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Teen Dirt Cake Cups:

Teens ages 13–18 are invited to join the library on Tuesday, June 30, at 4:00 p.m. to make Dirt Cake Cups. Participants will create their own version of the classic dessert using a variety of ingredients and toppings while enjoying snacks, refreshments, and time with friends. All supplies will be provided. This program is free and open to teens ages 13–18. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Priority areas correspond to the North Bend Strategic Plan 2025–2028.