



## NORTH BEND CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT | JUNE 9, 2026

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Finance Department

### **Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Document:**

The Fiscal Year 2027 budget document has been assembled and is ready for consideration by the North Bend City Council. A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at 7:00 p.m. at 835 California Avenue, North Bend, Oregon 97459. Finance staff completed the required budget notice forms, including the City and Urban Renewal Agency budget notice forms, to ensure compliance with Oregon Local Budget Law and proper public notice requirements. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Policy Review)

### **Water Board Budget Committee Participation:**

Finance Director Jeff Bridgens participated in the Coos Bay–North Bend Water Board budget process as a member of its Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Committee. The committee held its first meeting on June 4, 2026, and a follow-up meeting is scheduled for June 18 at 12:00 p.m. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability)

### **Workers' Compensation Insurance Cost Update:**

The City was notified that workers' compensation insurance costs through the State Accident Insurance Fund are expected to be higher than budgeted next year. A supplemental budget will be presented in July to appropriate the additional expenditure and ensure adequate funding is available. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Policy Review)

### **Performance Measures for Budget Reporting:**

The City is researching performance measures for inclusion in the budget and related financial reporting. These measures are intended to provide greater transparency, accountability, and insight into City operations for residents and decision-makers. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Policy Review)

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Community Development

### **Visitor Information Center**

#### **July Jubilee Honored Citizen Nominations:**

July Jubilee returns July 17–19, featuring traditional events including the Honored Citizen Awards Ceremony. Nominations for the Honored Citizen Awards are open but closing soon. Community members are encouraged to submit nominations for this year's recipients. July Jubilee activity details are available on the July Jubilee social media page. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

#### **Downtown Discovery Tour Series:**

The Visitor Information Center, North Bend Main Street, and Historic Landmark Commission have partnered to launch the new Downtown Discovery Tour Series. These interactive walking tours are designed to attract visitors and help residents learn more about North Bend's history, industry, and culture. Tour dates and themes include July 19 for History and Town Builders, August 21 for Industry and Enterprise, and September 26 for Arts and Culture. All tours begin at 10:00 a.m. and include knowledgeable guides, interactive activities, and complimentary museum passes while supplies last. Participants who complete all three tours and collect stamps

in their Discovery Passport will be entered for a chance to win prizes. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

## **North Bend Main Street**

### **2027 Oregon Main Street Conference Planning:**

Planning is underway for the 2027 Oregon Main Street Conference, which North Bend will host in partnership with Oregon Main Street and Oregon Heritage. The conference is expected to attract nearly 300 attendees from across Oregon and will showcase downtown revitalization, historic preservation, economic development, and community engagement efforts throughout North Bend. The conference will feature multiple venues, educational sessions, speakers, walking tours, and hands-on learning opportunities throughout downtown. Sponsorship opportunities and additional details will be announced as planning continues. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

### **July Jubilee Sip and Stroll:**

North Bend Main Street will host the Sip and Stroll and After Stroll during July Jubilee on July 17. The Sip and Stroll follows the Honored Citizen Awards Ceremony, with the evening continuing at Back Alley Pub featuring free live music by Gran Torino from 7:00–9:00 p.m. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

## **Urban Renewal Agency and Economic Development**

### **Investment Opportunities in the Urban Renewal Area:**

Several commercial properties are currently available for sale within the Urban Renewal Area district. These properties may be eligible for Urban Renewal Agency façade grants when funding is available, as well as potential assistance through Oregon Main Street programs. Property owners and prospective buyers with questions about façade improvements or Main Street opportunities may contact Community Development Manager Stephanie Wilson at [swilson@northbendoregon.gov](mailto:swilson@northbendoregon.gov). Available properties include 2051 Sherman Avenue, 2043/2037 Sherman Avenue, and 635 Virginia Avenue. Property listing information and showing details are available through local real estate websites. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Infrastructure Improvement)

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## **Public Works, Building Codes, and Planning**

### **Ko-Kwel Travel Center Coordination:**

City staff are coordinating with Ko-Kwel resort staff on the design of the new travel center and related sanitary sewer replacement within the proposed development. The project will replace some storm and sanitary sewer lines in Lewis Street and Lombard Street to support development. The City is also coordinating replacement of sewer segments within the project footprint that were originally installed in 1953 and were already scheduled for replacement within the next five years. Minor adjustments to Clark Street are also being coordinated to support safe traffic flow around the development. Final plans are being issued, and the site has been cleared, including removal of the office structure. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

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## Wastewater Treatment System

### **Meade Avenue Collection System Improvements:**

Wastewater staff are approximately 80 percent complete with replacing 850 feet of mainline sewer on Meade Avenue between Montana Avenue and Colorado Avenue. Mainline work is expected to be completed this week, with service lateral replacement beginning next week. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

### **Biosolids Placement Preparation:**

Staff are preparing for biosolids placement at the Christensen Ranch site. This includes completing commercial driver license training for Tom Martin and servicing the sludge truck for more than 200 trips to the site. Each year, the City hauls between 600,000 and 700,000 gallons of sludge to the site. This year, dry conditions may allow hauling to begin early, although work on the Chandler Bridge may slow the process slightly. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

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## Street Division

### **Street Sweeping and Spring Brush Pickup:**

Street sweeping has increased in recent weeks due to drier weather and debris generated by stored brush in roadways in advance of Spring Brush Pickup by North Bend Sanitation. Brush pickup began May 26 and will continue in North Bend for approximately two weeks. Brush piles were expected to be placed out before pickup began. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement)

### **Street Division Project Support:**

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

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## City Recorder and Human Resources

### **Employment and Volunteer Opportunities:**

The City of North Bend is currently recruiting for several positions and volunteer opportunities. Available openings include Aquatics Lead, Lifeguard and Swim Instructor, Parks Maintenance Worker, Seasonal Parks Maintenance Worker, and Volunteer Reserve Police Officer. These positions provide opportunities to serve the community, support public safety, maintain City parks and facilities, and contribute to programs that enhance quality of life for residents and visitors. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply through the City's employment portal at [www.northbendoregon.gov/jobs](http://www.northbendoregon.gov/jobs). (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Public Safety)

### **Safety Committee Training:**

The City's Safety Committee will hold fire extinguisher training next Tuesday morning at the North Bend Fire Department. All City employees are encouraged to attend this hands-on training opportunity, which supports workplace safety awareness and emergency preparedness. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

## Fire Department

### **Firefighter and Engineer Hiring Process:**

The department recently completed a hiring process for a full-time Firefighter and Engineer position. The process included a diverse group of evaluators participating in the assessment center. The department received 17 applications from across the Pacific Northwest, including Alaska, and invited six highly qualified candidates to participate. Five candidates completed the assessment. Following the evaluation process, current student Henry Hood distinguished himself as the top candidate. A conditional offer of employment has been extended, and he is expected to begin his full-time career with the department on July 1, 2026. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Organizational Excellence; Workforce Development; Fiscal Stewardship)

### **Family Fun Day Food Drive:**

The department participated in the Family Fun Day Food Drive hosted by AmeriTitle at Pony Village Mall. Through the generosity of community members, 875 pounds of food were collected and donated to the Coos Food Cupboard. The department was proud to support this effort, which directly benefited local families and strengthened the community. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Community Engagement; Quality of Life; Partnerships and Collaboration)

### **Class of 2026 Senior Picnic:**

The department participated in the Class of 2026 Senior Picnic, continuing a long-standing tradition of supporting North Bend's graduating seniors. Department personnel set up the water ball game, allowing students to test their skills by directing streams of water at the target. With warm weather this year, the activity was especially popular and provided a fun opportunity for students to cool off and enjoy the day. The department congratulates the Class of 2026 and wishes them success in their future endeavors. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Community Engagement; Quality of Life; Youth and Family Support)

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## Parks and Facilities Department

### **Trail and Tree Maintenance:**

Crews completed cleanup of windfall trees at Simpson Park and removed hazard trees along the South Simpson Trail to improve safety and accessibility. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Infrastructure Improvement)

### **Seasonal Staffing and Training:**

Staff provided training for new seasonal employees to prepare for the busy summer season. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

### **Spring Grounds Maintenance:**

Crews continued spring mowing and brush trimming throughout the park system. Irrigation startup was also completed for hanging flower baskets, City Hall, Grant Circle, and the Library. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement)

### **Park and Facility Repairs:**

Staff completed restroom repairs and graffiti removal at Simpson Park and the California Street Boat Ramp. Staff also removed a tree from the bay that was affecting boat ramp operations. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Infrastructure Improvement)

**Community Event Preparation:**

Crews prepared facilities and grounds for the annual Ian Spalding Memorial All-Star Baseball Tournament, which is expected to bring approximately 400–500 visitors to the community. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Infrastructure Improvement)

**Community Center Support:**

Staff provided facility setup, cleanup, and teardown services for the Town Hall event at the Community Center. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Infrastructure Improvement)

**Pool Facility Repairs:**

Staff repaired a sump pump and water line in the pool equipment room to support reliable facility operations. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement; Public Safety)

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**Municipal Pool****Lifeguard Certification and Recruitment:**

The pool hosted a lifeguard certification course, with seven candidates successfully completing the program. Staff hope to hire at least four of the newly certified lifeguards for the summer season. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Economic Development)

**Lifeguard Recertification:**

Five current lifeguards will participate in an upcoming recertification course to maintain their professional credentials. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

**Aquatic Leadership Development:**

Two current lifeguards have been promoted to Aquatic Lead positions to help improve pool operations and support summer programming. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

**Summer Swim Schedule:**

Summer family swim hours will be available Monday through Saturday during the afternoon, with additional evening swim opportunities on Thursdays and Fridays. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Infrastructure Improvement)

**Regional Training Partnership:**

Pool staff met with the Coos County Search and Rescue Dive Team to discuss opportunities for using the facility for training purposes. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Economic Development)

**Graduating Staff Recognition:**

The pool extends its appreciation to staff members who are graduating and moving on to new opportunities. Their dedication and service have been greatly valued. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

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**Summer Reading Program:**

Registration for the North Bend Public Library’s Summer Reading Program opened on June 1, and more than 100 participants registered on the first day. The first 100 registrants received a Summer Reading T-shirt and a free pizza courtesy of Domino’s Pizza. The program runs through August 14, 2026, and encourages participants of all ages to complete reading and activity challenges while earning weekly prizes. Participants will also be entered into a Grand Prize Drawing for a chance to win an iPad, a Nintendo Switch 2, or a two-night staycation at Ko-Kwel Casino Resort. The Grand Prize Drawing will take place on Friday, August 14, at 12:00 p.m. Children who complete special Domino’s-sponsored activities will receive coupons for a free Domino’s pizza. This year’s theme, “Plant a Seed, Read,” celebrates the connection between stories, learning, and community through the idea of farm-to-table. The library thanks the Friends of the North Bend Public Library, Domino’s Pizza, and Ko-Kwel Casino Resort for their support. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

**Library Facility Maintenance:**

One of the goals identified in the library’s Strategic Plan is to maintain the facility in “opening day condition.” In support of that goal, the library’s carpets were professionally cleaned in May, and both interior and exterior windows were washed. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement)

**Summer Programming and Direct Service:**

During the summer months, the library’s primary operational focus shifts to programming and direct service. As library use increases, most staff time will be devoted to delivering programs, supporting participants, and maintaining high-quality customer service. The library is scheduled to offer 39 programs in June and 55 programs in July. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

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Police Department

**Investigations Position Filled:**

Officer Brett Stark has been selected to fill the department’s dedicated investigations position. After nearly five years without a full-time investigator, this role allows for increased focus on major person and property crimes, including sex abuse investigations and significant theft cases, while also supporting the Coos County Major Crimes Team. Officer Stark began his career with the North Bend Police Department as a Reserve Officer in 2012 and was hired full-time in 2016. He has previously served as a Field Training Officer, Patrol Shift Supervisor, and Crisis Negotiator. Since moving into the position, Officer Stark has already taken the lead on several major investigations and helped strengthen partnerships with federal agencies and the Oregon Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

**Next School Resource Officer Selected:**

Officer Matt Ortwein has been selected as the department’s next School Resource Officer. Throughout the remainder of the school year, Officer Ortwein will train alongside current School Resource Officers to ensure a smooth transition into the role. This cross-training approach allows students, educators, and school staff to become familiar with Officer Ortwein before he assumes the position independently, helping maintain strong relationships and continuity within local schools. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

**Reserve Officer Training Milestone:**

Reserve Officer Dan Turk successfully completed the requirements necessary to begin police training in uniform. This milestone required a significant investment of time, dedication, and effort. The Police Department currently has five additional reserve officer applicants progressing through various stages of the background

investigation process. Expanding the reserve officer program with community members who maintain regular careers outside law enforcement strengthens the department's connection to the community and supports community-oriented policing. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

**Crisis Intervention Team Training:**

Officer Coel Stark and School Resource Officer Trevor Sanne completed the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team Training held at Ko-Kwel Casino Resort in North Bend. This specialized training enhances the department's ability to respond effectively to individuals experiencing mental health crises while strengthening collaboration with local service providers and community partners. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

**Records Training and Professional Development:**

Records Clerk Tasha Hill and Records Clerk and Evidence Technician Kelly Allman are attending the Oregon Law Enforcement Records Association Conference this week in Redmond. Training includes updates on public records requests, juvenile records, expungements, Oregon Department of Transportation traffic crash reporting, and personal wellness. Continuing education helps ensure the department remains current on legal requirements, reporting standards, and industry best practices. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

**May Police Activity Summary:**

During May, North Bend Police officers responded to 2,209 calls for service. Officers also conducted 559 traffic stops and took 21 individuals into custody on outstanding arrest warrants. These proactive enforcement and service efforts reflect the department's continued commitment to public safety and addressing community concerns. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

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