



NORTH BEND CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT | JULY 14, 2026

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Public Works Department

Building Codes and Planning

General Public Works Activity:

Public Works office staff are working on a master code document revision, with Housing Assistance Program of Oregon offering to finance part of the work to update the code in relation to recent housing legislation. Upon City Council approval, staff anticipate bidding a pavement repair project on Newmark Avenue. The project would replace the southerly-most lane, with some extensions, for 780 feet from 100 feet west of Edgewood Road, in front of Ken Ware Chevrolet, to the newer paving installed in 2023. This work will also remove the existing hump and slump just west of Edgewood Road. Quotes are also being received for resurfacing Liberty Street where it was impacted by sewer replacement work. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

Meade Street Resurfacing:

Knife River completed resurfacing on Meade Street from Colorado Avenue to Florida Avenue on July 9. This was a partial resurfacing project that repaired pavement affected by sewer replacement work and included a minor extension to eliminate failing pavement areas. The project will be followed by replacement of two disabled-access ramps at Montana Avenue and a valley gutter at Colorado Avenue to improve the storm drainage system. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

Wastewater Treatment System

Collection System Improvements:

Wastewater staff are finishing the Liberty Street sewer replacement and expect to complete underground work during the week of July 13–17. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

Biosolids Placement:

Biosolids are being placed at the Christensen Ranch site, with hauling and disposal anticipated to continue through August. 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, which is a longer route and affects hauling efficiency. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

Street Division

Scheduled Street Work:

Street crews are preparing for striping replacement and crack sealing on Sherman Avenue and Meade Street. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement)

Community Development

Visitor Information Center

Perry's Supply Mural Celebration and Ribbon Cutting:

North Bend will kick off July Jubilee weekend by celebrating one of the City's newest public art installations. Perry's Supply will unveil a new mural by local artist Megan Gray on Friday, July 17, at 1:00 p.m. at 3133 Broadway Avenue. The event will include a Chamber ribbon cutting, light refreshments, and an opportunity to meet the artist. The mural was made possible through support from the Oregon Coast Visitors Association, Perry's Supply, and Megan Gray. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

July Jubilee – July 17–19:

North Bend's annual July Jubilee returns July 17–19, celebrating the City's 123rd birthday with three days of family activities, entertainment, and hometown traditions. Most events are free and open to the public.

Friday, July 17:

4:00–5:00 p.m. — Kick-Off Celebration and Honored Citizen Awards, North Bend Public Library
5:00–7:00 p.m. — Sip N' Stroll, sponsored by Ziply Fiber, beginning at the Visitor Information Center
7:00–9:00 p.m. — Little Ole Opry on the Bay, Liberty Theatre
7:00–9:00 p.m. — After Stroll with Gran Torino, Back Alley Pub & Grill

Saturday, July 18:

8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. — Show 'n Shine Car Show, North Bend Lanes
8:00–10:00 a.m. — July Jubilee Jaunt five-kilometer Run/Walk, Boardwalk to Grant Circle
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. — Jump Into Jubilee family activities, Pony Village Mall
10:30 a.m. — Disc Golf Tournament, Winsor Park and Ferry Road Park
6:00 p.m. — North Bend vs. Coos Bay Softball Fundraiser, Clyde Allen Field
7:00–9:00 p.m. — Little Ole Opry on the Bay, Liberty Theatre

Sunday, July 19:

10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. — Historic Walking Tour, beginning at the Visitor Information Center
12:30–1:00 p.m. — Free Fire Truck Rides
2:00–4:00 p.m. — Little Ole Opry on the Bay, Liberty Theatre

For questions, contact the North Bend Visitor Information Center at 541-756-4613. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

North Bend Main Street

Downtown Cleanup for July Jubilee:

North Bend Main Street partnered with Oregon's Bay Area Beautification for the annual downtown cleanup in preparation for July Jubilee. Downtown North Bend will host several events throughout the three-day celebration. Businesses interested in getting involved in North Bend Main Street events may contact Program Director Stephanie Wilson at swilson@northbendoregon.gov. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Urban Renewal Agency and Economic Development

New Business Spotlight – DK's Grill:

DK's Grill is now open at 1120 Virginia Avenue. The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner in a

welcoming setting. Hours are 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. daily, and the restaurant is closed Tuesdays. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

New Business Spotlight – Frog Blossom:

Frog Blossom, a new medical spa owned and operated by Nurse Practitioner Raquel, has opened at 1554 Sherman Avenue. The business offers aesthetic and skincare services, including facials, laser treatments, microneedling, chemical peels, injectables, and medical-grade skincare products. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Infrastructure Improvement)

Fire Department

Fire Hydrant Maintenance Program:

The Fire Department has begun its annual summer fire hydrant maintenance program, inspecting and servicing every fire hydrant within the City of North Bend. While the City owns all fire hydrants, the Water Board owns and maintains the underground water infrastructure, requiring close coordination throughout the maintenance process.

This comprehensive program is completed with the assistance of student firefighters, who remain employed through the summer rather than returning home. Their work provides valuable employment and hands-on experience while increasing available staffing for emergency response during the busy wildfire season. This partnership enhances operational readiness, improves firefighter availability, and ensures the City’s fire protection infrastructure remains reliable and ready for service. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Workforce Development; High-Performing Government)

Regional Resident Firefighter Academy:

The North Bend Fire Department recently participated in the regional Resident Firefighter Academy in partnership with the Coos Bay Fire Department. Resident volunteer firefighters from both agencies trained together while instructors from each department provided comprehensive instruction and hands-on skill development.

This collaborative training model maximizes regional resources, strengthens interagency relationships, and ensures new firefighters receive consistent, high-quality instruction. The result is a more capable and better-prepared firefighting workforce that benefits both communities during emergency responses. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Regional Partnerships; High-Performing Government)

New Firefighter and Engineer Joins the Department:

The department is pleased to welcome Henry Hood as its newest full-time Firefighter and Engineer. Following an extensive recruitment process that attracted qualified applicants from throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, Henry emerged as the top candidate.

A North Bend native, Henry graduated from North Bend High School and Southwestern Oregon Community College, where he earned an Associate Degree in Fire Science. He is both an Oregon-certified and National Registry Emergency Medical Technician and previously served as one of the department’s resident volunteer firefighters. His hiring restores the department to full staffing while reinforcing the City’s commitment to developing local talent. Henry’s experience, education, and dedication will strengthen emergency response capabilities and contribute to the department’s long-term success. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Organizational Sustainability; Workforce Development)

Scotch Broom Abatement Project – Phase III Complete:

The department has successfully completed Phase III of the Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office grant-funded

Scotch Broom Abatement Project. This phase removed approximately three acres of highly flammable invasive Scotch broom vegetation from areas adjacent to the UPS Package Center, a local manufacturing facility, and numerous nearby residences.

Reducing this hazardous fuel load significantly lowers wildfire risk, improves defensible space around critical infrastructure and homes, and enhances public safety for residents who regularly walk through the area. The project demonstrates the department's continued commitment to proactive wildfire mitigation and community risk reduction through state-funded partnerships. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Environmental Stewardship; Community Resilience)

Parks and Facilities Department

Seasonal Grounds Maintenance:

Parks crews continued mid-season mowing and vegetation management throughout the City to maintain safe, attractive, and accessible public spaces. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement)

Storm Damage Cleanup:

Crews completed cleanup of wind-damaged trees at Simpson Park and Boynton Park to restore park access and improve public safety. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Infrastructure Improvement)

Ferry Park Improvements:

Crews continued vegetation clearing and tree trimming at Ferry Park in preparation for the installation of a memorial bench. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement; Economic Development)

Parking Lot and Sidewalk Maintenance:

Staff completed curb scraping and cleanup in municipal parking lots, pressure washed sidewalks at Grant Circle and City Hall, and repaired tripping hazards at City Hall and the Municipal Pool. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Infrastructure Improvement)

City Hall Facility Repairs:

Staff coordinated the diagnosis and repair of a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning issue at City Hall. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement; Public Safety)

Highway 101 and Landscape Beautification:

Crews completed litter removal and vegetation cleanup along Highway 101 and maintained landscaping at the Grant Circle waterfall flower bed. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Infrastructure Improvement)

City Property Maintenance:

Staff completed vegetation maintenance at the North Bend Event Tent site and the Coos County Annex property. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement)

Simpson Park Railcar Project:

Staff began improvements to the covered picnic area at the Simpson Park Railcar Building by opening the front windows and installing pea gravel. Benches and picnic tables will be added in a future phase. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement; Economic Development)

Graffiti Removal:

Staff removed and painted over offensive graffiti at Simpson Park, Boynton Park, and Ferry Park. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Infrastructure Improvement)

Community Beautification Projects:

Staff continued beautification efforts in the downtown municipal parking lots, Sherman Hill, and Gorse Park. Repairs and cleaning of the Gorse Park wall were also completed. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Infrastructure Improvement)

Facilities Support:

Facilities staff provided custodial services at the Library for nearly a month and completed a deep cleaning of the Community Center kitchen. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

Municipal Pool**Summer Swim Season:**

Summer swim programming began on June 15, with expanded open swim opportunities available Monday through Saturday during the day and evening swims on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Infrastructure Improvement)

Public Safety Training Partnership:

Throughout the summer, the Municipal Pool is hosting rescue swimmers from the Coos County Sheriff's Office every other Monday for deep-water rescue training. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Economic Development)

July Jubilee Community Swim:

The Municipal Pool will offer a free public swim on Saturday, July 18, in celebration of North Bend's July Jubilee. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Infrastructure Improvement)

North Bend Public Library

State Parks Passes Now Available:

The North Bend Public Library is now lending Oregon State Parks day-use parking permits. Passes may be checked out with a Coastline library card for a one-week loan period and must be checked out from and returned directly to the North Bend Public Library.

The permit covers parking for one vehicle at Oregon State Parks day-use areas statewide. The program is a partnership between the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and the State Library of Oregon to expand access to Oregon's state parks through public libraries. There are currently 200 permits available at 82 libraries across the state, with each participating library receiving up to four permits.

The program was developed to make Oregon's state parks more accessible and affordable for residents. The State Library purchased permits using Library Services and Technology Act funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Historic Newspaper Digitization Project:

The North Bend Public Library and the North Bend Public Library Foundation are partnering with a group of local historians to preserve North Bend's history by digitizing historic newspapers.

The project will digitize the Coos Bay Harbor from 1905 to 1950 and the North Bend News from 1951 to 1986 and make them permanently available online through the University of Oregon's Historic Oregon Newspapers program, providing free public access with no ongoing maintenance costs. The project goal is \$32,175, with more than \$8,000 already pledged by early supporters. Letters of support have been received from the City of North Bend, the Coos History Museum, the Marshfield Sun Printing Museum, the Oregon Coast Historic Railway, and the Coquille Valley History Museum.

Community members wishing to support the project may make tax-deductible donations to the North Bend Public Library Foundation by mailing a check to 1800 Sherman Avenue, North Bend, Oregon 97459, with "NB Digital Newspapers" in the memo line, or by donating online through the Foundation's PayPal site. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Financial Sustainability)

Summer Reading Program:

The library's Summer Reading Program continues through August 14, offering activities and events for children, teens, and adults as part of this year's theme, Plant a Seed, Read. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Hands-On Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics Programs for Children:

Throughout July, the North Bend Public Library will offer a series of hands-on science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics programs that encourage children to explore science, art, and nature through interactive learning experiences.

Programs include Bee Amazed! for ages 3–12 on Thursday, July 16, from 4:00–5:30 p.m.; Nature Art for ages 5–12 on Wednesday, July 22, at 10:30 a.m.; and Fruit Stamping for ages 2–5 on Wednesday, July 29, from 10:30–11:00 a.m. Programs are designed for specific age groups to provide developmentally appropriate learning opportunities while encouraging creativity, curiosity, and exploration. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Watersheds and Pollinators Presentation:

The North Bend Public Library will host Watersheds and Pollinators on Thursday, July 23, at 6:00 p.m. Presented by Alexa Carleton of the Coos Watershed Association, the program will explore watersheds, their importance to local ecosystems, wildlife, and water quality, and ways residents can support pollinators through backyard habitats and environmentally friendly practices. This free educational program offers practical information for anyone interested in learning more about the South Coast's natural environment and local conservation efforts. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Artificial Intelligence for Beginners Series:

Teens and adults interested in artificial intelligence and digital literacy are invited to attend the free three-part series, Artificial Intelligence for Beginners: What You Might Want to Know, taught by educator Max Bright.

The July sessions include Growing Digital Literacy: Healthy Habits for Using Artificial Intelligence Responsibly on Friday, July 24, at 12:00 p.m., covering online safety, privacy, misinformation, and responsible artificial intelligence use; and Plant a Prompt: Growing Creative Projects with ChatGPT on Friday, July 31, at 12:00 p.m., featuring hands-on exploration of prompts and creative uses of artificial intelligence. The series is designed to help participants better understand how artificial intelligence works and how to use it responsibly. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

City Recorder and Human Resources

Recruitment Updates:

The City Recorder recently participated in interviews for the Temporary Parks Maintenance Worker position, which received seven applicants; the full-time Parks Maintenance Worker position, which received 35 applicants; and Lifeguard interviews, which received six applicants. The City is also recruiting for a Police Officer position with the North Bend Police Department. The recruitment is open until filled. Interested applicants can learn more and apply at www.northbendoregon.gov/jobs. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety; Economic Development)

Human Resources Support:

Temporary human resources consulting services through Human Resources Answers began on July 1 to provide support while the City Recorder and Human Resources Manager is on maternity leave, which is anticipated to begin later next month. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability)

Safety Committee Update:

The upcoming Safety Committee meeting will focus on department safety inspection checklists. While each department uses inspection forms tailored to its specific work environment and potential hazards, all checklists are designed to identify and address safety concerns before they become problems. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Municipal Election Update:

As of July 7, the following candidates have filed with the City Elections Official for the November 2026 Municipal Election: Jenny Jones, incumbent, City Councilor; Andrew Brainard, City Councilor; Mary Jo Golder, City Councilor; Harry Haines VII, Mayor; and Jessica Engelke, Mayor. Candidate packets for Mayor and City Council positions are available by appointment through the City Recorder's Office. Completed petitions must be filed by August 25, 2026. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Policy Review)

Police Department

June Police Activity Summary:

During June, North Bend Police officers responded to 1,885 calls for service while continuing proactive enforcement and community policing efforts throughout the City. Officers investigated five assaults, 20 traffic crashes, six burglaries, 93 criminal trespass complaints, 31 disorderly conduct incidents, 11 Driving While Suspended violations, eight harassment cases, and two Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants arrests. Officers also responded to two overdose incidents, investigated one sex abuse case, 21 thefts, four stolen vehicle reports, two vehicle break-ins, and served 20 warrant arrests. Officers conducted 367 traffic stops during the month as part of ongoing traffic safety and enforcement efforts. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Reserve Program Update:

The North Bend Police Department Reserve Program continues to support department operations through volunteer service. During June, three reserve officers contributed a combined 63 volunteer hours. In addition, four reserve officer candidates are currently undergoing background investigations and are expected to further strengthen the department upon completion of the hiring process, reserve academy training, and field training. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Airport Security Exercise:

Police administration participated in a Transportation Security Administration Level III Airport Security Breach tabletop exercise. The exercise brought together partner agencies to evaluate emergency response procedures,

communications, and coordinated decision-making during a significant aviation security incident. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Officer Lovell Graduates from Basic Police Academy:

Officer Lovell successfully graduated from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Basic Police Academy and returned to North Bend, where she resumed field training with department Field Training Officers. While attending the academy, Officer Lovell volunteered for the academy Honor Guard, committing additional time and training beyond standard requirements. She escorted the American and Oregon state flags during the graduation ceremony and concluded the ceremony by performing the National Anthem. Her additional academy assignments reflect positively on both herself and the North Bend Police Department. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Annual Organizational Meeting:

The department held its annual organizational meeting to review accomplishments, evaluate priorities, and establish goals for the coming year. Members reaffirmed their commitment to identifying innovative resources that enhance police services while increasing engagement with community events and strengthening partnerships throughout North Bend. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Patrol Vehicle Damage:

Two patrol vehicles were intentionally damaged involving a different transient individual than the last incident. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to the Coos County Jail before being booked and released. Damage estimates include approximately \$1,455 to Patrol Vehicle 11 and approximately \$3,555 to Patrol Vehicle 17. Criminal charges have been submitted through the normal judicial process. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Oregon State Hospital and Competency Restoration Update:

During the monthly Chiefs and Sheriff meeting, regional law enforcement agencies received an update regarding recent changes affecting the Oregon State Hospital and the competency restoration process. Agencies were advised that recent federal court rulings and changes in state law have significantly reduced the number of defendants eligible for admission after being found unable to aid and assist in their own defense. As a result, officers will continue enforcing criminal laws as normal; however, some individuals suffering from severe mental illness may be booked and released without prosecution due to current legal limitations. Agencies anticipate these changes may contribute to an increase in quality-of-life crimes, including criminal trespass, criminal mischief, theft, littering, and drug-related offenses. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

K9 Athena Midyear Activity:

K9 Athena continues to be a valuable regional law enforcement resource. During the first six months of 2026, K9 Athena assisted in the seizure of approximately 90.274 grams of methamphetamine, 49.749 grams of fentanyl, 10 grams of heroin, and 0.83 grams of cocaine. Athena also located 12 knives, two handguns, 16 rounds of ammunition, and one baton during deployments. During this same period, K9 deployments resulted in 36 arrests while continuing to support the North Bend Police Department and numerous partner agencies throughout the region. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Third of July Fireworks Public Safety Support:

Officers assisted with public safety operations during the annual Ko-Kwel Casino Resort Third of July fireworks celebration, providing support to ensure safe and orderly community event operations. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Automated License Plate Reader System Update:

The department's automated license plate reader system continued to provide valuable investigative leads during June. The technology alerted officers to eight stolen license plates, two stolen vehicles, and one missing

person, demonstrating the continued effectiveness of the system in supporting public safety and criminal investigations.

In addition, the automated license plate reader system's June Sharing Snapshot reflected nine active in-state sharing relationships as of June 30, 2026. The department currently maintains in-state sharing partnerships only, with no out-of-state or federal sharing enabled. Both statewide and nationwide networks remain disabled, reflecting the department's current configuration and compliance settings. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

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



NORTH BEND'S 123RD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

JULY 17-18 & 19, 2026

Various Locations Throughout the City



THREE DAYS OF



Honored
Citizen Awards



Sip N' Stroll



Show 'n Shine



July Jubilee
Jaunt 5K



Disc Golf
Tournament



Family Fun
Activities



Historic
Walking Tour



Little Ole Opry
on the Bay

*Plan Your
July Jubilee Weekend!*

- ✓ Full Schedule
- ✓ Event Details
- ✓ Registration Links
- ✓ Visitor Information

SCAN FOR COMPLETE DETAILS!



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SATURDAY, JULY 18

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Show 'n Shine	North Bend Lanes
8:00 AM	July Jubilee Jaunt – 5K Run/Walk Start: Boardwalk end • Finish: Grant Circle	Boardwalk/ Grant Circle
10:30 AM	Disc Golf Tournament (Registration Required)	Ferry Road Park / Winsor Park
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Jump Into Jubilee Family Fun FREE	Pony Village Mall
6:00 PM	Softball Game Fundraiser	Clyde Allen Field
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Little Ole Opry on the Bay – Country Opry	Liberty Theatre



SUNDAY, JULY 19

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Historic Walking Tour FREE Meet at North Bend Visitor Center 745 California Avenue	Downtown North Bend
2:00 – 4:00 PM	Little Ole Opry on the Bay – Country Opry	Liberty Theatre

