



NORTH BEND CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT | JULY 28, 2026

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Finance Department

Property Tax Filing:

Finance staff filed the required property tax paperwork with Coos County for both the City of North Bend and the North Bend Urban Renewal Agency. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability)

New Fiscal Year Payroll Transition:

The Payroll Department completed the transition to the new fiscal year budget. This included setting up new pay rates and processing adjustments related to collective bargaining agreements and payroll allocations. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability)

Fiscal Year 2026 Year-End Closing:

The Finance Department has begun the Fiscal Year 2026 year-end closing process. Staff are reviewing fund balances and recording payroll-related accruals to ensure expenses and liabilities are reported in the correct fiscal year. This work includes reviewing federal and state tax withholdings, health and dental insurance, wages, transit taxes, Public Employees Retirement System contributions, and voluntary retirement deductions.

The year-end closing process will continue through October as staff reviews financial activity, confirms balances, and completes the necessary adjustments to properly close the fiscal year. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Policy Review)

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Loaded:

The Fiscal Year 2027 budget has been loaded into the City's financial software. This annual process requires preparing a specially formatted file for import into the accounting system and carefully reviewing the settings in the import journal module. Staff must ensure the system correctly identifies whether each budget amount should be recorded as a debit or credit based on the normal balance of each account. Because this process occurs only once each year, careful review is important to ensure the budget is imported accurately and the City's financial system is ready for the new fiscal year. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Policy Review)

Public Works, Building Codes, and Planning

Public Works office staff are working on a master code document revision, with the Housing Assistance Program of Oregon offering to finance part of the work to update the code in relation to recent housing legislation.

Staff are also working on final plans in preparation for 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. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

1858 Union Avenue Parking Lot:

Staff are soliciting quotes from paving contractors to excavate, install base material, and pave the parking lot at 1858 Union Avenue, the former Bay Cleaners property. This work will complete the restoration of the structure. The City will also partner with the owner of 1842 Union Avenue to pave that lot, with costs shared proportionately based on the area paved. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

Meade Street Resurfacing:

Street Department staff are soliciting quotes for replacement of two disabled-access ramps at Florida 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 have finished the Liberty Street sewer replacement and another segment on Lombard Street west of A Street. Pavement replacement on Liberty Street is expected to occur in early August, after City Council approval of the paving contract. (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. Annual disposal is roughly 600,000 gallons, and the City has hauled a little more than 220,000 gallons to date. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Financial Sustainability; Infrastructure Improvement)

Street Maintenance Division

July Jubilee Support:

Street crews cleaned the route and staging areas prior to the July Jubilee Jaunt and provided traffic control for various July Jubilee events. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development; Infrastructure Improvement)

Scheduled Street Work:

Street crews are preparing for striping replacement and crack sealing on Sherman Avenue and Meade Street. The Oregon Department of Transportation is also anticipated to provide the City's annual roadway restriping during the first or second week of August when crews come through to stripe state roadways. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Infrastructure Improvement)

Visitor Information Center

2026 July Jubilee Recap:

North Bend celebrated its 123rd birthday with another successful July Jubilee, bringing the community together for three days of family-friendly events.

Friday, July 17 featured the Honored Citizen Awards at the North Bend Public Library, where approximately 70 attendees recognized Citizen of the Year Rick Stevens, Continued Contributions Award recipient Andrew Brainard, and Business of the Year Engles Furniture & Mattress. The celebration included a birthday cake donated by Ko-Kwel Casino Resort. Downtown also welcomed approximately 250 attendees for the North

Bend Main Street Sip N' Stroll, followed by entertainment at the Liberty Theatre's OPRY and the After Stroll at Back Alley Pub.

Saturday, July 18 included 124 runners in the July Jubilee Jaunt, approximately 100 vehicles in the Show 'N Shine, a Disc Golf Tournament, hundreds of families enjoying activities at Pony Village Mall, and the North Bend vs. Coos Bay softball fundraiser, which raised more than \$6,000 for the Ian Spalding Memorial Scholarship.

Sunday, July 19 concluded the weekend with the Downtown Discovery Tour, featuring the first public viewing of the Merci Boxcar at its new location and free fire truck rides provided by the North Bend Fire Department.

The three-day celebration attracted visitors from throughout the region while providing residents an opportunity to gather and celebrate the community. Planning is already underway for next year's July Jubilee, scheduled for July 16–18, 2027. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

North Bend Main Street

Upcoming Main Street Events:

North Bend Main Street is building on the success of July Jubilee while planning for upcoming fall and holiday events, as well as preparing to host the 2027 Oregon Main Street Conference in North Bend.

Upcoming events include Downtown Discovery Tours on August 21 and September 26, Sip N' Stroll and After Stroll on October 9, Halloween Extravaganza on October 24, and Hot Cocoa Crawl on December 5. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Urban Renewal Agency and Economic Development

Façade Improvement Grant Program Now Open:

The Urban Renewal Agency's Façade Improvement Grant Program is now open for qualifying properties within the Urban Renewal Area. Funding is limited, and applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis while funds remain available.

Property owners interested in determining eligibility or learning more about the program are encouraged to contact Community Development Manager Stephanie Wilson at swilson@northbendoregon.gov. The Urban Renewal Area boundary map is available at northbendoregon.gov. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

North Bend Public Library

Community Engagement:

The North Bend Public Library hosted the July Jubilee Kick-Off Celebration and Honored Citizen Awards on Friday, July 17. Approximately 70 community members attended the cake cutting and awards ceremony, celebrating volunteerism, civic pride, and the individuals who make North Bend a stronger community.

Library staff also represented the Coos County Library Service District at the Coos County Fair, providing information about library services and programs. This annual outreach effort is supported by the State Library of Oregon's Ready to Read grant, which provides free books and science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics activity kits for children. The North Bend Public Library also contributed donated books for adults, helping connect fairgoers of all ages with reading opportunities. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Summer Reading Program:

Summer Reading Program participation continues to grow, with more than 460 community members registered to participate. The program runs through August 14 and continues to offer a variety of educational and entertaining activities for children, teens, and adults. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Fruit Stamping:

Children ages 2–5 are invited to explore colors, textures, and creativity during Fruit Stamping on Wednesday, July 29, from 10:30–11:00 a.m. Participants will create unique works of art using fruit as stamps. Families are encouraged to dress children in clothing suitable for messy activities. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Little Shop of Rocky Horrors — Interactive Movie Night:

Teens and adults are invited to Little Shop of Rocky Horrors: An Interactive Movie Night on Thursday, July 30, at 6:00 p.m.

As part of the library's Plant a Seed, Read! Summer Reading theme, this interactive screening of Little Shop of Horrors encourages attendees to sing along, dress in costume, dance, and participate throughout the film in the spirit of classic interactive movie events. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Teen Improv Class:

Teens ages 13–18 are invited to discover the fun of improvisational theater during a free Teen Improv Class on Tuesday, August 4, at 4:00 p.m.

Led by Desireé Glenn Gaoiran of Acting Up, this one-hour workshop introduces participants to the fundamentals of improv through games, activities, and creative exercises. No previous theater experience is required. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

The Spectacular Seed Diversity in Oregon:

Community members are invited to explore the fascinating world of seeds with Oregon State Parks Ranger Ryder Frey during The Spectacular Seed Diversity in Oregon! on Thursday, August 6, at 6:00 p.m.

Participants will learn how seeds are dispersed by wind, water, and animals, the important role they play in Oregon's ecosystems, and the remarkable adaptations that help native plants survive and thrive. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Children's Messtival:

Library staff are preparing for the annual Children's Messtival: A Messy Festival, which will be held on Saturday, August 8, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. behind the library on Union Street.

This free celebration marks the conclusion of the 2026 Summer Reading Program and invites children ages 3–12 to explore messy hands-on activities, including Oobleck, paint, foam, water play, and more. Children must be accompanied by a caring adult, and participants are encouraged to bring towels, a change of clothes, and dress for messy fun. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Traveling Special Olympics Oregon Exhibit:

The North Bend Public Library will host Brave in the Attempt: Celebrating 50 Years of Special Olympics Oregon, a traveling exhibit from the Oregon Historical Society, from August 3–28, 2026.

Through photographs, stories, and historical artifacts, the exhibit highlights the impact of Special Olympics Oregon on athletes, families, and communities over the past five decades. Visitors will learn how the organization has empowered individuals with intellectual disabilities through sports, education, leadership opportunities, and health programs. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Economic Development)

Fire Department

Wildland Fire Response — Al Pierce Property:

The Fire Department responded to a rapidly spreading grass and brush fire beneath the bridge on the Al Pierce property. Through an established mutual aid agreement, the Coos Forest Protection Association responded with a 10-person suppression crew and four apparatus. Working together, crews successfully contained the fire to just over two acres, preventing significant spread into surrounding vegetation and nearby properties. (City Goals: Protect lives, property, and natural resources; strengthen regional partnerships through effective mutual aid; provide an efficient emergency response utilizing shared resources.)

Multi-Family Residential Structure Fire:

Firefighters responded to a multi-family residential structure fire that displaced six residents. The fire had significant potential to spread throughout the building and threaten adjacent structures. Through the rapid response of North Bend Fire personnel and assistance from a mutual aid engine company from the Coos Bay Fire Department, crews quickly contained the fire to the structure of origin, significantly limiting property loss and preventing a larger community emergency. The American Red Cross was contacted to assist displaced residents by providing temporary shelter and essential supplies during their initial recovery. (City Goals: Protect life and property through rapid emergency response; foster regional cooperation through mutual aid partnerships; support community recovery by coordinating with partner agencies.)

Motor Vehicle Accident — Broadway Avenue Utility Incident:

The Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Broadway Avenue involving a pickup truck that struck a major utility pole carrying primary electrical distribution lines. The collision caused widespread electrical and communication outages throughout portions of the community. Fire personnel secured the scene, established a safe work area, and prevented the public from entering hazardous locations while utility crews completed repairs.

Traffic control assistance was requested from the Oregon Department of Transportation, and multiple utility providers coordinated the replacement of several utility poles over an extended period. This incident demonstrated the importance of strong interagency coordination during critical infrastructure emergencies. (City Goals: Protect public safety during critical incidents; coordinate effectively with partner agencies; maintain community resilience through emergency management.)

Brush Fire — Virginia Avenue:

Firefighters responded to a brush fire involving approximately one-quarter acre of vegetation, including Scotch broom, on property across Virginia Avenue from Taco Bell. Working alongside the Coos Forest Protection Association, crews quickly contained and extinguished the fire before it could spread to nearby properties. For reference, one acre is approximately the size of a football field. (City Goals: Protect lives and property through early fire suppression; reduce wildfire risk through regional partnerships; preserve community safety and environmental resources.)

Marine Rescue Responses:

The Fire Department responded to two separate water rescue incidents during the reporting period. One request originated from the United States Coast Guard, while the second was initiated through the 911 dispatch system. In both cases, rescue personnel responded with trained boat crews and specialized equipment. Although both incidents resolved prior to arrival, personnel remained prepared to provide emergency rescue services had they been needed. (City Goals: Maintain emergency preparedness for all hazards; provide specialized rescue capabilities; ensure rapid response for residents and visitors utilizing local waterways.)

Community Outreach — North Bend High School Football Camp:

Fire Department personnel provided community support by preparing and serving meals during the annual North Bend High School Football Camp, which hosts athletes and coaches from schools throughout Oregon. Over two evenings, firefighters prepared approximately 150 hamburgers and hot dogs each night for participating teams.

This annual event provides an excellent opportunity for firefighters to engage with young people, strengthen community relationships, and positively represent the City of North Bend. Building these connections today helps inspire future generations of public servants and reinforces the Fire Department's commitment to community involvement beyond emergency response. (City Goals: Promote community engagement and public trust; support youth programs and local partnerships; foster future workforce development through positive public interaction.)

Police Department

July Jubilee Public Safety Support:

North Bend Police officers assisted with the annual July Jubilee celebrations, providing traffic control, crowd management, and general public safety services to help ensure a safe and successful community event. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Coos County Fair and Rodeo Support:

Reserve officers assisted with public safety operations during the annual Coos County Fair and Rodeo, providing support alongside partner agencies throughout the event. Their continued volunteer service enhances public safety while strengthening regional partnerships. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Popsicle with a Cop:

The North Bend Police Department launched its first Popsicle with a Cop community policing event at a local neighborhood park. Officers interacted with youth and families while handing out free popsicles and building positive relationships within the community. The department plans to host additional events throughout the summer and hopes to establish the program as an annual community tradition based on its overall success. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Police Officer Recruitment:

The North Bend Police Department is actively accepting applications to fill a vacant Police Officer position. Recruitment efforts continue to focus on attracting highly qualified candidates who are committed to serving the North Bend community and supporting the department's mission. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Oregon Law Enforcement Management Course:

Sergeants Kinney and Dunning successfully completed the Oregon Law Enforcement Management course at the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. The two-week management course provides

current and future law enforcement supervisors with training in leadership, organizational management, decision-making, and supervisory responsibilities. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Street-Level Narcotics Training:

Officer Reed successfully completed the Street-Level Narcotics course, expanding the department's investigative capabilities in narcotics enforcement. The training provided instruction on current drug trends, street-level narcotics investigations, case development, identification of controlled substances, and investigative techniques to support local and regional enforcement efforts. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Sexual Assault Investigation Training:

Detective Stark attended specialized sexual assault investigation training through Oregon's Sexual Assault Task Force. The training provided advanced instruction related to sexual assault investigations, trauma-informed practices, investigative techniques, and best practices to support victims and improve case outcomes. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Oregon Narcotic Enforcement Association Drug Conference:

Officer Martin attended the annual Oregon Narcotic Enforcement Association Drug Conference. The conference provides specialized training on current drug trends, investigative techniques, legal updates, and emerging narcotics issues, helping officers remain current with evolving drug enforcement strategies. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

Evidence Room Security Upgrades:

The department's Evidence Room recently received security upgrades designed to further enhance the storage and accountability of evidence. Improvements included additional security measures for the storage of currency and firearms, further strengthening evidence management practices and safeguarding property held by the department. (North Bend Strategic Plan: Public Safety)

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