

Keep Boardman Clean

The City of Boardman will once again offer its bi-annual Garbage Voucher Program in October, providing residents with an opportunity to dispose of unwanted household items and help keep properties clean. The program continues to be a valuable resource for residents and supports the City's overall efforts to maintain clean and attractive neighborhoods.

In addition, the week of October 5th will be recognized as Keep Boardman Clean – Business Cleanup Week. Local businesses are being encouraged to take some extra time during the week to clean up around their businesses and surrounding areas. The City will provide garbage bags and will pick up filled bags from participating businesses that contact City Hall.

Together, these efforts give both residents and businesses an opportunity to take an active role in keeping Boardman looking its best. The Garbage Voucher Program provides residents with additional disposal options, while Business Cleanup Week encourages our local businesses to help improve the appearance of commercial areas throughout the city.

The City appreciates the continued participation of residents and businesses and looks forward to another successful cleanup effort this October.

Building Future Community Leaders

The City is continuing to move forward with the development of our Youth Advisory Committee, which will provide local high school students with an opportunity to learn more about city government and become involved in their community.

I will be working directly with our local high school to encourage students to participate and help identify young people who are interested in leadership, civic involvement, and making a positive difference in Boardman.

The goals of the Youth Advisory Committee are simple: Educate, Involve, and Empower. We want to educate students about how local government works, involve them in discussions and projects that affect our community, and empower them to share their ideas and perspectives.

This committee will also give the City an opportunity to hear directly from our younger generation while helping students build leadership skills and a better understanding of public service. We look forward to creating a program that gives Boardman's youth a meaningful voice in the future of our community.

Community Engagement

The City of Boardman is sharing information with residents, businesses, and commercial drivers about recent updates to our vehicle and traffic code regarding motor truck routes.

The main purpose of these routes is to protect our roads. Heavy trucks can cause more wear and damage to streets, especially roads that were not designed for frequent truck traffic. By keeping motor trucks on designated routes whenever possible, we can help extend the life of our streets and reduce the need for costly repairs.

There are exceptions for government and utility vehicles, construction or repair work, and trucks making pickups or deliveries. Our goal is to educate drivers and businesses about the updated rules and work together to protect Boardman's streets for the entire community. For additional questions about truck routes or the updated code, please contact the City of Boardman.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

In September 2026, the City of Boardman issued 6 building permits, compared with 8 permits in September 2025, a decrease of 25.0%. Manufactured home placements decreased from 6 permits in September 2025 to none in September 2026, while single-family permits increased from none to 2. No multi-family permits were issued during either period. Year to date, Boardman has issued 157 permits in 2026, compared with 112 during the same period in 2025, an increase of 40.2%. Across the Building Department's full service area, the 2026 year-to-date summary shows 2,137 inspections, 401 plan reviews, 650 application intakes, and 591 permits issued. It is important to note that the September 2026 figures only include activity from September 1 through September 16, so the September comparison is not yet a complete month-to-month comparison and will be updated for the next City Council meeting.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning staff attended the Oregon American Planning Association (OAPA) conference in Seaside, Oregon, themed "Anchored in Place, Navigating Change." The conference provided valuable opportunities to learn new tools, strategies, and approaches that can be applied to the City's planning efforts. Staff also benefited from networking with planning professionals from across Oregon and gaining insight into current planning practices and challenges.

The Planning Department continues to support ongoing development and community growth in Boardman. Staff coordinated pre-application meetings for proposed renovations at Riverside Jr./Sr. High School and rebuilding of the food pantry following the fire. Several other new commercial developments are also currently in process, with staff working with applicants to navigate the City's planning and development requirements.

Strategic Planning Program: You can follow these projects at [here](#) on the City's website.

Completed Projects:

- **Parks Master Plan (PMP):** The Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) has **AFFIRMED** your decision! You can find the Parks Page on the City of Boardman website [here](#).

Projects Underway:

- **Boardman Development Code (BDC) and Comprehensive Plan (CP):** Carla is deep in review mode of both the Comprehensive Plan and the Development Code. The Comprehensive Plan will soon be submitted to the Department of Land Conservation and Development initiating the adoption process. The Development Code is following about six weeks behind that. You can follow the CP/BDC PAC [here](#).
- **Housing Capacity Analysis (HCA):** By the time you read this the HCA PAC and the Planning Commission will both have met to discuss the Housing Capacity Analysis and the Measures to Accommodate Needed Housing documents. You can follow the HCA [here](#).
- **Main Street Interchange Area Management Plan Refinement (MS IAMP):** By the time you read this the TAC and PAC will have held their third meetings which focused on preferred alternatives. You can follow the MS IAMP project [here](#).

Other Programmatic work:

- **System Development Charge (SDC) Update:** Changes to the Boardman Municipal Code provisions that govern SDCs are before you in October. The 90-day comment period to consider the methodology and future fee structure is coming soon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Activity

During the September reporting period, the Boardman Police Department handled **405 total incidents**, consisting of **165 calls for service** and **240 officer-initiated incidents**.

Officer-initiated activity included **175 traffic stops**, **7 business/building checks**, and **38 vehicle/pedestrian checks**.

Officers completed **34 cases**, made **9 arrests**, and issued **28 citations** during the reporting period.

The 34 cases included **1 crash case**, **1 felony case**, **13 information cases**, **11 misdemeanor cases**, **3 voided cases**, and **4 unclassified cases**. All 9 arrests during the reporting period were misdemeanor arrests.

Reporting Period

This month's statistics reflect a **shorter reporting period than normal**. The department was asked to submit its month-end report approximately **five days earlier than our normal reporting schedule**. As a result, the September statistics do not represent the same number of reporting days as previous months.

Because of the shortened reporting period, the September totals should not be directly compared with previous full reporting periods without taking the difference in reporting days into consideration. The lower totals do not necessarily represent a decrease in calls for service, enforcement activity, or overall workload.

Personnel and Staffing

Staffing continues to be one of the department's primary challenges. The department is currently **down three officers**. Two of those positions have been filled with newly hired recruits who will be attending the police academy.

Although those positions are technically filled, the recruits must complete academy and field training before they can function independently. Until that occurs, our available staffing remains below normal operational levels.

Existing personnel continue to manage calls for service, investigations, proactive enforcement, training, and minimum staffing requirements while the new officers progress through the training process.

Traffic Safety

Impaired driving and hit-and-run crashes continue to be concerns within the community.

Officers continue to remain vigilant for impaired and unsafe drivers through both proactive traffic enforcement and calls for service. We will continue emphasizing traffic safety and encouraging drivers to make responsible decisions before getting behind the wheel.

Hit-and-run crashes also remain an issue. Officers continue investigating these incidents and reminding motorists that leaving the scene of a crash generally makes an already difficult situation significantly worse.

E-Bikes, Scooters, and Helmet Safety

The department continues to address concerns involving **e-bikes, motor-assisted scooters, and similar devices**, particularly involving younger riders.

We continue to see issues involving unsafe operation, helmet use, failure to follow traffic rules, and riders operating in areas where their actions can create a hazard for pedestrians or motorists.

Our officers continue to emphasize education, particularly when dealing with juveniles, while taking enforcement action when appropriate. We also encourage parents to become familiar with the rules that apply to the devices their children are operating.

As e-bikes and scooters become increasingly common in our community, rider education and compliance will remain an area of focus for the department.

Noise and Quality-of-Life Complaints

Noise complaints and loud music continue to be an ongoing concern.

These complaints are particularly disruptive during evening and nighttime hours and can significantly affect the quality of life within residential neighborhoods.

Officers continue responding to these complaints and seeking voluntary compliance when appropriate. When voluntary compliance is unsuccessful or circumstances warrant, officers will take appropriate enforcement action.

Looking Ahead

The department's priorities moving forward include maintaining adequate staffing while our newly hired officers complete academy and field training, maintaining proactive police services, addressing impaired driving and hit-and-run crashes, responding to recurring noise complaints, and continuing education and enforcement efforts involving e-bikes, scooters, and helmet use.

Although this month's statistical totals are lower due in part to the **five-day-shorter reporting period**, our officers continue to balance calls for service with proactive enforcement, investigations, traffic safety, community concerns, and the other responsibilities necessary to provide effective law enforcement services.

The Boardman Police Department remains committed to providing **professional, responsive, and community-focused law enforcement services** to the citizens of Boardman.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

General Operations

Public Works completed daily tasks including locates, utility checks, work orders, rounds and regular system monitoring to keep city operations running smoothly. Working with contractors on NE Front Street, Columbia View, and N Main St. lighting. New integrator of record G6 has been working hard to get our SCADA system more user friendly and able to track trends better. Completed sidewalk project on Mt. Hood, Mt. Everest, and Mt. Adams.

Water/Wastewater

Staff continues to replace old and non-working water meters throughout the system. Crews are also locating and sizing the high school meters and hydrants for GO Construction. Proofing of the City's water rights has been completed. G6 is assisting with improvements to the SCADA system to improve communication with all three collectors, while Boardman Fire District continues hydrant inspections. New meters are also being installed at the Unity and River Ridge developments. Staff continues regular lift station washdowns and construction of the new headworks at the lagoon. Lift Stations 4 and 6 are also being cleaned in preparation for AP's survey work related to their future replacement.

Streets, Parks, Facilities & Equipment

Staff completed wiring for the streetlight luminaires and bases along North Main Street and NE Front Street. Crews continue irrigation and weekly mowing of more than 20 acres of City park property, along with brush hogging City-owned properties when Red Flag warnings are not in effect. The new Dog Park has been completed, and asphalt work on NE Front Street now connects to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Streets. Silver Creek completed sidewalk improvements on Mt. Hood, Mt. Everest, and at the corner of Faler and Mt. Hood. Staff also installed two new cluster box units (CBUs) for mail and is relocating two additional CBUs on Faler near Mt. Hood. Equipment maintenance and servicing continued, and new crosswalk signs were installed near Sam Boardman and Windy River schools. Chip seal work was also completed on NE Boardman Avenue, Anderson Road, Willowfork Drive, Cottonwood Loop, and Wilson Road.

Training & Certifications

Staff continues CIS training for 2026, along with training on the new iPERL meters, automatic meter reading system, and implementation of the iamGIS asset management program. In addition, one employee successfully earned a water distribution certification.

Animal Control

Staff responded to multiple dog-related calls and transports and continues working with local vendors to ensure compliance with permitting requirements.

Betterment of our Community – City Manager Outreach

This is a way for myself and the Council to keep in mind the importance of ongoing outreach to our community and highlight what has been done and will be upcoming for the future.

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| A. Community Developers | K. Boardman Senior Center Board |
| B. NEACT Advisory Board | L. Irrigon City Manager |
| C. Morrow Clean Water Consortium | M. MIRL Program Rules Advisory |
| D. Boardman Chamber | N. Chamber 3 rd Quarter Luncheon |
| E. MPMG Range Groundbreaking | O. Housing Capacity Analysis PAC |
| F. Port of Morrow Commission | P. Morrow County Commissioner |
| G. Regional Partnerships | Q. Health District Board |
| H. BCDA Economic Development | R. BCDA Workshop |
| I. Community Counseling Solutions | S. Public Risk Management Conference |
| J. Stepping Stones Alliance Open House | |

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 2026-27

General	Status	Timeline	Cost Estimate
Police Department Expansion Design	In Design	Current	\$900,000
Splash Pad	In Progress	Current	\$700,000
BPA Rock	In Progress	Current	\$100,000
Building/Planning			
Housing Capacity Analysis	In Progress	Current	\$100,000
Development Code/Comp Plan	In Progress	December 2026	\$120,000
North URA			
NE Front	In Progress	Current	\$4,515,000
Parks			
Master Parks Design	In Bid Process	Current	\$150,000
Pickleball	In Design	Current	\$100,000
Dog Park Bathroom	In Design	Current	\$25,000
Park Improvements	In Design	Current	\$50,000
Sewer Reserve			
Headworks Station	In Progress	Current	\$900,000
Wastewater Facility Plan	In Progress	Current	\$50,000
Stormwater Flow	In Progress	Current	\$300,000
Lift Station 4 & 6	In Design	Current	\$1,000,000
Streets Reserve			
Oregon Trail	In Design	Current	\$4,300,000
Annual Street Improvements	In Progress	Current	\$660,000
Annual Sidewalk Improvements	In Progress	Current	\$300,000
Main Street IAMP	In Progress	Current	\$120,000
Main Street Off Ramp Improvements	In Design	Current	\$200,000
Kinkade	In Design	Current	\$200,000
Water Reserve			
Water Management Plan	In Progress	Current	\$50,000
Reservoir Recoating	In Progress	Current	\$450,000
Kunze Well	In Design	Current	\$1,000,000
Collector 2 Generator	In Progress	Current	\$650,000