

Centennial Celebration

The City of Boardman is getting ready for a very special year! In 2027, we will celebrate 100 years since Boardman was officially incorporated in 1927. While the City was already holding regular meetings as early as 1921, official incorporation did not happen until six years later. In 2014, the City requested that 1921 be recognized as Boardman's official founding date.

Our 2027 centennial celebration will be a chance to look back at how far Boardman has come, celebrate the many accomplishments of our community, and have some fun along the way. The City would like to hire an event coordinator to help plan and oversee the celebration, coordinate activities, and help make the year memorable for our residents and visitors.

We are excited to celebrate Boardman's history and the people who have helped shape our community. Get ready for a fun year of celebrating Boardman! Looking even further ahead, the City will recognize its 150-year celebration in 2071, based on the 1921 founding date.

Building Boardman Together

The Boardman Community Development Association, also known as BCDA, was established in 1999 to help improve the Boardman community. BCDA supports housing, local businesses, job training, community beautification, and long-term growth.

On September 29, the City Council will meet with the BCDA Board to review current projects and discuss upcoming opportunities. This meeting will help both organizations stay informed, share ideas, and continue working toward common goals. The partnership between the City and BCDA is important to the future of Boardman. By working together, we can make better use of resources, support projects that benefit our residents, and continue improving the overall livability and quality of life in our community.

Community Engagement

A survey was sent out to the community to gather ideas for the future of the Columbia and Main property. So far, 67 responses have been received, with 82% coming from local residents.

The community would like the property to become a welcoming place for families and community activities. Family-friendly uses were the top choice at 43%, followed by community events at 25% and creating a vibrant destination at 15%. Other ideas included attracting new visitors, adding a restaurant, and creating useful community space. Overall, the results show strong support for making this property a fun, active place that brings people together.

Investing in Boardman's Streets

The City of Boardman continues to make good progress on several street improvement projects. Chip seal maintenance has begun on Boardman Avenue, Oregon Trail Boulevard, Anderson Road, Willow Fork Drive, Cottonwood Loop, and Wilson Road. Chip sealing helps protect the roadway from weather and daily wear, extends the life of the pavement, and reduces the need for more costly repairs in the future.

The NE Front Street improvement project is also progressing nicely and is moving toward completion. Crews continue work on roadway improvements, utilities, drainage, sidewalks, street lighting, paving, striping, signage, and final cleanup.

The City appreciates the patience and cooperation of residents, businesses, and drivers as we continue investing in and improving Boardman's streets and infrastructure.

Columbia View Development

The City continues to work toward creating more affordable housing opportunities in Boardman. As part of this effort, the City is moving forward with the Columbia View Development and preparing the properties for future housing development. Completing the plat, replat, and surplus process is an important next step in making these properties available and supporting continued housing growth in our community.

Before the City can begin the surplus process for the Columbia View Development properties, the final plat must first be approved and signed by all required parties. This includes completing the County Commissioner approval process. Once all signatures and approvals are complete, the plat can be officially recorded.

Before the property is surplus, the City will also need to replat the area where the cottage cluster housing will be located. This will ensure the lots are properly configured for the planned cottage cluster development.

Once the plat and replat processes are complete and recorded, the City can begin the formal surplus process. The City will provide public notice and hold a public hearing regarding the proposed surplus properties. Information presented at the hearing will include the location of each property and its estimated value. Following the public hearing, a resolution will be prepared for City Council consideration formally declaring the properties surplus.

Once the resolution is approved, the City can move forward with the appropriate process for disposing of or selling the properties for future housing development.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Boardman permit activity was significantly lower in August 2026 compared with August 2025. A total of 6 permits were sold in August 2026, compared with 21 permits in August 2025, a decrease of 15 permits, or 71.4%. Much of the difference was due to manufactured home placement permits. In August 2025, Boardman issued 16 manufactured home placement permits, while none were issued in August 2026. There were also no new home construction permits or multi-family units reported in either August period. Overall, the August 2026 numbers show a noticeable slowdown in permit activity from the same time last year, although general permit activity outside of manufactured home placements remained relatively similar.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Warmer weather has brought an uptick in development projects, large and small, across Boardman. Many of these efforts directly advance our ongoing city strategic plan, keeping pace with an increasing demand for both residential and commercial development. Notably, construction is slated to begin soon on the newly approved Wilson Lane multifamily project, which will bring 240 new residential units to our community upon full build-out.

In addition to physical growth, tracking local data remains a high priority. The 2026 Portland State University (PSU) Population Survey has been successfully submitted for the reporting period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. These annual estimates are critical, as they direct the fair distribution of state-shared revenue, support our local planning decisions, and provide highly accurate data regarding net population changes since the last decennial Census. For community members interested in future growth trends, the upcoming Population Forecast for Morrow County relies heavily on historical models. You can view the previously published 2023 data via the [Portland State University Past Forecasts Hub](#).

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

Nearly Completed Projects:

- **Parks Master Plan (PMP):** The Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) has heard oral argument on the PMP appeal and should issue its decision by mid-September. You can follow the PMP [here](#). You can find the Parks Page on the City of Boardman website [here](#).

Projects Underway:

- **Boardman Development Code (BDC) and Comprehensive Plan (CP):** The consultant team is prepping the final Comprehensive Plan preparing for the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) notice and public hearings. The Development Code is not quite to that point but is getting closer with staff having received the final review copy. You can follow the CP/BDC PAC [here](#).
- **Housing Capacity Analysis (HCA):** The next big deliverable is coming with the 3rd PAC scheduled for September 21 and a workshop on September 24. You can follow the HCA [here](#).
- **Main Street Interchange Area Management Plan Refinement (MS IAMP):** The TAC and PAC have reviewed alternatives. Now those alternatives are being sorted and evaluated for implementation. You can follow the MS IAMP project [here](#).

Other Programmatic work: Work is also progressing on other projects with a planning focus. Those include the:

- **System Development Charge (SDC) Update:** We are getting close to initiating the 90-day comment period. There will also be an update to the Municipal Code provisions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

During the reporting period, the Boardman Police Department handled 553 total incidents, consisting of 233 calls for service and 320 officer-initiated incidents.

Officer-initiated activity included 231 traffic stops, 23 business/building checks, and 50 vehicle/pedestrian checks. Officers completed 49 cases, made 16 arrests, issued 63 citations, and completed 2 field interviews during the reporting period.

Personnel and Staffing

The department is currently down three sworn officers. Two of those positions have been filled with newly hired recruits who will be attending the police academy. While these hires are an important step toward returning the department to full staffing, the recruits will require academy training and field training before they can function as independent officers.

As a result, staffing continues to present challenges for the department. Current personnel continue to manage calls for service, investigations, proactive enforcement, and other department responsibilities while the new officers progress through the training process.

Traffic Safety and Enforcement

Impaired driving and hit-and-run crashes continue to be significant concerns within the community. Officers continue to emphasize traffic enforcement and remain vigilant for impaired and unsafe drivers.

The department continues to encourage motorists to make responsible transportation decisions when consuming alcohol and reminds drivers that anyone involved in a traffic crash has responsibilities at the scene. Traffic safety will remain an enforcement priority as we work to reduce impaired driving and hit-and-run incidents within Boardman.

Community Concerns – Noise Complaints

The department continues to receive complaints involving excessive noise and loud music. These complaints can have a significant impact on neighborhoods, particularly during evening and nighttime hours.

Officers continue to respond to these calls and work to address violations while encouraging voluntary compliance whenever appropriate. The department will continue monitoring these complaints and taking appropriate enforcement action when necessary.

Activity Comparison

Overall activity decreased from 658 incidents in July to 553 incidents during the August reporting period. Calls for service remained relatively consistent, increasing slightly from 229 to 233.

Officer-initiated activity decreased from 429 to 320 incidents, which included a reduction in traffic stops from 305 to 231. However, business/building checks increased from 4 to 23. Case activity increased from 42 cases in July to 49 cases in August. Officers made 16 arrests during the reporting period and issued 63 citations.

Looking Ahead

The department's immediate priorities remain maintaining adequate staffing while our newly hired officers complete their required training, addressing impaired driving and hit-and-run crashes, responding to neighborhood quality-of-life concerns such as excessive noise, and maintaining proactive police services throughout the community.

Despite our current staffing challenges, department personnel continue working to provide professional and responsive 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.

Water/Wastewater

Staff continued replacing old and nonworking water meters, improving water valving along NE Front Street, installing new meters at the Unity and River Ridge developments, and working on SCADA improvements for the City's three collectors. Staff also continued proofing water rights, replaced and raised a hydrant near NE 1st Street and Front Street, and restored irrigation to the NE Front green area.

Wastewater and stormwater work included lift station washdowns, cleaning Lift Stations 4 and 6 for upcoming replacement surveys, completing new storm drains on NE Front Street at 2nd and 3rd Streets, continuing automation improvements at the Circle 52 irrigation pivot, and moving forward with construction of the new lagoon headworks.

Streets, Parks, Facilities & Equipment

Staff continued work on streetlights along North Main Street and NE Front Street, maintained irrigation and mowed more than 20 acres of park grass each week, and completed improvements at the new dog park, which is now open. Crews also continued curb, gutter, and sidewalk work along NE Front Street, while NE Boardman Avenue, NE 3rd Street, and NE 4th Street are complete and open for travel.

Additional work included brush hogging City properties when fire conditions allowed, completing sidewalks on Mt. Hood, Mt. Everest, and near Faler Road, and installing or

relocating mailbox units. Staff also maintained City equipment, installed a new Hunter lift at the City Shop, and used the Genie lift to work on crosswalk signs near Sam Boardman and Windy River schools.

Training & Certifications

Staff continued CIS training for 2026, along with water treatment certification training for three employees. Additional training included the new iPERL meter and automated reading system, as well as implementation of the City's new iamGIS asset management program.

Animal Control

Staff responded to several dog-related calls and transports, continued working with local vendors on permit compliance, and coordinated weed control at the lagoons and other City properties. Staff also worked with residents along NE Boardman Avenue, Anderson Road, Willowfork, and Cottonwood Loop to prepare for temporary parking restrictions during chip seal work.

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 Partners Collaboration | J. Oregon Office of Rural Health Regional |
| B. Portland General Electric | K. Stakeholder Collaboration |
| C. Morrow Clean Water Consortium | L. Boardman Soccer Opening Ceremonies |
| D. Fire District Board | M. Police Department Building Review |
| E. BCDA Economic Development | N. Morrow County Health District CEO |
| F. Oregon Department of
Transportation | O. Safety Committee |
| G. Morrow County Commissioner | P. Park and Rec District Board |
| H. League of Oregon Cities | Q. PATH Advisory Board |
| I. Army Corp of Engineers | R. Morrow County Planning |
| | S. Health District Board |

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