



Boardman Park & Recreation District  
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George Shimer, CEO

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Dear City Council,

The Boardman Park & Recreation District is pleased to share with you the events we have been involved with. We are grateful for the collaboration and cooperation of everyone in helping us serve the community.

For your understanding, the District is a local government district. We have a bond that is currently costing the taxpayers 34.6 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. Originally the rate was 97 cents. This Bond was issued for the purpose of paying for the construction of the Recreation Center, not the operations. We also have a loan with the Bank of Eastern Oregon. This loan was taken out to pay off the rest of the construction cost. This year we will make our last payment on that loan.

We are part of the Special Districts Association of Oregon. We lean on SDAO for administration guidance as well as legal support for the board. Our local 5-member board is made up of the following people with the year they started in parenthesis: Chair- Krista Price (2007), Vice Chair- John Christy (2021), Sec/Treasure David Boor (2020), Norma Ayala (2021), Luis Campos (2023). Our board meetings are set for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, except for December.

As you all know we have the best kept secret along the Columbia River for an RV Park. (I don't even know why we put money into advertising.) The maintenance crew does a wonderful job keeping the grounds as green as possible. Our goal is to provide a safe and beautiful location for guests to come to for relaxation and recreation. We are finishing up our long term stays for the winter at the end of March. For this next summer season, we are already 50% booked with the holiday weekends 100% booked.

As with the City, we too, are working on our annual budget. We will have three new people on our 5-member budget committee this year.

We are very grateful to receive Columbia River Enterprise Zone (CREZ) funds. We know as a taxing district, we do not receive as much funds from taxes if the business with the tax abatements would have paid regular taxes. By bringing in these businesses it does bring in extra revenue which we would not have. We are able to use the funds from the CREZ to help pay off our bond in leu of the taxpayers. We also use the revenue to help fund the operations and programs of the District.

On March 8, we will be hosting a group called Drysiders. It is made up of Park Special Districts and City Park Departments from Central and Eastern Oregon. Training and legal updates will be shared with lunch being catered by Macarios.



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The grand opening for the new MCURD sponsored Fish Cleaning Station will be Tuesday, March 19, at 5:30 pm right before our board meeting. We would like to invite you all to join us at this celebration.

Thank you again for your support to the Boardman Park and Recreation District.

Sincerely,

George Shimer, CEO

## **Calendar of Events**

- February 27 – BPRD Board Meeting
- February 29 – Dr Suess Reading Day at Windy River Elementary
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Youth Track club and Pickleball League registrations starts.
- March 8 – Drysiders' meeting for park districts hosted by BPRD.
- March 8 – Boardman Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet
- March 9 – RHS Booster Bash.
- March 14 – Loteria at Senior Center
- March 15 – Last day to register for Little League- softball and baseball.
- March 16 – K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade Basketball Camp
- March 19 – Grand opening of the new MCURD sponsored Fish Cleaning Station, @5:30.
- March 19 – Board meeting with budget committee.
- March 30 – Community Easter Egg Hunt.
- March 30 – Underwater Easter Egg Hunt.
- March 31 – End of winter long-term stays.
- April 1 – Adult basketball league sign up start
- April 8 – Pickleball Season starts
- April 13 – Community-Wide Yard Sale
- April 20 – Spring Bash Run