



Chamber / BCDA December 2024 Report

Boardman Chamber Membership Updates

- We currently have 253 members for November 2024.
- Our **new members** that joined our chamber recently:
 - Boardman Community Church

Boardman Chamber of Commerce Events

- **35th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet:** Our event is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th, at 6:00 PM at the SAGE Event Center. Planning is well underway, we are actively promoting the event on social media, and the nomination period ended on December 31, 2024. A committee will get together in the beginning of January and decide who the winner will be from the nominations. We are happy to announce that Sofia Avalos will be doing our balloon decorations, and Lucky Star Mobile Bar, one of our newest members, will offer professional bartending services for the evening. Additionally, all advertising materials have been finalized and are being used to promote this exciting occasion.
- **Iceland's Magical Northern Lights:** The next fun adventure that we are offering to Boardman and surrounding communities. This trip will take guests to Iceland to experience the Magical Northern Lights in person. It will be an unforgettable journey. The community has a chance to reserve this trip until May 11, 2025. The trip itself will take place on November 10, 2025.

This incredible 7-day getaway includes:

 - 11 meals (6 breakfasts, 5 dinners)
 - Round-trip air from Portland International Airport (PDX)
 - Motorcoach transportation from Boardman Chamber of Commerce to PDX
 - Hotel accommodations and transfers
 - Breathtaking sights and experiences

For this trip, we will be placing an even greater emphasis on advertising, and we look forward to seeing your sign-ups!

- **1st Quarter Luncheon:** Is scheduled for March 19, 2025. The luncheon will be sponsored by Community Counseling Solutions and held at the SAGE Event Center. This is our Annual Membership luncheon, come join us to hear a recap of the 2024 year.

Past Chamber Events:

- **Christmas Tree Lighting:** The annual Christmas Tree lighting was on December 7, 2024, at 6 pm at the SAGE Center. For the first time ever, this year's Christmas Tree lighting was made even more magical with a dazzling fireworks display that lit up the sky the moment the tree came to life! This was a fun surprise for the kids and their families. AWANA performed its Nativity Pageant and Learning Adventure Pre-School held its yearly school Christmas Concert. After the performances, the children took pictures with Santa Claus. Mid-Columbia Bus Company handed out Hot cocoa and Cookies to everyone. Children who captured magical moments with Santa received a sweet surprise from the SAGE Center – a festive candy cane! It was a night filled with joy and excitement, and we're already counting down the days until next year!
- **4th Quarter Luncheon:** Our 4th Quarter Luncheon was on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. We welcomed Sheri from Perfect Shade, LLC, as our title sponsor. Sheri shared her heartfelt gratitude to the Boardman Chamber of Commerce for being the first chamber she joined, crediting the connections she made for helping her business thrive. The excitement continued with an engaging presentation from a representative of the US Chamber of Commerce, who provided valuable legislative updates. To top it off, Andy Boone from Collette Travel captivated the audience with details of our next travel adventure to experience Iceland's Magical Northern Lights and a sneak peek of the 2026 trip to Costa Rica! It was an incredible evening of inspiration, updates, and exciting opportunities!

Member Events

- **SAGE Saturdays hosted by the SAGE Center**
 - The next SAGE Saturday will be January 4, 2025, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Bring your kids, they can make fun crafts.

Boardman Community Development Association

The BCDA Board is pleased to continue supporting various initiatives in Recreation, Education, Beautification, and Community projects.

Our next major project is the construction of a new play structure at the SAGE Center. This \$250,000 investment is designed to support the growing number of students participating in our year-round educational programs while also serving the broader community. We are thrilled to keep you updated on the progress of this initiative.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Threemile Canyon Farms for their generous contribution of \$50,000 and to AWS for their recent \$50,000 donation, both of which significantly support the overall cost of this important project. Additional financial support from AgWest of \$2500 for a grant to support this wonderful project.

The estimated completion date is April 2025, as we wait for temperatures to rise to suitable temperatures to safely pour the fall-protection flooring. Thank you for your continued support as we work toward this exciting addition to our community!

Additionally, we are maintaining our Home Buyers Incentive program, with an investment of \$250,000 to encourage new residents to settle in Boardman. We currently have allocated \$245,000 in housing grants for 2024.

We recently received \$1.5 million dollars from the US Small Business Administration to build the Boardman Business Opportunity Incubator building that will be a dedicated space for small and medium sized businesses with a particular emphasis on supporting women and minority owned business enterprises and low-income populations.

BCDA remains committed to making Boardman a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Should you have any inquiries, please feel free to reach out to me at 541-571-2394 or via email at torrie@boardmanchamber.org at your convenience.

For further details, please visit www.boardmanchamber.org or contact our office directly at 541-481-3014. We're here to assist you!

Upcoming Chamber Events



BOARDMAN
Chamber of Commerce
1ST QUARTER
CHAMBER LUNCHEON
MARCH 19, 2025
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
TITLE SPONSOR:
COMMUNITY COUNSELING SOLUTIONS
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm at SAGE Event Center
101 Olson Rd, Boardman OR 97919
Pre-registration required



Iceland's Magical Northern Lights
Trip: November 10th to November 16th, 2025
Scan to Reserve your spot or get more info.



35th Annual Boardman Chamber
DCA Banquet
March 7, 2025
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
SAGE Event Center

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SLIME,
& more!

JANUARY 4TH 2024
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