

# subroutine

AI powered tools for government

**Presentation to  
Boardman City Council**

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# Subroutine is...

- AI company
- Headquartered in Portland
- Founded in 2022
- Focused on positively impacting how residents and staff access City information and the improving the quality of the resources

# Our founders



Jeremy Stanley



Greg Pstrucha

- Helped build, run, and secure some of the most used websites and apps, incl. Meta, Pinterest, Robinhood, Medium.

# My first computers

1978



Photo by Keith Pomakis

1981



1987



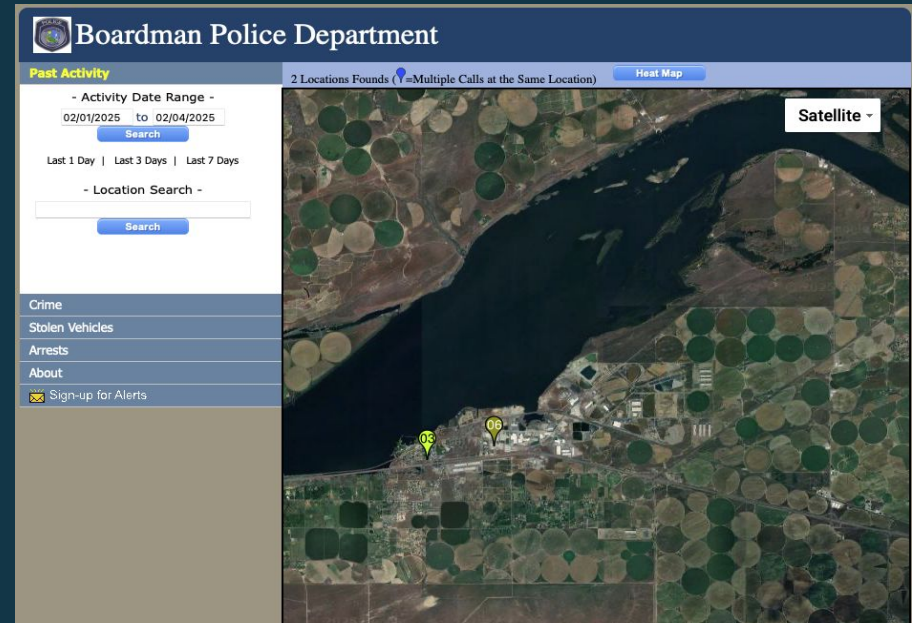
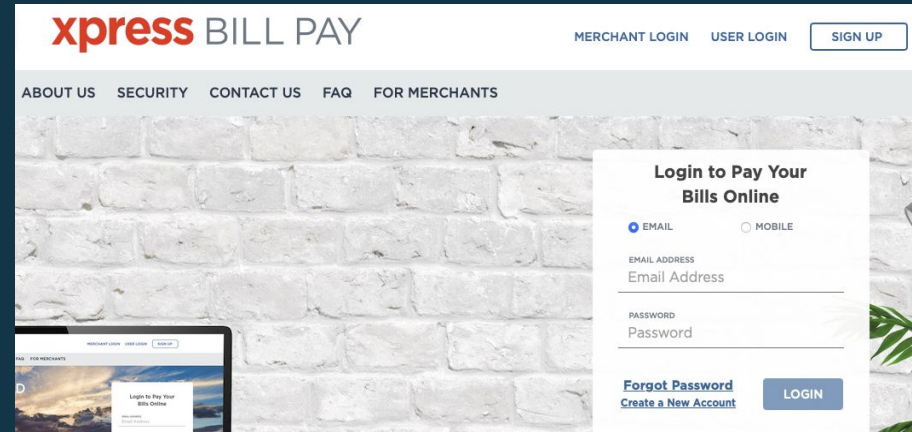
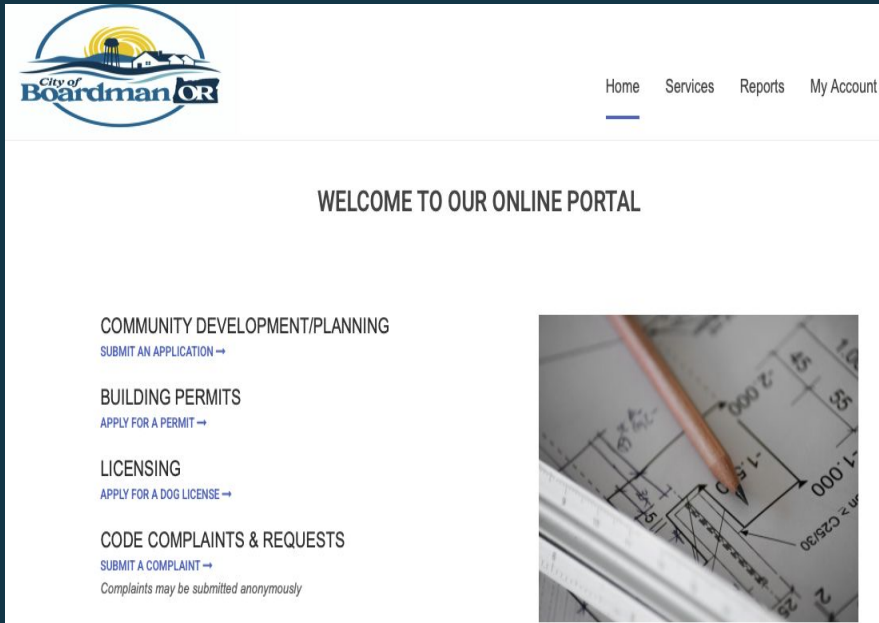
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# How we interact with the world





# And increasingly with Government



... but not everyone. Harder if...

- Don't have a computer
- Don't have easy access during work hours
- Don't know the right terminology or how to ask the right question
- Work outside
- Are 1/5 of Americans with a disability
- Websites are just confusing to you

# AI is changing this.

- **24 / 7** access, for questions outside work hours, or work hours outside
- **Language of choice** - 60% Boardman residents speak Spanish at home
- In **natural language**, for those who don't speak jargon
- **SMS & phone**, for those without computers or who accessing remotely



# AI for Boardman

- Improve resources - question & response tracking
- Expand residents' engagement with Boardman website and services
- Save City staff time and energy
- Cachet for economic development
- More important as budgets continue to tighten and more is pushed to state and local from the Federal level

# Subroutine In Process...

- Accessibility tools to expand who can use the site, such as those with visual & cognitive disabilities
- ADA Title II deadline (Apr 26, 2027) efficiencies
- Make PDFs searchable



Search

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less than a minute ago

Hello there, what can I help you with?

Type message here


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Calendar
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News & Notices
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Online Payments
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Agendas & Minutes
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Municipal Code

## Boardman, OR


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### Persona/Personality

#### Persona

An agent persona defines the agent's character and role, guiding interactions with users. Examples: AI Assistant, Teacher, Researcher

#### Personality Traits

Personality traits define the agent's style and tone. For a stronger, and more consistent, personality, use fewer traits. Examples: Friendly and Casual, Professional and Humorous, Technical and Formal.

Friendly × Formal × Reactive ×



### AI Models

#### Response Synthesis Model

This model processes the query results and generates a user-friendly response message.



#### Rerank Model

This model re-ranks the query results based on estimated response quality.



### Visibility

Agents can have public access enabled. This allows anyone, even without an account, to interact with the agent.



Is the agent publicly accessible?

### Add To Your Website

[Script Tag](#)
[Iframe](#)

#### What Are `<script>` Tags?

`<script>` tags are used to add special features to a webpage, like making things interactive or loading extra tools. In this example, the `<script>` tag connects your site to our service. To use it, just copy the code we provide and paste it into your webpage. It's quick and easy to set up!

#### Embed code:

```
<script src="https://cloud.subroutine.com/dist/embed.js?id=icyvg6am&title=Boardman%2C%20OR"></script>
```

### Voice & SMS



You haven't set up a Twilio number yet, but you can still try out phone functionality!

Call this number: **1-866-643-6625**

Enter this code when prompted: **162664**

You can also send text messages to the same number using the conference code as your identifier.

Once you provision a Twilio number, these features will be fully customized for your setup.

### Disclaimer

<http://www.cityofboardman.com/>

## Found 5 WCAG Violation(s) - 1 of 5



**CRITICAL:** Ensure elements with an ARIA role that require child roles contain them

Fix any of the following: Element has children which are not allowed: li[tabindex]

## Suggested Fix

Ensure that the elements with ARIA roles have the required child roles. In this case, for the <li> element inside a <ul> with 'menubar' role, change the <li> role to 'menuitem':

```
<li role="menuitem" class="mega-menu__item mega-menu__item--top-level ...">
```

This will ensure that the ARIA structure is valid.

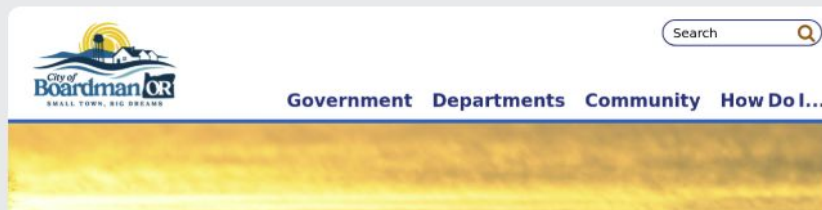


HTML Selector: .mega-menu\_\_wrapper

**Load Time:**  
**4089ms**

**Idle Time:**  
**4842ms**

## Desktop Screenshot



## Mobile Screenshot





Questions?

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