



January 2026 Report

Upcoming Events and Programs

Membership Renewals

As we move into 2026, membership renewals are currently happening, and we look forward to serving our members and community. We membership renewals, this will allow for the chamber to meet our mission to support Visibility, Voice, and Value of networking of business, community, and tourism partnerships. If you are currently a member, you will receive an email or mailed letter with an invoice to pay your membership. These memberships are a key piece to our sustainability and serve our community.

2026 Sponsorship for Chamber Signature Events

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Signature Event Sponsorships support community events that drive tourism, generate local economic activity, and increase visibility for Boardman. Sponsorship revenue is reinvested into youth scholarships, small business support, and Chamber Champion programs, ensuring continued community impact while sustaining the Chamber's signature events.

Newsletter Updates

The chamber sends out a monthly e-newsletter with key information about our Signature events, networking opportunities, and engagements to connect with other members, key community leaders and staff. Inside our newsletter, you will also find information about opportunities for volunteering, community impact members, recognition of long-term members with the chamber, and many other things. If you are not receiving this newsletter, please go to our website, www.boardmanchamber.org and scroll down to find the registration link to start receiving our newsletter, and follow our social media channels.

36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce will host the 36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the SAGE Event Center. Planning is well underway, and promotional efforts continue across our social media platforms.

Nominations are now officially closed, and we extend our sincere thanks to everyone who submitted nominations. Your participation helps make this celebration meaningful and ensures we recognize the outstanding individuals who make a difference in our community. This year's event is shaping up to be a wonderful success, and we look forward to sharing more details soon.

1st Quarter Luncheon- March 18, 2026

Please join us for our 1st Quarter luncheon for 2026! We are excited to be kicking off the year with Umatilla Electric Cooperative as our Title sponsor. As our title sponsor, you will hear from UEC administration about the great work that they are doing in our community and region. During this lunch, the chamber will also be giving a recap of 2025 and what is to come in 2026 as our annual Membership Luncheon.

Ryan Neal Invitational Golf Tournament – May 8 & 9, 2026

The Ryan Neal Invitational Golf Tournament is a signature Boardman Chamber fundraiser supporting youth scholarships and community programs. Registration will open in March, and sponsorship opportunities are currently available. Teams are encouraged to begin organizing for this two-day event, which draws regional participation and supports local businesses.

Upcoming Chamber/BCDA Events

- 36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet – March 6, 2026
- RNI Golf Tournament – May 8 & 9, 2026
- 2nd Quarter Luncheon – June 17, 2026
- 4th of July Celebration – July 4, 2026
- End of Summer Celebration – August 28, 2026
- 3rd Quarter Luncheon – September 16, 2026
- 4th Quarter Luncheon – December 16, 2026

For more information, please contact **Torrie Griggs, CEO**, at **541-571-2394** or email torrie@boardmanchamber.org. Visit www.boardmanchamber.org or call our office at **541-481-3014** for further details.



BCDA Year-End Summary: Investing in Homes, Businesses, and a Stronger Boardman

The Boardman Community Development Association (BCDA) concluded the year with continued progress toward strengthening quality of life and supporting sustainable growth in Boardman. Through strategic investments in housing, business development, recreation, and long-term infrastructure planning, BCDA remains focused on initiatives that benefit residents, support employers, and enhance the community's overall vitality.

From expanding homeownership opportunities to advancing planning for future commercial and recreational projects, BCDA's work this year reflects a commitment to meeting the needs of a growing population and positioning Boardman for long-term success.

Housing Investment Milestone Achieved

In 2025, BCDA successfully met its full budgeted allocation of \$250,000 for the Home Buyers Incentive Program. This funding directly supported new homeownership opportunities and helped address ongoing housing demand in the community. Meeting the full allocation demonstrates both the strong impact of the program and continued interest from families choosing to invest in Boardman.

Based on the program's performance and community demand, BCDA will continue providing future funding opportunities to support additional homebuyers as part of its housing strategy.

Pickleball Court Project Planning Underway

BCDA is actively moving into the planning phase for a new community pickleball complex in partnership with the City of Boardman and the Morrow County Unified Recreation District (MCURD). With \$350,000 in committed funding from MCURD and an additional \$50,000 investment from Amazon, the project is advancing toward formal design of an 8-court facility.

This project will expand recreational opportunities, promote community wellness, and serve as a regional amenity for residents and visitors alike. Planning and design efforts will help establish project timelines and cost estimates as BCDA continues coordinating with project partners to move the facility toward construction.

Business Opportunity Incubator Progress

BCDA continues advancing the Boardman Business Opportunity Incubator, supported by a \$1.5 million U.S. Small Business Administration grant. The project will deliver a two-story facility with incubator suites, executive offices, and space for medical and retail services—prioritizing support for women-, minority-, and low-income-owned businesses.

With Anderson Perry providing engineering and project management services and Architects West leading design, planning efforts are moving forward to support long-term commercial growth and revitalization along NE Front Street.

Looking Ahead

BCDA remains focused on four core priorities essential to Boardman's future: housing development, commercial and retail expansion, recreation and community amenities, and educational and workforce support. Through strong partnerships and responsible stewardship of resources, BCDA continues laying the groundwork for a vibrant, resilient community.

BCDA is guided by its Board of Directors: President John Christy, Vice President Lisa Mittelsdorf, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Pettigrew, and Board Member Krista Price.

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