



March 2026 Report

Upcoming Events and Programs

Membership Renewals

As we move further into 2026, membership renewals continue to be a priority. Renewals allow the Chamber to fulfill our mission of promoting Boardman through Visibility, Voice, and Value across business, community, and tourism partnerships. Members receive renewal invoices by email or mail. Your continued investment ensures we can sustain our signature events, scholarship programs, and business advocacy efforts throughout the year.

2026 Signature Event Sponsorships

Sponsorship opportunities for 2026 remain available for businesses wishing to align with the Chamber's high-visibility community events. Sponsorship revenue directly supports youth scholarships, Chamber Champion programs, community celebrations, and small business engagement. Businesses are encouraged to secure sponsorship early to maximize promotional benefits throughout the year.

36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet – March 11, 2026

The Chamber will host the 36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet at the SAGE Event Center. This signature event honors individuals who have made significant contributions to our community. Planning and promotion are well underway, and we look forward to celebrating this year's outstanding honorees. To purchase tickets for this event can be found on our event calendar on the chamber's website. www.boardmanchamber.org

1st Quarter Luncheon – March 18, 2026

Our 1st Quarter Luncheon will serve as our Annual Membership Luncheon. We are proud to have Umatilla Electric Cooperative as our Title Sponsor. Attendees will hear a legislative update from Rep Greg Smith, presentation from FBLA President Abrianna Lomeli, and a Chamber recap

of 2025 accomplishments along with strategic priorities for 2026. This event offers excellent networking and engagement opportunities for members.

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

The Ryan Neal Invitational (RNI) is a premier two-day charity golf tournament benefiting Riverside High School senior scholarships. Registration is open, and sponsorships are currently available. This regional event draws strong participation and generates scholarship funding for local students. Get your team entered today!

Boardman 4th of July Celebration – July 4, 2026

One of Boardman’s largest annual community events, the 4th of July Celebration drives tourism, supports local vendors, and provides family-friendly activities culminating in fireworks over the Columbia River sponsored by MCURD. Vendor opportunities and parade participation links will be announced soon.

End of Summer Celebration – August 28, 2026

The End of Summer Celebration brings the community together to close out the season with live entertainment, ice cream, and free food for families to enjoy. This event also highlights and honors our local first responders, creating meaningful opportunities for community members to build stronger connections with those who serve and protect our region. The evening concludes with a beautiful fireworks show over the Columbia River. All event costs are fully covered through a sponsorship from the Morrow County Unified Recreation District (MCURD), allowing the celebration to remain free and accessible to the community.

Upcoming Chamber/BCDA Events

- 36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet – March 11, 2026
- 1st Quarter Luncheon – March 18, 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 2026 Project Priorities & Strategic Investment Overview

The Boardman Community Development Association (BCDA) enters 2026 with a focused investment strategy designed to leverage partnerships, maximize outside funding, and strengthen long-term economic stability in Boardman. The 2026 Project Priority List reflects a balanced approach to housing, business development, recreation, education, and infrastructure—ensuring both immediate community needs and future growth are addressed.

Major Capital & Leveraged Investments

Business Opportunity Incubator

BCDA continues advancing the approximately \$6 million Business Incubator project, supported by a secured \$1.5 million U.S. Small Business Administration grant. This two-story facility will include retail space, executive offices, medical service opportunities, and incubator suites designed to support small businesses, particularly women-, minority-, and low-income-owned enterprises. Additional financing mechanisms are being explored to complete the capital stack.

Pickleball Court Development

Planning continues for the 8-court pickleball complex, a \$600,000 estimated project supported by \$300,000 from MCURD and \$50,000 from AWS. This regional recreational asset will promote active living and enhance Boardman’s quality-of-life amenities.

Homebuyer Grant Program

BCDA has allocated \$250,000 in 2026 to continue the Homebuyer Incentive Program, providing \$5,000 grants per qualifying homeowner within the 97818 zip code. This investment directly supports workforce housing availability and community stability.

Annual Community Investments

BCDA maintains ongoing annual commitments that directly impact families and workforce development:

- \$90,000 to support youth recreation and programming partnerships
- \$30,000 annual contribution to Families First Child Care

- \$20,000 sponsorship to the Annual BAM Fishing Tournament held in conjunction with our End of Summer event.
- \$90,000 allocated for program administration through the Chamber partnership

Overall, BCDA's 2026 priorities are structured to leverage outside funding, strengthen housing and business growth, invest in youth and workforce stability, and enhance infrastructure that supports long-term economic vitality in Boardman.