



May 2026 Report

Events and Programs

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

Sponsorships have been finalized and registration is now closed for the Ryan Neal Invitational (RNI), reflecting another strong year of community and regional support. This premier two-day event will host 30 teams in a four-person scramble format, bringing together local businesses, community members, and partners in support of a meaningful cause. Net proceeds from the tournament will directly benefit Riverside High School senior scholarships, reinforcing the Chamber’s commitment to investing in local students and workforce development.

Participants can expect a fun day on the course, with team captains receiving detailed event information in advance, including schedules, event logistics. Additional games and challenges—such as the Yellow Ball, Insurance Hole, and Hole-in-One Challenge—will be available for purchase both prior to arrival and on the day of the event, creating added excitement while generating additional scholarship funding.

Raffle tickets will also be available throughout the tournament, offering participants the opportunity to win from a wide variety of baskets generously donated by local businesses.

2nd Quarter Chamber Luncheon – June 17, 2026

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host our 2nd Quarter Luncheon on June 17 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the SAGE Event Center, proudly presented by Title Sponsor Threemile Canyon Farms. This quarterly gathering provides an opportunity for business leaders, community partners, and stakeholders to connect, share updates, and stay engaged in the continued growth of our region.

We are excited to welcome Umatilla Electric Cooperative (UEC) as our featured guest speaker, who will provide insights on regional energy initiatives, infrastructure, and future planning that

support economic development. In addition, the Riverside FFA Chapter will be joining us to highlight the importance of agricultural education and showcase the next generation of industry leaders.

Registration to participate can be found on the Chamber's Event Calendar. We look forward to bringing our business and community members together for this informative and engaging luncheon.

Boardman 4th of July Celebration – July 4, 2026

As one of Boardman's largest annual events, the 4th of July Celebration is a cornerstone of our **tourism strategy**, attracting visitors from across the region.

The event features:

- A community parade
- Live entertainment and family activities
- Vendor marketplace supporting local and small businesses
- A fireworks display over the Columbia River, sponsored by MCURD

This event plays a critical role in showcasing Boardman as a destination to **Live, Work & Play**, while generating economic activity and community pride.

End of Summer Celebration – August 28, 2026

The End of Summer Celebration brings residents and visitors together for an evening of connection and appreciation. The event includes live entertainment, complimentary food and ice cream, and recognition of our first responders.

Fully sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District (MCURD), this event remains free and accessible, reinforcing Boardman's commitment to quality of life and community engagement. The evening concludes with a fireworks display over the Columbia River, further enhancing the visitor's experience.

Tourism & Community Visibility Impact

Through these events and programs, the Chamber continues to advance its mission by:

- Increasing **visibility** of Boardman as a regional destination
- Strengthening the **voice** of business through advocacy and engagement
- Delivering **value** through economic impact, tourism activity, and community investment

Signature events drive measurable outcomes including increased visitation, support for local businesses, and enhanced community identity—directly aligning with the City of Boardman’s Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) investment and tourism development goals.

Upcoming Chamber Events

- RNI Golf Tournament – May 8 & 9, 2026
- 2nd Quarter Luncheon | Title Sponsor Threemile Canyon Farms – June 17, 2026
- 4th of July Celebration – July 4, 2026
- End of Summer Celebration – August 28, 2026
- 3rd Quarter Luncheon | Title Sponsor Lamb Weston – September 16, 2026
- Community Christmas Celebration – December 5, 2026
- 4th Quarter Luncheon | Title Sponsor Tillamook – 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.



Major Capital & Leveraged Investments

Business Opportunity Incubator

BCDA continues to advance the approximately \$6 million Business Opportunity Incubator, anchored by a secured \$1.5 million U.S. Small Business Administration grant. This transformative project will provide a two-story, mixed-use facility featuring retail storefronts, executive office space, medical and service-based opportunities, and dedicated incubator suites. The project is designed to support small business development, with a focus on women-, minority-, and low-income entrepreneurs, while strengthening Boardman's local economy. Additional funding partnerships and financing tools are being pursued to complete the full project investment.

Pickleball Court Development

BCDA is progressing plans for an 8-court pickleball complex, with an estimated project investment of \$600,000. Current funding includes \$300,000 from MCURD and \$50,000 from AWS, demonstrating strong regional partnership support. This project will serve as a valuable recreational asset, promoting community wellness, enhancing livability, and attracting visitors to Boardman.

Homebuyer Incentive Program

To address ongoing housing needs, BCDA has committed \$250,000 in 2026 to continue the Homebuyer Incentive Program. This program provides \$5,000 grant to qualifying homebuyers within the 97818-zip code, directly supporting workforce housing, encouraging homeownership, and contributing to long-term community stability. This program has expended over \$2.5 million dollars in our community since 2016.

Annual Community Investments

BCDA remains committed to sustained annual investments that strengthen families, workforce development, and community vitality:

- \$90,000 to support youth recreation and community programming partnerships
- \$30,000 annual contribution to Families First Child Care, supporting early childhood education and workforce participation
- \$20,000 sponsorship of the Annual BAM Fishing Tournament, held in conjunction with the End of Summer Celebration, enhancing regional visitation and community engagement
- \$90,000 allocated for program administration through the Chamber partnership, ensuring effective delivery and alignment of initiatives

Strategic Impact for our Community

BCDA's 2026 priorities reflect a disciplined and impactful investment strategy focused on leveraging outside resources, advancing housing solutions, supporting business development, and enhancing community amenities. These efforts collectively contribute to a stronger, more resilient Boardman—supporting economic vitality, workforce sustainability, and an enhanced quality of life for residents and visitors alike.