



Chamber / BCDA November 2024 Report

Boardman Chamber Membership Updates

- We currently have 257 members for November 2024.

Boardman Chamber of Commerce Events

- **Christmas Tree Lighting:** The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be on December 7th at 6 pm at the SAGE Center. We will have pictures with Santa Claus, AWANA will perform their Nativity Pageant, and Learning Adventure Pre-School will hold their school Christmas Concert. Mid-Columbia Bus Company will be handing out Hot cocoa and Cookies to everyone while you wait to have pictures with Santa.
- **Chamber Talk:** Our next edition of Chamber Talk will be on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 12:00 PM. We are pleased to welcome Brandon Hammond, City Manager for the City of Boardman, as our featured guest. Brandon will provide an overview of upcoming community projects and discuss the Strategic Plan Survey. Learn how you can share your feedback and ensure your voice contributes to shaping the future of our community. Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed and get involved!
- **Quarter Luncheon:** Our 4th Quarter Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. We're excited to share that Sheri, owner of Perfect Shade LLC, will be joining us as our title sponsor. The luncheon will feature guest speakers from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, who will provide a timely legislative update. Following this, Andy Boone from Collette Travel will present an exciting travel opportunity to see Iceland's Magical Northern Lights, as well as offer details on future travel options. We look forward to hearing from our sponsors, speakers, and attendees, and learning more about their business. Registration is available on the Boardman Chamber of Commerce website.
- **35th Annual DCA Banquet:** Mark your calendars! Our event is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th, at 6:00 PM at the new SAGE Event Center. Planning is well underway, and we

are actively promoting the event on social media, including a call for nominees for our Distinguished Citizens recognition. We are thrilled to announce that Party Poppin' by Rosa will be providing stunning balloon decorations, and Lucky Star Mobile Bar, our newest member, 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 and experience the Magical Northern Lights in person. It will be an unforgettable Journey. The community has a chance to reserve this trip until May 11th, 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!

Past Chamber Events:

- **Chamber talk with Torrie:** Our last Chamber talk w/ Torrie featured Matt Combe from the Morrow County School District. He shared details on the upcoming General Obligation/Capital Construction Bond — how it will improve school infrastructure, support community growth, and enhance education. The MCS D has shared a feedback form with the community, providing an opportunity for individuals to voice their opinions on the matter. A video explaining the form and its purpose is available on YouTube.
- **Explore the French Riviera with Collette:** This was an excellent opportunity offered to the community, with a registration deadline of November 9, 2024. Unfortunately, we did not receive any sign-ups. We remain optimistic and look forward to greater participation in our next trip.

Member Events

- **The Holiday Light Show** will start at the SAGE Center on December 2, 2024, and will continue until the end of the year. Bring your family to view our wonderful lights around the SAGE Center.
- **SAGE Saturdays hosted by the SAGE Center**
 - The next SAGE Saturday will be December 7, 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 \$225,000 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 COMMUNITY
Christmas Tree Lighting
DEC. 7, 2024 | 6:00 PM
@SAGE CENTER



BOARDMAN
Chamber of Commerce
4TH QUARTER
CHAMBER LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 18, 2024
Title Sponsor:
Perfect Shade LLC
12:00-1:30 pm
Location: SAGE Event Center
Round Table Discussion



Chamber Talk
w/ Torrie
Featuring: **Tues, Nov. 26th**
@ 12 PM
Boardman Chamber
Facebook Live



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



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

Upcoming Chamber Events

Themed slime every month!!

SAGE SATURDAYS

Free family arts and crafts!

For more information:
www.visitsage.com
(941) 481-7243

NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
NOV. 2ND 10AM-1PM	DEC. 7TH 10AM-1PM	JAN. 4TH 10AM-1PM	FEB 1ST 10AM-1PM
Balloon Turkey Racing	Tic-Tac-Toe Stones	Salt Painting	Painting Flower Pots

ACTIVITY FOR AGES 3+
CHILDREN UNDER 10 MUST
BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN
ADULT

SAGE CENTER
101 OLSON RD
BOARDMAN, OR