

Chamber / BCDA October 2024 Report

Boardman Chamber Membership Updates

• We currently have 257 members for October 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. Like last year we will be handing out Christmas books to the kids who take pictures with Santa.
- Chamber Talk: Our next Chamber talk will be on Thursday, November 14, 2024, and it will feature 2 guests, Matt Combe & Gabe Hansen from the Morrow County School District. An overview of the bond goals, timeline and key milestones, and the support for infrastructure improvements and educational facilities.
- Quarter Luncheon: Our 4th Quarter Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. We are pleased to announce that Shari, the owner of Perfect Shade LLC, will be 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, Collette Travel will present an exciting travel opportunity to see Iceland's 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 your business. Registration is available on the Boardman Chamber of Commerce website.
- **35**th **Annual DCA Banquet:** Our event will be held on March 7th, at 6:00 PM at the new SAGE Event Center. We have started to organize our event. Including posting on social media that we are accepting nominees for Distinguished Citizens. We have booked Party Poppin' by

Rosa (balloon Decorations). We have also confirmed with Lucky Star Mobile Bar our newest member and they offer bartending services. All our advertising has been created and is being used to advertise the event.

Past Chamber Events:

- Boardman Community Trunk-or-Treat was on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 5:30 pm:

 Despite the rainy weather, this year's Boardman Community Trunk-or-Treat was another success! We moved the event indoors to the SAGE Center, where local businesses and community booths were set up inside the museum. To guide participants, we created a "ghost path" with booths along the way. Highlights included: Tillamook handing out delicious cheese, Lamb Weston planned to serve fries but had technical issues and switched to handing out candy instead. The Boardman Chamber of Commerce distributed Halloween books, which were especially popular with the kids. Boardman Jumpstart Java handed out a toasty cup of hot chocolate to 350 trick-or-treaters. We were excited to welcome 1,422 attendees from our community, and the event continues to grow each year. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this fun and festive evening! We look forward to seeing you next year!
- Chamber talk with Torrie: our last chamber talk was with Daniel Wattenburger who spoke about Measure 118 and the impact it would have on small business and Oregon residents. A very insightful discussion on the reasons why Oregon residents need to vote No on Measure 118. This video is available on YouTube. We were happy to hear that this measure did not pass.
- Drain Raider Pro Team Series Championship: A championship that brings together local fisherman from Oregon to our own Boardman Marina. This is a fun event for our community, and we look forward to having them come to boardman again next year. Heather from the Boardman Chamber was one of the singers who sang the National Anthem. The Boardman Chamber was the host for this event.

Member Events

- **SAGE Event Center Dedication:** The SAGE Center will be holding a Grand Opening for the new SAGE Event Center. This is a much-needed venue in Morrow County. The Grand Opening will be on Friday, November 15, 2024. This exciting event will have ribbon cutting, facility tours, and snacks and refreshments. The Boardman Chamber will be there to celebrate this momentous event, and we hope to see you there.
- **EUVALCREE:** Is spreading joy this holiday season by hosting a program created by the United States Marine Corp Reserve called Toys for Tots. They aim to ensure that every

child up to 12 years old receives a gift for Christmas. The last day to register for this Holiday event will be on Friday, November 22, 2024.

- Boardman Jumpstart Java: They will be holding their 11th Annual Customer
 Appreciation Day on Monday, November 11th, 2024, from 5:00 am to 7:00 pm. If you
 drop by and purchase a beverage or food item, you will receive a chance to win an
 amazing prize. This is a way for them to show appreciation to all their regular and new
 customers.
- **Riverside Baseball Team:** Is hosting a four-person golf scramble on November 16, 2024. They are still looking for teams and sponsors, call the chamber and sign up today. The proceeds will support the RHS Baseball team.

To find more information on events and information, please follow our social media platforms, website, and YouTube.

Boardman Community Development Association

The BCDA Board is pleased to continue supporting various initiatives in Recreation, Education, Beautification, and Community projects.

Our next major endeavor is the construction of a new play structure at the SAGE Center. With a \$250,000 investment, this project will accommodate the increasing number of students participating in our year-round educational programs and benefit the wider community. We are excited to share the progress of this project with the community. We are thankful for the additional support from Threemile Canyon Farms in the value of \$50,000 and AWS for their recent contribution of \$50,000 to help support the overall cost of this project and the community. Estimated completion date is April 2025, due to temperatures falling below acceptable temps to allow for the pour of the fall protection floor!

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 spent \$155,000 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 don't hesitate to reach out to me at 541-571-2394 or via email at torrie@boardmanchamber.org at your convenience.



Upcoming Member Events







