

## BOARDMAN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT

**Boardman, OR – April 24, 2024** - The Boardman Park & Recreation District proudly unveils its refreshed logo and mission statement.



The Boardman Park & Recreation District was established in 1967 as an Oregon Special District. Today, BPRD is leasing approximately 143 acres from the US Corps of Engineers for the purpose of maintaining a marina and community park with camping sites. BPRD is committed to organizing a variety of events and programs aimed at creating inviting and enjoyable experiences for members of the community.

In the new logo, the focal point is a silhouette of Marina Park's iconic Sunset Gazebo which is a beloved spot used by many residents in Boardman. Surrounding the gazebo, is a silhouette of trees and children engaged in sports symbolizing the harmony between nature and recreational activities offered by BPRD. While preserving elements of the former logo, BPRD decides to keep the sun and river to further establish its representation of its location. BPRD has added a walleye fish to pay homage to the historic catch from the Columbia River, proudly displayed in the BPRD's main office.

BPRD's updated mission statement reflects our dedication to "enrich our community by fostering safe and enjoyable recreational experiences within well maintained parks and facilities."

The rebranding of our logo and mission statement aims to better capture BPRD's mission. BPRD staff are enthusiastic about the new chapter and are eager to implement new ideas to further enhance our community.

While the former BPRD logo will still be visible in the coming months, BPRD staff is diligently working to update all materials to reflect the renewed identity.

The Boardman Park & Recreation District (BPRD) has had a busy start to the Spring Season. On April 20<sup>th</sup> BPRD hosted the Spring Bash where there were multiple events that went on during the day such as a 5k race, a car show, a bouncy house, and free boat rides from the Boardman Fire District's new fire boat. There were also food vendors, artisan vendors and yard sale vendors. April was "Minority Health Awareness Month." BPRD wanted to support the cause so the proceeds from this event will start a scholarship with the pharmacies. Those in need will have some resources to help pay for prescriptions.

As you visit the parks around the city, you will notice some new trees have been planted. Amazon Web Services (AWS) launched a Cloud Canopy Program in the region. Their Goal was to plant 600 trees in the region. AWS was able to connect with the Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) to help in this promotion. BPRD was approached to facilitate an event in Boardman. CEO George Shimer set the goal of planting 400 trees within the city.

The connection was then tied into the City's Cleanup Day on April 22, 2024, which was Earth Day. AWS and ADF provided the funds to purchase trees, supplies for the trees and supplies for the day's event. Approximately 35 AWS workers, a representative from ADF, and 11 BPRD workers showed up at 8:30 in the morning. 60 trees showed up in the back of a semitruck that morning along with more headed to Hermiston and Pendleton with other stops on the way to Salt Lake City. All these trees were in 15-gallon containers. The trees averaged 11-13 feet in height with some reaching 15 feet. Most were varieties of Maple trees, with some Lindens, Elms and one Tulip tree.

After a few dignitary speeches, a safety briefing, and a demonstration on how to plant the trees, the AWS/ADF/and BPRD crews went to work. The crews planted 39 trees within two hours. Six more trees were finished after lunch. Another seven trees were planted by the City of Boardman public works department and eight trees were donated to Windy River and Sam Boardman Elementary Schools.

Around 300 more trees will be planted soon. Shimer stated, "This project was done in such a short time span. We ordered the trees through Kopacz Nursery., who had to order the 60 trees from the west side of the state to fulfill our request. Now we can order more specific trees for specific needs, due to not having a rush."

The summer recreation program is finishing up the planning process. Morrow County School District has been helpful in procuring the funds for this year's program. Funtastic Kidz will run in the same pattern as in the past with Riverside Jr. High and Senior High School students acting as counselors. Students from outgoing kindergarteners through outgoing 6<sup>th</sup> graders will rotate stations within each day to experience art, sport, science, and social growth, This will take place between 8am and noon Monday through Thursday, starting June 17 through July 25 with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week off. Signups are opened now online.

A big change this year will be for the Teen Summer program. Students from incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade to incoming seniors will get a chance to choose from a variety of camps:

cooking and baking camp, wilderness survival camp, robotics and model rockets camp, reality show/Tic Toc challenge course camp, and sports camp. Check in with the BPRD web site or social media pages for more information on this as well as other upcoming events.

Check out our flyer for the upcoming events for May and June.

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***Upcoming Events***

**CINCO DE MAYO  
CELEBRATION**  
May 4th

**LOTERIA NIGHT**  
May 9th

**MOTHER-SON KICKBALL**  
May, 11th

**ADULT BASKETBALL**  
Season Starts: May 13th

**CEMETERY CLEAN UP**  
May 18th

**FRISBEE GOLF  
TOURNEY**  
May 25th

**KICKBALL  
TOURNEY**  
June 8th

**LOTERIA NIGHT**  
June 13th

**SUMMER KICK-OFF BBQ**  
June 14th

**FUNTASTIC KIDZ &  
TEEN SUMMER**  
Starts June 18th

**TRACK TRAILS  
GRAND OPENING**  
June 22nd

**AMERICAN RED CROSS  
BLOOD DRIVE**  
June 24th



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