



November 2025 Report

Executive Summary

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce continues to strengthen community engagement and support local businesses through successful programs and events. Our recent **Halloween Candy Crawl** brought out more than **1,200 participants**, demonstrating strong community enthusiasm and excellent collaboration with Chamber members. As we move into the winter season, we look forward to the **Boardman Community Christmas Celebration**, **Holiday Makers Market**, and ongoing **Chamber Talk w/ Torrie** episodes featuring local leaders and partners.

Looking ahead, the Chamber is preparing for several signature events including the **4th Quarter Luncheon**, sponsored by Amazon on December 17, 2025, and the **36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet** on March 6, 2026. These events showcase the Chamber's commitment to supporting business growth, celebrating community contributions, and providing opportunities for connection and collaboration.

Upcoming Events and Programs

Boardman Community Christmas Celebration

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to host the annual **Community Christmas Celebration** on **Saturday, December 6, 2025**, from **4:45 to 7:45 PM** at the **SAGE Event Center**. This cherished community tradition promises an evening full of festive spirit, family fun, and holiday cheer. The celebration begins with a First Responders' Santa Escort, as the Fire Department convoy travels down Main Street to the SAGE Center, proudly delivering Santa Claus to kick off the night's festivities. The program continues with an opening prayer by Andy Hermann, followed by a Children's Choir performance featuring "Jingle Bells," "Happiest Christmas Tree," and "Nothing for Christmas." The highlight of the early evening is the Live Nativity, concluding with Mary carrying baby Jesus to the Christmas tree as children and attendees join in a heartfelt procession. At 6:00 PM, the community will gather outside for the Tree Lighting Ceremony, accompanied by a five-piece Brass Quintet leading carols and audience sing-alongs. Following the lighting, guests will move indoors to enjoy performances by the

Inland Northwest Musicians, along with hot chocolate, cookies, and photos with Santa. The event will wrap up between 7:30 and 7:45 PM, closing out the evening with music, laughter, and the warm glow of holiday joy.

Chamber Talk w/ Torrie

Join us for upcoming editions of *Chamber Talk w/ Torrie*, where we highlight leaders and organizations making an impact in our community.

Teresa Parson, Board Member of the Boardman Senior Center, will share the Senior Center's programs and resources, including free equipment such as wheelchairs and beds, meal support for veterans, and their much-anticipated annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

We'll also welcome Eastern Oregon University President Kelly A. Ryan, Ph.D., who will discuss EOU's role as Oregon's Rural Institution, providing affordable education, strong mentorship, and hands-on learning opportunities for students across our region. This conversation will take place on November 10 at 12:00 p.m. on Facebook Live.

Be sure to tune in, ask questions in the comments, and watch for another special edition featuring Laura Moreno with Santiago in the near future.

4th Quarter Luncheon: The Boardman Chamber of Commerce will host the 4th Quarter Luncheon on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. We are pleased to announce **Amazon** as the title sponsor. The event will feature guest speakers from Amazon, providing insights and opportunities for discussion. Attendees will have the chance to connect with sponsors, speakers, and other local businesses.

Registration is open until Monday, December 16, 2025, through the Chamber website – <https://business.boardmanchamber.org/events/details/4th-quarter-chamber-luncheon-1486>

36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet: The Boardman Chamber of Commerce will host the 36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet on Friday, March 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the SAGE Event Center. Planning for the event is well underway, with advertising and promotional efforts actively conducted on social media.

Nominations for the Distinguished Citizens Awards will remain open until December 1, 2025. Please follow the Boardman Chamber on social media to keep up to date with sponsorship information, tickets and other fun things we are planning for our event.

Upcoming Chamber & SAGE Hosted Events:

- SAGE Center's Holiday Makers Market – November 7-8, 2025
- Boardman Community Christmas Celebration – December 6, 2025
- 4th Quarter Luncheon – December 17, 2025
- 36th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet – March 6, 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.



Boardman Community Development Association

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BCDA Reaffirms Commitment to Housing, Business Growth, and Community Enhancement

The Boardman Community Development Association (BCDA) remains dedicated to advancing quality of life and sustainable growth in Boardman through strategic investments in housing, business development, recreation, and community infrastructure.

Continued Housing Investment in 2025

BCDA continues its successful Home Buyers Incentive Program in 2025 with a dedicated investment of **\$250,000** to support new homeowners and attract residents to Boardman. To date, **\$220,000** in housing grants have already been awarded, demonstrating the program's strong impact and the growing appeal of living in Boardman. As in previous years, the program has proven highly effective and is on track to fully meet its budgeted allocation. To ensure continued support for all qualifying homebuyers, BCDA is committed to extending additional funds as needed to meet demand through the remainder of 2025.

Pickleball Court Development

The Boardman Community Development Association (BCDA), in partnership with the City of Boardman, is pleased to announce that the contract with the City and the Morrow County Unified Recreation District (MCURD) has been finalized for the new pickleball court facility. With **\$350,000 in approved MCURD funding**, along with an additional **\$50,000 contribution from Amazon**, BCDA will begin the design phase for an **8-court pickleball complex**. This significant investment expands recreational opportunities for residents of all ages, supports healthy lifestyles, and enhances the amenities that make Boardman an active and vibrant community. Construction is anticipated to begin in the **spring of 2026**, in close coordination with the City to ensure the facility becomes a long-lasting asset for families and visitors.

Business Opportunity Incubator Moves Forward

The Boardman Community Development Association (BCDA) is moving forward with the development of the **Boardman Business Opportunity Incubator**, a major community

investment supported by a **\$1.5 million U.S. Small Business Administration grant**. This project includes the construction of a **two-story facility** that will house executive offices, space for medical providers, food and retail businesses, and dedicated incubator suites designed to support the growth of new small businesses—particularly women-, minority-, and low-income-owned enterprises. The BCDA Board has fully approved the project, reflecting its commitment to driving local entrepreneurship and expanding essential services in Boardman.

To advance this project, **Anderson Perry** has been contracted as the engineering and project management firm, and **Architects West** will lead the building design. Together, they will guide the planning, design, and construction phases to ensure a high-quality facility that meets the community's long-term needs. In addition to the incubator spaces, the project aligns with BCDA's broader vision to expand retail and office options along NE Front Street, strengthening Boardman's business ecosystem and improving access to goods, services, and professional support. This development marks a significant step forward in fostering economic opportunity and creating a vibrant commercial hub for residents and entrepreneurs alike.

Community Beautification & Facility Upgrades

Upgrades to the Boardman Field House are in progress for the winter months, including:

- Turf replacement
- Modernization of the lighting system
- Extension of interior wood paneling to the ceiling for improved aesthetics and insulation protection

These improvements will enhance the functionality, safety, and appeal of this popular community facility. Reservations for the field house can be made through Torrie by calling or emailing her directly. The schedule for the Field House can be found on the Facebook page – Boardman Field House.

Focused on a Thriving Boardman

BCDA remains focused on four key areas:

- Housing development
- Community Beautification
- Commercial and retail expansion
- Educational Support

With ongoing collaboration between municipalities, businesses, and residents, BCDA is committed to fostering a vibrant, forward-thinking Boardman.

BCDA Board of Directors:

- President: John Christy
- Vice President: Lisa Mittelsdorf
- Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Pettigrew
- Board Member: Krista Price

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