



## May 2025 Report

### Boardman Chamber Membership Updates

- We currently have 249 members as of May 2025.

### Boardman Chamber of Commerce Upcoming Events and Presentations

- **Chamber Talk with Torrie**
  - June 10, 2025, Torrie will be hosting Chandler Schaak to learn more about HindSight.
  - June 17, 2025, Torrie will host Art Mathisen, CEO and Jonathan Edwards COO and CFO of the Good Shepherd Hospital.
- **Chamber Champion Presentation:** As part of our ongoing commitment to education and youth development, the Boardman Chamber of Commerce will proudly present scooters and helmets to a group of well-deserving students at Sam Boardman Elementary (SBE) and Windy River Elementary (WRE) on June 11, 2025. These students were thoughtfully selected by school staff for demonstrating remarkable growth in their academic performance, social skills, and personal development throughout the school year. Their resilience, positive attitude, and dedication to learning embody the values we strive to uplift in our community. We are honored to recognize their achievements and encourage them to keep moving forward—both in school and in life.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Luncheon (Round Table Style)** Join us for the Boardman Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, proudly sponsored by Threemile Canyon Farms and held at the SAGE Center Event Center. This month's luncheon will feature a special presentation from Greg Harris of Threemile Canyon Farms and the BAM Fishing Trail Tour Manager, who will share details about the two exciting events coming to Boardman in July and August. Following the presentation, we will transition into a roundtable discussion, giving local businesses an opportunity to share updates, exchange ideas, and strengthen community connections. Guests will enjoy a delicious catered lunch from Macario's, featuring enchiladas, rice, and beans. Beautiful floral centerpieces created by La Guadalupana de Boardman will be raffled off to a few lucky attendees. Registration is

open through Monday, June 16, 2025, and can be completed online at [www.boardmanchamber.org](http://www.boardmanchamber.org). We look forward to seeing you there for good food, great conversation, and valuable connections!

- **4<sup>th</sup> of July:** Get ready for Boardman's 4th of July Celebration—an exciting day full of music, food, and community spirit! This year's musical lineup features Scotty Wilson and Music Medicine, JuanAntonio Lomas, Colette Jones, and DJ Kora. Please note: the parade route will be on the original parade route that will go down North Main Street. Food and artisan vendor registration forms, along with parade sign-ups, are open, get your business or family signed up today. We will have a mechanical bull, a bouncy house, country breakfast, Fun Run, chili contest, ice-cream contest and kickball tournament again this year. Food vendors are confirmed, and we are looking forward to a fun day in the Marina Park.
- **BAM Fishing Trail at the Boardman Marina Park:** The Boardman Chamber of Commerce proudly supports BCDA's efforts in bringing the BAM Fishing Trail to Boardman, taking place July 25–27, 2025, and August 22–24, 2025, at Boardman Marina Park. The Chamber provides event promotion, local business outreach, and on-the-ground services while the event is underway. Through coordinated advertising, community engagement, and visitor support, we help ensure a successful and welcoming experience for all participants.
- **End of Summer Celebration:** Join us on Friday, August 22, 2025, at Boardman Marina Park for our annual End of Summer Celebration—a heartfelt tribute to the brave men and women of our local Fire Department and Police Department. This free, family-friendly event features delicious food, fun activities for all ages, and ends with a spectacular fireworks show over the Columbia River. Come celebrate our community and those who serve it!
- **Tropical Costa Rica with Collette Travel: Registration is now OPEN!!!** The next exciting adventure we're offering to the Boardman and the surrounding community members is here! Join us for an unforgettable journey to the stunning landscapes of Costa Rica, where you'll experience breathtaking ocean views and lush tropical scenery up close.

**Reserve your spot by August 20, 2025** — this 10-day getaway departs on February 18, 2025.

**This incredible travel package includes:**

- 15 meals (9 breakfasts, 5 dinners, 1 lunch)
- Round-trip air from Portland International Airport (PDX)
- Motorcoach transportation from the Boardman Chamber of Commerce to PDX
- Hotel accommodations and ground transfers throughout the trip.

- **Upcoming Chamber Hosted Events:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Luncheon – June 18, 2025
- Boardman 4<sup>th</sup> of July – July 4, 2025
- End of Summer Celebration – August 22, 2025
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Luncheon – September 17, 2025
- Harvest Festival – October 4, 2025
- Boardman Community Christmas Celebration – December 6, 2025
- 4th Quarter Luncheon – December 17, 2025

## Past Chamber Events Recaps

- **Chamber Champion Program:** On May 27, 2025, the Boardman Chamber of Commerce proudly presented Chamber Champion Scholarships to a group of Riverside High School seniors who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to both their education and the Boardman community. These scholarships recognize the hard work, resilience, and commitment of students who are poised to make a positive impact in the future. We are honored to support these deserving students as they take the next step in their educational journey.

- ❖ **Scholarship Recipients and Award Amounts:**

- Caelyn Pullen - \$3,000 (\$1,000 for Youth Citizen of the Year)
- Elenor Sak - \$2500
- Eunice Calvillo - \$2000
- Adrienne McElroy - \$1500
- Genesis Lomas - \$1500
- Jonathan Lopez - \$1500
- Misael Chairez - \$1500
- Mayte Pacheco - \$1000
- Stephanie Silva - \$1000
- Aiden Murillo - \$500
- Antonio Cuevas - \$500
- Valaria Rodriquez - \$500
- Mayte Cisneros - \$500
- Liam Heideman - \$500

- **Ryan Neal Invitational Golf Tournament:** The Ryan Neal Memorial Invitational was a huge success, raising approximately \$10,000 in support of local community initiatives. Hosted by the Boardman Chamber of Commerce, the premier golf tournament took place on April 25-26, 2025, at Marker 40 Golf Course in Boardman, OR. Golfers gathered for two

days of competition, camaraderie, and meaningful giving, all in honor of Ryan Neal's legacy. Proceeds from the event will benefit local scholarships, continuing Ryan's passion for community and excellence. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event impactful!

- **25<sup>th</sup> Edition of Chamber Talk w/ Torrie featuring Perfect Shade LLC:** We had Shari Brannan join Torrie. Shari explained that she offers blind services to the Umatilla and Morrow County, and that she handles residential and commercial projects. It was great to hear that she got her start in this area with the Boardman Chamber, and because of being a member, she was able to find some of her first commercial projects. It's great to hear this because it shows a value in being a chamber member.

**The Boardman Chamber of Commerce** remains committed to fostering a vibrant local economy, supporting our business community, and promoting the unique strengths of Boardman as a place to live, work, and visit.

The Chamber Board of Directors includes **President Janet Hersey, Vice President Mario Sepulveda, Secretary Shari Stokoe, Treasurer Mike Hughes, and Directors Anna Browne, Karen Shelton, Sheila Corpus, and Isavel Gonzolaz.**

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## Boardman Community Development Association

### May 2025 Report

#### **BCDA Announces Continued Investment in Housing, Business, and Community Initiatives**

The Boardman Community Development Association (BCDA) is pleased to reaffirm its commitment to supporting growth and quality of life in Boardman through strategic investments in recreation, education, beautification, and community infrastructure.

#### **Housing Investment Continues in 2025**

BCDA will continue its successful **Home Buyers Incentive Program** in 2025 with a renewed investment of **\$250,000** to help attract new residents to the community. To date, **\$80,000** in housing grants has been awarded this year, reflecting strong and steady interest—an encouraging sign of Boardman’s continued growth and appeal.

#### **Small Business Development and Incubator Progress**

Progress is now underway on the **\$1.5 million grant** awarded by the U.S. Small Business Administration for the construction of the **Boardman Business Opportunity Incubator**. This facility will provide affordable, dedicated space for small and medium-sized enterprises, with a special focus on supporting **women- and minority-owned businesses** as well as **low-income entrepreneurs**.

#### **Expansion of Retail and Office Space**

BCDA is actively exploring plans to develop **additional retail storefronts and executive office spaces** along Front Street to meet the growing demand for local retail and business operations in Boardman.

#### **Beautification & Facility Improvements**

As part of BCDA’s beautification efforts, a **new mural** is currently being painted by local artist **Michelle Hopper** at the **East end of the Boardman Car Wash**, bringing vibrant color and visual storytelling to the heart of the community.

BCDA is also working on significant upgrades to the **Field House**, including:

- **Replacing the turf**
- **Updating the lighting system**
- **Extending wood paneling to the ceiling** to better protect insulation and improve aesthetics

These enhancements will ensure the facility remains of a high-quality, safe, and welcoming space.

### **BAM Fishing Trail Brings Outdoor Fun and Economic Impact**

BCDA is proud to sponsor the **BAM Fishing Trail**, taking place July 25-27, 2025, and August 22-24, 2025, at the Boardman Marina Park. This exciting outdoor event invites residents and visitors to meet professional fisherman, compete in the Pro/Am tournament, and support local businesses along the way. Events like the BAM Trail highlight the economic impact of tourism-based recreation and demonstrate how strategic community support can bring new activity and revenue to the area.

### **Annual Community Contributions to Local Services**

BCDA proudly continues its annual community donations in support of local youth and families:

- **Boardman Park & Recreation District (BPRD)** has received **\$90,000** to help reduce youth sports registration fees and program costs. These funds will also help cover instructor wages and additional expenses at the Boardman Pool and Recreation Center to ensure high-quality services for the community.
- **Families First Childcare Center (FFCC)** has been awarded **\$30,000** to help offset childcare enrollment costs for local families, improving access to early learning and easing the financial burden on working parents.

These contributions reflect BCDA's unwavering commitment to investing in programs that enhance the well-being of Boardman's residents.

### **Working Toward a Thriving Boardman**

BCDA remains committed to beautifying and increasing the livability of the Boardman community focusing on housing, commercial and retail development, and workforce training. The association collaborates with other organizations, municipalities, business leaders and residents to support progressive development in the community.

The BCDA Board of Directors includes, **President John Christy, Vice-President Lisa Mittelsdorf, Secretary/Treasurer Karen Pettigrew and board member Krista Price.**

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