



## July 2026 Report

### Recap of Events and Programs

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Luncheon recap

The Chamber hosted its Second Quarter Membership Luncheon in June with an excellent turnout of business and community leaders. Thank you to **Threemile Canyon Farms** for serving as our Title Sponsor and for sharing updates on their continued investment in our region.

Attendees also heard presentations from **Umatilla Electric Cooperative** and the **Riverside FFA Chapter**, highlighting the important work being done to support our local economy, agriculture, workforce development, and future leaders. The luncheon provided another valuable opportunity for networking, collaboration, and keeping our business community informed on local initiatives.

#### Boardman 4th of July Celebration Recap

The Chamber successfully hosted another outstanding Boardman 4th of July Celebration, welcoming thousands of residents and visitors for a full day of community festivities. The event featured the Riverside FFA Country Breakfast, Kickball Tournament, Parade, Family Fun activities, artisan vendors, live entertainment, and a spectacular fireworks display that concluded the celebration.

This event would not have been possible without the tremendous support of our sponsors, volunteers, Boardman Park, City of Boardman Police Department, Boardman Public Works, participating organizations, and countless community members who helped make the celebration a success. The Chamber extends its sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed their time, resources, and support to create a memorable event for our community.

#### Chamber Program Switch – Chamber Master to Growth Zone

GrowthZone Transition Update: Over the next month, the Boardman Chamber of Commerce will be transitioning from ChamberMaster to GrowthZone as our new membership and event

management platform. During this transition, you may notice a different look and format for invoices, payment links, and other member communications. We appreciate your patience as we implement this upgraded system to better serve our members and community.

## **2027 Visitor Guide**

The Chamber is partnering with Lunar Cow Publishing to develop our 2027 Boardman Visitor Guide, which will be released in January 2027. The guide offers advertising opportunities for local businesses, so watch for upcoming emails and social media posts with information on how to reserve your advertising space.

## **Staff Update**

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce continues to operate with a dedicated team focused on serving our members and community.

- **Torrie Philippi-Griggs**, Chief Executive Officer, has led the Chamber since April 2019 and oversees the organization's operations, strategic initiatives, and community partnerships.
- **Maleny Griffin**, Office and Engagement Coordinator, continues to provide outstanding support through member services, communications, event coordination, and daily operations.
- **Savannah Browne** recently joined the Chamber as our Summer Intern and will be assisting with office operations, marketing, events, and member engagement throughout the summer.

## **Upcoming Events and Programs**

### **End of Summer Celebration – August 28, 2026, 7pm to 9pm (Fireworks @ 9pm/dusk)**

The End of Summer Celebration brings residents and visitors together for an evening of connection and appreciation. The event includes live entertainment, complimentary food and ice cream, and recognition of our first responders.

Fully sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District (MCURD), this event remains free and accessible, reinforcing Boardman's commitment to quality of life and community

engagement. The evening concludes with a fireworks display over the Columbia River, further enhancing the visitors' experience.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Luncheon – September 16, 2026**

Planning is underway for the Chamber's Third Quarter Membership Luncheon. We are pleased to have **Lamb Weston** serving as our Title Sponsor.

Featured speakers will include **Brian Nelson with Amazon** and **Mike Hughes with AI Rescue Resources**, who will provide updates and insights on their organizations and topics of interest to our business community. We also look forward to welcoming a local student organization, with the participating club to be announced soon.

We encourage our members to join us for another opportunity to network, learn, and stay connected with our community.

### **Tourism & Community Visibility Impact**

Through these events and programs, the Chamber continues to advance its mission by:

- Increasing **VISIBILITY** of Boardman as a regional destination
- Strengthening the **VOICE** of business through advocacy and engagement
- Delivering **VALUE** through economic impact, tourism activity, and community investment

Signature events drive measurable outcomes including increased visitation, support for local businesses, and enhanced community identity—directly aligning with the City of Boardman's Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) investment and tourism development goals.

### **Upcoming Chamber Events**

- *End of Summer Celebration – August 28, 2026*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Luncheon | Title Sponsor Lamb Weston – September 16, 2026
- 4th Quarter Luncheon | Title Sponsor Tillamook – December 16, 2026

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## Community Investment Projects and Programs

### Business Opportunity Incubator

BCDA continues to advance the approximately \$6 million Business Opportunity Incubator, anchored by a secured \$1.5 million U.S. Small Business Administration grant. This transformative project will provide a two-story, mixed-use facility featuring retail storefronts, executive office space, medical and service-based opportunities, and dedicated incubator suites. The project is designed to support small business development, with a focus on women-, minority-, and low-income entrepreneurs, while strengthening Boardman's local economy. Additional funding partnerships and financing tools are being pursued to complete the full project investment. *Below you will find a conceptional design of the project, this design has not been finalized at this point.*



### Homebuyer Incentive Program

As of this reporting period, 32 applications totaling approximately \$160,000 have already been reserved through the 2026 Homebuyer Incentive Program, reflecting continued strong demand

for housing assistance and residential growth within the Boardman area. To address ongoing housing needs, the Boardman Community Development Association has committed \$250,000 in 2026 to continue the program. The Homebuyer Incentive Program provides a \$5,000 grant to qualifying homebuyers within the 97818-zip code, directly supporting workforce housing, encouraging homeownership, and contributing to long-term community stability. Since its inception in 2016, the program has invested more than \$2.5 million into the community.

### Pickleball Court Development

The Boardman Community Development Association is continuing to advance plans for an 8-court pickleball complex, with the estimated project investment now totaling approximately \$950,000 as project expenses and infrastructure needs continue to expand. Current committed funding includes \$500,000 from Morrow County Unified Recreation District, including an additional \$200,000 recently awarded to support rising project costs, along with \$50,000 from Amazon Web Services. BCDA continues to pursue additional grants, sponsorships, and community donations to help fully fund this important community recreation project. Once completed, the pickleball complex will serve as a valuable recreational asset that promotes community wellness, enhances livability, and attracts visitors and regional tournaments to Boardman. *Below you will find a conceptional design of the project, this design has not been finalized at this point.*

