



Chamber / BCDA April 2025 Report

Boardman Chamber Membership Updates

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members and encourage everyone to support these local businesses! With 260 members as of March 2025, our Chamber continues to grow and strengthen our business community.

- New Members:
 - B.R.E Truck Repair
 - Rustic Charcuterie Ci LLC

Boardman Chamber of Commerce Events

Business Education Event

Looking for insights on the MCSD Bond? Our Business Education Event is the perfect opportunity to hear from MCSD representatives, gain valuable knowledge, and ask important questions. Don't miss out on this chance to stay informed and engaged with the community!

- Date: April 10, 2025, from 3:00 4:00 PM
- Speaker: MCSD representatives
- Register Now: <u>https://boardman.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/2860</u>

Candidate Forums for Pom Commission and MCHD

Join us for a joint Candidate Forum featuring individuals running for both the Port of Morrow Commission and the Morrow County Health District Board. This event offers a valuable opportunity for the community to hear directly from the candidates about their goals, priorities, and vision for the future. Each candidate will give a two-minute opening statement, respond to a series of moderated questions (with one-minute answers and no questions provided in advance), and conclude with a two-minute closing statement. Speaking order will rotate throughout the forum to ensure fairness. Don't miss this chance to stay informed and engaged in your local leadership.

- Date: April 21, 2025, for POM Commission Forum from 6:00 7:30 PM
- Date: April 22, 2025, for MCHD Board Forum from 6:00 7:30 PM
- Location: SAGE Event Center | 101 Olson Rd, Boardman OR 97818

Iceland's Magical Northern Lights Tour

Imagine standing beneath the breathtaking Northern Lights in Iceland! This adventure is a once-ina-lifetime opportunity for our community to travel together and experience nature's most incredible light show. Secure your spot before it's too late!

- Registration Deadline: May 11, 2025
- Trip Dates: November 10-17, 2025
- Package Includes:
 - 11 meals (6 breakfasts, 5 dinners)
 - Round-trip airfare from Portland International Airport (PDX)
 - Motorcoach transportation from Boardman Chamber of Commerce to PDX
 - Hotel accommodations and transfers
- Register Now: <u>Click here to sign up</u>

Ryan Neal Invitational Golf Tournament

Get ready for a day of competition, camaraderie, and community support at the Ryan Neal Invitational! This premier golf tournament honors Ryan Neal's legacy while raising funds for local scholarships. Gather your team, enjoy a round of golf, and contribute to a great cause!

- Date: April 25-26, 2025
- Location: Marker 40 Golf Course, Boardman, OR
- Register Now: <u>https://www.jotform.com/240326697173158</u>

Upcoming Chamber Hosted Events

- 2nd Quarter Luncheon June 18, 2025
- Boardman 4th of July Celebration July 4, 2025
- 3rd Quarter Business Education Event July 16, 2025
- End of Summer Celebration August 22, 2025
- 3rd Quarter Luncheon September 17, 2025
- Harvest Festival October 4, 2025
- 4th Quarter Business Education Event October 15, 2025
- Community Christmas Celebration December 6, 2025
- 4th Quarter Luncheon December 17, 2025

Past Chamber Events

35th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet

It was a night to remember as we gathered to celebrate Boardman's most outstanding community members at the 35th Annual Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet! With heartfelt speeches, laughter, and recognition, the evening was a beautiful tribute to those who make our town shine.

- Date: March 7, 2025
- Location: SAGE Event Center
- Impact: Raised net profit of \$10,000 for Riverside Senior Scholarships.

1st Quarter Luncheon

Our Annual Membership Luncheon was a fantastic gathering where members reflected on the highlights of 2024, received updates from Community Counseling Solutions, and discussed the MCSD Bond. Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal while networking and setting the stage for another successful year together!

- Date: March 19, 2025
- Sponsor: Community Counseling Solutions
- Location: SAGE Event Center
- Catering: Boardman Senior Center (Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert)

Boardman Community Development Association

New Play Structure at SAGE Center

Excitement is building as we are preparing to unveil a brand-new play structure at the SAGE Center! Designed to enhance educational programs and provide a fun, safe space for children, this project will be a cherished addition to our community.

- Investment: \$250,000
- Funding Contributions:
 - Threemile Canyon Farms \$50,000
 - AWS \$50,000
 - AgWest \$2,500 grant
- Estimated Completion: April 2025 (pending suitable weather for flooring installation)

Home Buyers Incentive Program

Helping families achieve their dream of homeownership is a priority in Boardman! Our Home Buyers Incentive Program continues to make settling in our community easier and more affordable. We have already distributed \$50,000 in housing grants for 2025, further supporting new residents in their journey to homeownership.

- Investment: \$250,000
- Last Fiscal Year Funds Allocated: \$245,000 in housing grants for 2024
- This Fiscal YTD Funds Allocated: \$50,000 in housing grants for 2025

Boardman Business Opportunity Incubator

A bright future awaits local entrepreneurs with the launch of the Boardman Business Opportunity Incubator! This space will empower small and medium-sized businesses, with a focus on womenand minority-owned enterprises, as well as low-income entrepreneurs.

- Funding: \$1.5 million from the U.S. Small Business Administration
- **Objective:** Support and grow new businesses in our community

BCDA remains committed to making Boardman a vibrant and thriving place to live, work, and grow!

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