

Newsletter - March 2024

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

February has come and gone and now let's bring on Spring. Wow! I would like to start off with a huge shout out to the City of Boardman's Road Department. January brought a wild winter storm to our area. They worked tirelessly in an effort to keep the roads clear, sanded, and safe. It has been a long time since Boardman had that amount of snow drop in that short amount of time. It was really hard to keep up on, but we should be really proud of what they did for our community to keep our roads clear and our school and business access safe. Nicely done!

Some passionate discussions at this time are about the recall of the Morrow County Commissioners and Morrow County Health District discontinuing county wide ambulance service. They have been given a very difficult task in our county. These commissioners are working every day trying to ensure that the county has county wide ambulance service. They are fixing an entity/system that is out of compliance and by law must address. We need to commend these commissioners for standing their ground, taking derogatory criticism and hatred in the name of following the law. As citizens we need to rally behind our commissioners for making tough decisions and standing for what is right. I support the commissioners.

My concern is that rumors are flooding our county and the city of Boardman is causing this strife. I would like you to know that The City of Boardman will not lose their ambulance coverage. I assure you that Chief Hughes and the Boardman Fire Board will not let your fire service and ambulance response decrease. He has assured me that the Boardman Fire District is his first commitment. Regardless of your personal feeling towards the chief, he is adamant that the citizens of Morrow County have ambulance service even when Morrow County Health District has chosen to stop county wide service.

As we move forward, I encourage you to have personal conversations with the Boardman Fire District and their board of directors. They will tell you exactly what their goals and directions are for Boardman Fire. Reach out to the Morrow County Commissioners with your questions and concerns. They will share the direction of the county with you. Contact Mathew Jensen who is our county administrator. He has been to every community sharing the plan of the county. It is not a secret. Our democratic society allows for disagreement but not hatred.

Lastly, there is a lot of misinformation, strife, and contentious feelings in our area. It is easy to get caught up in negativity and hatred surrounding us. Just watch the local and national news. Everything is negative until the last 5 minutes. I would ask you to get involved in your community. Attend the local meetings that you can attend. Strive to be kind to your neighbor and community friends. Life is very busy as we all know, however, knowledge is power and understanding.

Paul Keefer, Mayor City of Boardman

The more you know...

Cutting your waste saves money...and the PLANET!!

Americans create more waste than anybody else in the world. This wasted material was made from natural resources like electricity, water, minerals, and trees. Throwing it all away is hurting the planet and besides, we are running out of these resources.

Americans are learning to be smarter and more respectful of the nature that nurtures us.

When you use things more than once and recycle whatever you can, you will save money and help the environment too!

EASY WAYS TO WASTE LESS:

- Buy products sold in bigger containers such as flour, pasta, rice, nuts, and spices.
- Avoid disposables or things you only use once then throw away.
- Buy reusable items such as cloth napkins and handkerchiefs, food storage containers, razors, and batteries.
- Bring your own bag to the store. Some places offer a few cents off your purchase.
- Use food storage containers in place of plastic wrap or tin foil for left overs or lunch.
- Donate unwanted items or have a yard sale to clean up.
- Shop for used items as often as possible.
- To save fuel and keep the air cleaner, walk, bike, or carpool.
- Use the library and share books or magazines with friends.
- Teach your children to recycle and protect the planet.
- Use both sides of the paper to save trees, energy, and water...which are all used to make paper!

Garbage vouchers for Boardman residents inside city limits will be available at City Hall:
April-May, July-August, and October-November

KID'S KORNER

Every Tuesday 11:00 AM - Oregon Trail Library - Storytime Tuesday

3/2 SAGE Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

3/9 SCI FRI Camp Registration goes live! www.visitsage.com/science-fridays