



The Bridge

Making community connections

Back-to-School Event to Celebrate Building Renovations and More!

All members of the Lowell and Fall Creek communities, along with some special guests are invited to a very fun Back-to-School and Renovation Celebration event **Tuesday, September 2nd beginning at 5:30 p.m.** at the Covered Playground Area at Lundy Elementary.

Parking will be available on South Moss Street in front of the elementary school, then proceed through the gym.

A delicious dinner will be served from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. The \$5.00 charge goes to a scholarship fund to help families pay for registration and sports fees. Additional donations are welcome and very much appreciated!

Superintendent Walt Hanline will kick-off the Renovation Celebration at 6:30 p.m. to recognize those contributing to the successful renovation of both schools and give a preview of the school year ahead. After his remarks, he will lead a walking tour through the buildings. Both schools will have open houses with teachers in their classrooms from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Representatives from many organizations will have booths in the dinner area to inform community members of their activities and the Fire Department will have their kid friendly Crawl, Drag and Squirt contest. In addition, the volleyball team will have their first league game at 6:00 p.m. at the high school and the varsity football team will scrimmage at 8:00 p.m.

There's so much going on, you won't want to miss this event! Questions? Please call Colette at 541-937-2105.

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LOWELL SCHOOLS: We're on the *Move...*

LHS Landscape Project Gets Great Start with Fall Creek Farm & Nursery Donation

In addition to the many building improvement projects underway this summer, you may have noticed the landscaping project going on at the high school. This project is possible due to a generous \$14,000 donation from Barbara and Dave Brazelton of Fall Creek Farm and Nursery. In addition to their monetary contribution, Barb provided the landscaping design and Darren Schelsky of SLI Inc. provided the irrigation design. Pavers in the courtyard area were provided by Willamette Graystone. Dennis and Donna McCallum of Tumac Inc. have also provided significant time and resources.

The Lowell High School building, built in 1930, is a welcoming feature to residents and visitors entering from Highway 58. We are very thankful that the new landscaping will enhance the building improvements in a very big way.

Please help us in thanking these generous donors for their commitment to our school and community!

What are you doing after school?

We are proud to announce that the Lowell School District is starting an Afterschool Program this year. We have many exciting things planned. Some activities include Math, Reading, Science, Technology, Physical Activity, Arts and Crafts, Enrichment and so much more. The Program runs every school day (even half days) from school dismissal until 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$180 a month with price discounts in December and June. Fill out a registration form now in the Lundy Elementary School office.

Early Arrival Program

Need to head into work early? In addition to our Afterschool Program we are starting an Early Arrival Program as well. This will be held on all school days starting at 7:00-7:45.am. If you are a member of the Afterschool Program enrollment is covered in your monthly fee. If not the cost will be \$4.50 per day or \$50.00 monthly. If you have any questions you can call Lundy Elementary School at 541-937-2105 or email Johnie Matthews at jmatthews@lowell.k12.or.us.

Job Position Open

The Lowell School District is seeking a cheerful and dynamic Afterschool Program Assistant for three hours per day on all student contact days (175 day annual contract). This person will facilitate recreation and enrichment activities, as well as provide homework assistance for our students. High school diploma is required. Experience with children in an instructional setting is preferred.

Join our team of exceptional employees creating an extraordinary educational environment! Applications can be picked up at the high school office and submitted attention to Debi McNamara in the Business Office, or apply through our website, www.lowell.k12.or.us under "Employment Opportunities".

Safety First as Students Head Back to School

As a new school year begins, drivers need to be aware that this is a perfect time to make traffic safety a priority. With students walking to school or having school buses on our roadways again, drivers need to remember the importance of safety in and around school zones.

State law makes sure that school buses and school zones are protected by these laws, but drivers need to take the responsibility to make sure our younger citizens can count on us to slow down and obey these laws. Students also need to be aware that they, too, have a responsibility to stay within crosswalks when crossing the street, and to be aware that it takes several feet for a motor vehicle to stop.

Young drivers should also make sure they keep safety an important part of their school day, and remember to put down the phone when behind the wheel of a motor vehicle

Also, students should remember to buckle up every trip every time and to keep in mind that to stay alive they should keep the rule of "don't text and drive."



Another great group of students are out for the varsity football team this year. The roster includes seniors: Tanner Harvey, Alex Norris, Luke Kinnamon, Jaron Barckley and Grant Chapman; juniors Sam Thurman, Lane Gilliland, Mitch Riberal, Cameron Slaven and Evan Nolan; sophomores Tommy Harvey, Ryan Sinnett, Kenny Lane, Zach Kintzley, Colton Riggs, Brayden Long, Justyn Barton, Hayden Trimble, Christopher Chapman and Mahsen Asher; and, freshmen Chance Hickey, Zack Smith, Dillon Dove and Thomas Tallamante-Ward. Head coach Pat Todd is assisted by Dan Goss, Ryan Maher, Kory Roberts, Dennis Capell, Mark Kintzley and Brad Asher.

New Industrial Arts Teacher: Brian Beard

Please welcome our new Industrial Arts teacher, Brian Beard. Brian grew up in Las Vegas, moving to Lakeport, California in high school. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts/Furniture Design from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, then his teaching certificate from Humboldt State in Arcata. Brian taught Fine Arts at Davis High School in Modesto for nine years while simultaneously earning a Master's of Arts degree in Sculpture from San Jose State University.

Brian's family moved to Sweet Home where he taught art and technical education for five years. He received his administrative credentials from Portland State and moved to Eugene in 1999. Since then he has been an Assistant Principal at Cal Young Middle School. Brian took a break from 2004-2007 and earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in Furniture and Product Design from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Brian is married to Heather, a special ed consultant with 4J School District. He has four grown children and nine grandchildren all in Oregon with the exception of a son in the military. In their spare time they continue refurbishing an old bank building in Cottage Grove that they are converting to a home. In addition to remodeling and building things, they like to travel, enjoy an extensive music collection and spend lots of time with family.

His interest in the Lowell teaching position comes from a desire to be in a more hands-on education opportunity to positively influence students. He believes there is more to woodworking than just making things -- that the design of something is most important. Students can be problem solvers through design and they can make things that are important and valuable to them. He looks forward to finding interesting projects for students that not only meet the required standards but also open up their minds to new possibilities. Welcome to Lowell Brian!



City Beat

Four File for Two City Council Positions

As of the August 26, 2014 filing deadline, four candidates have filed for the two City Council positions being decided at the November 4th general election. Incumbent Melody Knokey and Don Bennett have filed for Position #1; Maggie Osgood and Stacie Harris have filed for Position #4. Both positions are elected at large, meaning that voters can vote for one candidate for each position being elected.

The last day to register to vote in the November 4th election is October 14th. Ballots will begin being mailed on October 17th and must be returned by 8:00 p.m. November 4th. A dropbox for ballots is located at City Hall, 103 East 3rd Street.

Summer Reading Program a Success

Thanks to a great group of volunteers, this summer's reading program was one of the best ever. Attendees especially appreciated a fun presentation by Tristin Woodhurst as he demonstrated his programmable robot. Volunteers included Teri Harter, Diane Stephens, Debbie Lynchard, Virginia Galvin, Pam Baumann, Julia Donnell and Heather Woodhurst. Thanks everyone!



Lowell City Council Actions

This report of actions taken by the Lowell City Council is a regular feature of this newsletter and is provided to inform citizens of recent decisions made by the council.

From the August 5th regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 601—Employee Pay Scale
- Approved Resolution 606—Intergovernmental Agreement for Operational Maintenance Services between Lane County and City of Lowell.

Both motions were approved unanimously by: Paulson, Rennert, Burford, Knokey and Reese.

From the August 12th special meeting:

- Approved a motion to enter a 30-day wastewater operations contract with Orenco Systems, contingent on review of the contract by the Mayor and Council President.
- Approved a motion to enter into negotiations with Max Baker for the position of Public Works Superintendent subject to three conditions specified in the motion.

Both motions were approved unanimously by: Paulson, Rennert, Burford, Knokey and Reese.

From the August 19th regular meeting:

- Approved a motion to solicit three bids from Certified Public Accountants to review one year of records and to notify the city immediately if any evidence of financial problems that may constitute fraud are found; also to contact Rebecca Price, CPA to solicit a report detailing changes made to correct the fund imbalances that delayed the FY 2010-11 audit.
- Approved Resolution 608—Amending the city of Lowell's Personnel Policies & Procedures Employee Manual Relating to Pay Dates.

Both motions were approved unanimously by: Paulson, Rennert, Burford, Knokey and Reese.

New Public Works Superintendent

Please extend a warm welcome to Max Baker, our new Public Works Superintendent. Max moved to Oregon in 1992 from West Virginia and graduated from Springfield High School in 2002. In 2003 he married Cassidy, his high school sweetheart and set up their home in Springfield. He began his working career at Pepsi but after an industrial accident four years later, he enrolled in an LCC training program with CH2M Hill in 2007. He was hired full-time during this on-the-job training program by CH2M Hill in Sweet Home.

Having grown up in Springfield, he had visited the Lowell area numerous times for recreation purposes or on his way to visit family in Oakridge. When the Public Works job came up, it seemed like the perfect job, especially since he had already been working in Lowell through the contract with CH2M Hill.

The location is midway between Cassidy's family of parents and two sisters in Springfield and Max's family of parents and three brothers in Oakridge. The couple love to travel and have visited Puerta Vallarta every year since their honeymoon. Max also enjoys hunting and fishing, and camping, and spend a lot of time with family.



Blackberry Jam Benefits the Community

The 20th Annual festival was a success in many ways. The music was great, the weather was ideal and lots of folks from nearby and far away attended. Not only does the festival give local non-profits and school groups a chance to earn money for their activities, committee members also donate hundreds to local causes.

The increasingly popular Quilt Show has made the following donations this year:

- Lowell Food Pantry—\$1,000
- Lowell Fire Hall—\$700
- Lowell School Clothes Closet—\$400
- Lowell Library—\$200
- Lowell Grange Building Fund—\$200
- Nexus Garden Program—\$200

The Car Show also made the following donations:

- Lowell Junior High Athletics—\$400
- Lowell Girls Volleyball—\$300
- East Valley Church Backpack Program—\$200

The Kidz Korner event gave:

- Lowell Girl Scouts—\$200
- Lowell Boy Scouts—\$200
- Lowell Cub Scouts—\$100

Other groups benefiting from their participation include the Lowell Wrestling Team (fishing derby) and Lowell Football Team (ice cream booth).

The Blackberry Jam Committee would especially like to thank the 2014 Sponsors: Lane Electric Cooperative, WHA Insurance, KRVM 91.9 Radio, Emerald Valley Dental and the City of Lowell. We appreciate the support that you have given and are already looking forward to another successful festival in 2015!



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

District Prepares For ISO Evaluation

The Fire District has been contacted by ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) to provide information concerning the district's ability to respond to and manage structure fires. ISO is a private for profit company that provides a statistical numerical value to properties, so that those insurance providers may equate the number value to insurance premium costs relevant to fire protection.

ISO has provided an assessment schedule for the district to review. The purpose of the schedule is to outline the criteria for evaluating the fire prevention and fire suppression capabilities of individual communities, or fire protection areas. The purpose of such an evaluation is to develop a Public Protection Classification (PPC) for property insurance rating.

The schedule measures the major elements of a fire protection area's fire prevention and fire suppression systems. The fire suppression component evaluates how those systems address reported structure fires. The schedule gives procedures and formulas for developing the measurements into a Public Protection Classification number on a relative scale of 1 to 10, with 10 representing less than the minimum recognized protection.

The Schedule is a property insurance rating tool, and is not intended to analyze all aspects of a comprehensive public fire protection program.

A Public Protection Classification (PPC), developed by the schedule is only one of several elements used to develop the property insurance loss cost and underwriting information for an individual property. Other features specifically relating to the individual property such as construction, occupancy and hazards, exposures and private fire protection, are also important in the evaluation of property insurance loss costs and underwriting. A large number of insurance companies do not use the PPC for underwriting, but utilize an individualized system of evaluation and establishing premium rates.

The PPC will be developed from evaluation and scoring in three specific areas. These areas are indicated as a percentage of the total rating value. The percentage for each scoring area included is:

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| A. | Receiving and handling fire alarms | 10% |
| B. | Water Supply | 40% |
| C. | Fire Department | 50% |

Item A, Receiving and handling fire alarms is performed and managed through Central Lane Communication operated by the Eugene Police Department, and managed by a users group comprised of all the users of the 911 system in Lane County. This users group includes all Fire departments and district located in central Lane County and the Eugene Police Department.

Item B, Water Supply, evaluates the City Water System storage and distribution network. Due to the recent improvements to the City Water System, such as increased storage capacity and additional hydrants to the system, the district can expect to see significant improvement in this area of the evaluation.

Item C, Fire Department Service, evaluates the District structure fire response and service capabilities, which has also seen significant improvement over the past several years. As this evaluation is specifically pointed to the City assessment, we would expect to see improvements associated with the districts enhancements in fire prevention activities and improved training levels of district personnel.

It is anticipated that the evaluation process will take several months to complete and another several months to be processed by ISO. Within the City it is unlikely that the ISO class would change, but the total assessment percentage values will very likely improve. At this point it is unclear if ISO will be evaluating the rural area of the district, but like the City, it is unlikely that the PPC will change, but total assessment percentage values should improve. For more information concerning ISO and the evaluation process, contact the district office.



On the web: www.lowellfiredistrict.org

In and Around Our Community

Clothing Bank Resumes Regular Schedule

The Clothing Bank will resume their normal schedule to be open on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays with hours from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Clothing donations are welcome on days that the clothing bank is open, or contact Brandy Stewart at 541-530-0123 or Stewartsx6@fastmail.fm to make other arrangements.

The clothing bank provides free items to anyone in need and all sizes are available. It's located in the food pantry building at 4 East Lakeview Street (behind the football field).



It has been great to see our community donate so many clothes. Thanks to all the donors for being so generous with their donations, they are appreciated very much!

Grange Events in August

Breakfast on September 7th

Texas Hold 'em Poker on September 5th and 20th

Bingo! on September 3rd and 17th

Your support of these events help restore the historic Grange Hall Building. You may have seen the new roof on the building. This is what your support has allowed to happen. Thank you very much!

BBJ Kidz Korner Thanks You

Joyce Donnell, Kidz Korner coordinator, would like to thank everyone who helped make 'Kidz Korner' a huge success once again. From my wonderful volunteers who helped it run smoothly, to all who donated to our prize tent. She is ready to begin collecting for next year, so if you have any new or gently used toys that you would like to donate, please bring them to City Hall. Thank you so very much for your support!



5th Annual Block Party — September 6th

On Saturday, September 6th from Noon until 4:00 p.m., East Valley Church will be hosting the 5th Annual Old Fashioned Block Party on East 2nd Street between Moss and Pioneer Streets. Come enjoy the *free* hamburgers, hotdogs, salads, cotton candy, ice cream and more. Come meet the local fire department members, or stay cool in the dunk tank or on the slip and slide.

Make this a family day out and come join us!



Scout Meetings to Begin

Girls Scouts will be starting on the 18th of September from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Lowell Grange. Any girl interested in Girl Scouts is welcome to come with parent on the 18th. At the open house at the school on Sept. 2nd there will be a sign-up table for you to join Girls Scouts earlier. Any parent that would like to be a leader may sign up also.

The Cub Scouts invite boys from 1st— 5th grades and their families to join us on September 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lowell Grange to find out what Cub Scouting is all about. For more information contact Julie Sotomayor at 541-225-8851.

CDBA Drag Boat Races

The last race of the season will be September 20-21. These events benefit not only the school groups that take care of the gate admission and trash collection, the Lowell Fire Department serves up a delicious breakfast on both days from 7:00 until 9:30 a.m. Proceeds fund many community projects the Department provides during the year.

Come on out and support your local fire department!



Winners of the Covered Bridge Photo Contest Announced

All the photos entered in the Par Course Project Photo Contest were amazing! If you entered one, thank you for your participation. It was a difficult decision but the winning photos are truly beautiful. Check the winning photos out at <http://bridgingcommunitiesparcourse.wordpress.com/photo-contest/winning-photos>. Enjoy! And remember to come out and play on the Par Course once it is completed (by mid-September).

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: September 2014

- 1—Labor Day, City Hall Closed
- 2—Back-to-School Celebration, 5:30 p.m., Lundy Elem. Play Area
Varsity Volleyball v. Mohawk, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 3—First day of School! All grades begin at 8:00 a.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 4—Varsity Volleyball v. McKenzie, 6:00 p.m.
JV Football v. Creswell JV, 6:00 p.m.
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
- 5—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Football @ Dufur, 7:30 p.m.
- 6—Lowell Block Party, Noon to 4:00 p.m., East 2nd Street
- 7—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 8—JV Football v. North Douglas, 6:00 p.m.
- 9—Varsity Volleyball v. Eddyville, 6:00 p.m.
Blackberry Jam Committee, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Fire Hall
- 10—Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
- 11—Varsity Volleyball @ Alsea, 6:00 p.m.
- 12—Varsity Football v. Camas Valley, 7:00 p.m.
- 14—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 15—JH Volleyball v. Crow, 4:30 p.m.
- 16—Varsity Volleyball v. Siletz Valley, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 17—JH Volleyball/Football v. McKenzie, 4:30/4:00 p.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 18—Girl Scouts first meeting at the Lowell Grange, 3:00 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball @ Mapleton, 6:00 p.m.
- 19—JV/Varsity Football @ Triangle Lake, 4:00/7:00 p.m.
- 20—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 21—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 22—Lane Blood Drive, 8:30 a.m. until noon, High School
JV Football @ Pleasant Hill JV, 5:00 p.m.
JH Volleyball @ Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball @ Yoncalla, 6:00 p.m.
School Board meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 23—Varsity Volleyball v. Triangle Lake, 6:00 p.m.
Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
- 24—JH Volleyball/Football @ Siletz, 4:30/4:00 p.m.
- 25—Varsity Volleyball v. Mohawk, 6:00 p.m.
- 26—Varsity Football v. Siletz Valley, 7:00 p.m.
- 28—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
- 29—JH Volleyball v. Triangle Lake, 4:30 pm.
Varsity Volleyball v. Yoncalla, 6:00 p.m.
JV Football @ North Douglas, 6:00 p.m.
- 30—Varsity Volleyball @ McKenzie, 6:00 p.m.