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School Bond Informational Meetings Scheduled

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The Superintendent and Board members have been hosting informational meetings on the proposed school bond at Lundy Elementary School in the Professional Development Center, 45 South Moss Street. These meetings are open to the public and are to provide information only. Please bring your questions!

The remaining meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, October 17 at 8:30 am
- Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 pm

In addition, there will be a special dinner and informational meeting at Fall Creek Christian Church on Wednesday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding these meetings, please feel free to call the district office at 541-937-2105 ext. 303.

Question of the week: How much money is the District going to receive if the bond passes?

If the voters approve the bond in the November elections, Lowell School District would receive the following funds:

- \$4 million from the Bond
- + \$3 million OSCIM grant award from the State of Oregon
- + \$1 million from the Seismic Grant from the State of Oregon
- = \$8 million guaranteed funds

The State has also committed to awarding Lowell an additional \$1 million of OSCIM grant funds IF our bond is approved by the voters AND another grant award recipient does not receive voter approval for their bond. That would bring the total to \$9 million.

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

From Lowell Superintendent Walt Hanline:

The Lowell School District took an aggressive approach to finding funding solutions for the district in response to the State Legislature allowing for the issuance of bonds to finance capital costs. This matter has been placed on the November ballot. As your School Superintendent, it is my role to ensure that you are provided accurate and timely information on what the District intends to use these funds for should this matter receive voter approval.

It is imperative that should the local bond be approved by the voters of Lowell School District, the funds will be used for the repair of the "guts" and security of our two buildings. The safety of our students is our number one priority.

The repurposing of the Lowell High Gym will come out of the state matching funds and will not take place until priorities stated below are addressed. Simply stated, if we have enough money for the gym we will build one. If we don't have enough to finish all of the gym, we will have to rely on the district and other avenues to complete that project sometime into the future.

Work for the Lowell School District Bond will be completed based on the following funding priorities:

Priority 1: Make needed **safety and security upgrades** in both school buildings;

Priority 2: Modernize and renovate the interior of both schools including **new upgraded mechanical, plumbing, and lighting**; and,

Priority 3: Build a new gym and wrestling room and convert the existing high school gym into a multipurpose center / performing arts space / cafeteria, and add classrooms.

Priority 1: Safety and security upgrades:

- ◆ Site access controls and security cameras;
- ◆ Seismic improvements to Lundy Elementary;
- ◆ Electronic door entrances;
- ◆ Replacement of old interior and exterior doors with locking doors compliant with security criteria;
- ◆ ADA improvements for safe access for all students;
- ◆ Office renovations at Lundy Elementary for better visual and security control; and,
- ◆ Perimeter fencing at Lowell HS to secure building.

Priority 2: Modernize vital building systems:

- ◆ Plumbing updates to replace corroding and rusting water supply and waste lines, as well as outdated inefficient fixtures;
- ◆ Replace and upgrade electrical systems to handle modern power needs;
- ◆ Replace oil-based boilers with new decentralized energy efficient HVAC units;
- ◆ Replace classroom lighting with energy efficient LED fixtures;
- ◆ Remove or encapsulate lead paint at walls and ceilings; and,
- ◆ Remove remaining asbestos tiles and glue.

Priority 3: New Lowell HS Gym/convert existing gym into a multipurpose center/performing arts space/cafeteria

(the following bullet points are **listed in order of priority**):

- ◆ Build a New Gymnasium and Wrestling Room building shell and interior finishes;
- ◆ Install New Gymnasium athletic equipment (score boards, back boards, etc);
- ◆ Repurpose existing Gym and wrestling room by:
 - ◇ Converting existing HS concessions and classroom to new kitchen, using existing kitchen equipment;
 - ◇ Removing existing bleachers and add storage space for tables, chairs and props for performances;
 - ◇ Reconfiguring stage and add curtains, lighting, etc.;
 - ◇ Converting existing cafeteria to new science lab / classroom space; and,
 - ◇ Convert existing wrestling building into a weight room.
 - ◇ Install New Gymnasium bleachers; and,
 - ◇ Install in the New Gymnasium a divider curtain for practices.

I trust this information is useful to you. The School Board has never wavered from being transparent about this process and has taken great pains to ensure that we will be conservative in our approach should this bond be approved. With that said, both the Architect and I believe **we will have sufficient funding** to complete all the projects in the above order. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Cross Country Comes to Lowell!

The inaugural cross country team has a good turnout led by seniors Cody Brooks and Tyce Ferguson; junior Gabriel Carroll; sophomore AJ Devereaux; freshmen Katie Chapman and Aidden Williamson; 8th graders Josh Brown and Octavion Mooers; 6th graders Denali Anowlic, Keegan Corrigan, Damien Davis, Cayden Erlei, Hayden Graham and Sawyer Kordon; and, 5th graders Eily Asher, Athena Sprague and Coleman Sprague. Head coach is Jonathan Ferguson.

Junior High Volleyball

Team members include 8th graders Abigail Mikulich, Alexis Curry, Ashlee Brooks, Hailey Curry and Priscilla Thurman; 7th graders Esperanza Guzman-Fields, Izabella Gehrke, Jazzie Valencia, Lydia Plahn and Maddy Moncreif; 6th graders Amerika Baszler, Karisma Chapman, Kassidy Matthews, Kenadee Hermansen and Lindy VonDoloski; and 5th graders Aly Curry and Annabelle Pickett. Head coach is Rachel Thurman.



Junior High Football

Another big turnout for JH football with 8th graders Andrew Bardis, Enoch Carrol, Danner DeBusk, Raymond Fassbender, Landen Miles, Deacon Savio, Odin Sinnett, Anthony Smith and Austin Smith; 7th grader Levi VonDoloski; 6th graders Justin Brooks, Gabriel Dorlein, Ayden Hadley, Justin Hern, Jaden Jalof, Alex Palencia, Noah Richardson, Alex Stratis, Justus Thurman and Hayden Vaughn; and, 5th graders Paul Clark, Dayson DeBusk, Harley Hardison,

Ryan Pelroy, Hayden Savio and Jamar Thurman. Head coach is Jack Devereaux.

Check the schedule on page 8 and come out and support all our hard working Lowell student-athletes!

GEAR UP: College...it's not a dream, it's a plan.

Sixty-four 9th and 10th graders visited the U of O campus to learn a university computer research system at the Knight Library and view the Oregon Native American exhibits at the Natural History and Culture Museum. Teachers C.J. Cramer and Heidi Sawitzke used a collaborative teaching style to combine the aspects of how religion has influenced government. Students learned how to use the university system to navigate their research topics for their classes. At the museum, students were exposed to various hands-on artifacts, from digging tools to bone fishing hooks.

GEAR UP plans to take other classes to college visits throughout the school year, exposing them to other universities, community colleges and technical schools in Oregon.

The GEAR UP grant was received in 2014 and provides \$40,000 per year through 2021. The mission of this effort is to assist students to attend colleges and trade schools after their high school graduation.



City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Grant Received for Parks Master Plan

The City has received a \$32,000 grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to update the 2007 Parks and Open Space Master Plan. An additional \$8,000 in matching funds will be provided by the City to complete the project. This grant will allow the City to review each element of the existing plan, develop master plans for each park, and strategies for project implementation. A steering committee will be established to manage the development process, which will include several opportunities for public engagement. More information will be provided as we get closer to kicking off the project.



Seasonal Clean Ups Announced

The City of Lowell will host two city-wide cleanups in the Fall and Spring to provide residents an opportunity to dispose of common household materials (see list below). Events will be held at Lowell City Hall, located at 107 East Third Street. This year the selected dates are Saturday, October 14 and Saturday, May 5. Materials will be accepted from 9:00-12:00 a.m., or until the dumpster containers are full. Proof of residency will be required, and may be confirmed with a recent water, electric, cable or telephone utility bill.

Please carefully review the following list of acceptable materials. The items listed below are examples of what will be accepted at each seasonal cleanup. The City reserves the right to refuse oversized loads, business waste or unacceptable materials.

Acceptable Materials

- Plastics
- Scrap Metal
- Furniture
- Bagged clothing
- Ink Cartridges (no cracks or leaks)
- Clean Appliances
- Tires (limit of 4, no larger than 17 inch)
- Small Electronics

Unacceptable Materials

- Household Garbage
- Construction Waste
- Fluorescent Lights
- Alkaline Batteries
- Household Chemicals
- Computers, Monitors, and TVs
- Yard Debris (acceptable at City Green Waste Collection Site)

New Outdoor Burning Regulations

New outdoor burning regulations became effective on June 15.

The following burning is allowed subject to compliance with Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA – www.lrapa.org) rules and advisories:

- Fires initiated for firefighting training purposes
- Recreational fires used for cooking with fire in a fireplace, barbecue set, or an outdoor fireplace, fire ring, or pit fueled with cut and split firewood
- Bonfires or religious ceremonial fires approved by LRAPA and the LRFPD
- Burning of clean woody yard trimmings, leaves and grass clippings on LRAPA approved burn days in October, March, April and May

The following burning is prohibited:

- Burning of any refuse, garbage, or other waste products
- Burning of any construction or demolition waste
- Field, ditch or weed burning
- Commercial or industrial burning as defined by LRAPA
- Burning of wet woody yard trimmings, leaves and grass clippings

Green Waste Collection Site

To assist with disposal of yard debris, the City will start accepting green waste at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 240 South Moss Street. The facility will be open the last Saturday of every month from 10:00-12:00. Residents may drop off acceptable materials at no charge. Proof of residency is required, and may be confirmed with a recent water, electric, cable or telephone utility bill.

Acceptable Materials

- Tree limbs
- Leaves
- Soft, pliable vines
- Twigs, branches, and woody vines up to 6" diameter and 10' long
- Similar garden waste

Unacceptable Materials

- Dirt or sod waste
- Animal waste
- Herbicides, Fertilizers, or Insecticides
- Treated Logs or lumber
- Stumps or stump grindings
- Material from contractors or commercial firms

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.

At the September 5th study session, the following topics were addressed:

- Received a presentation of the Lowell School District Facilities Plan and Bond Information
- Reviewed the Beautification Program
- Reviewed Business and Development Guides
- Reviewed the Community Grant Program
- Reviewed a Towing Contract

Study sessions are held for the City Council to receive background information on City business and to give Council members an opportunity to ask questions and express their individual views. No decisions are made, and no votes are taken on any agenda item. The public is invited to attend, however, there is generally no public comment period.

From the September 19th regular meeting:

- Approved a statement of support for the Lowell School District Bond
- Approved the Community Grant Program
- Approved the Beautification Program
- Approved Resolution 683—Downtown Plan Technical Assistance Program Grant

Motions were approved 3-0. In support: Bennett, Harris, and Osgood; Burford and Angelini were absent.

Monthly Police Log (August 26—September 26)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
08/27/17	5:33 PM	Information	North Everly Street and North Shore Drive
08/30/17	2:27 PM	Assist Outside Agency	100 Block East 4th Street
09/01/17	5:23 PM	Intoxicated Subject	100 Block North Moss Street
09/07/17	6:24 PM	Information	100 Block North Alder Street
09/09/17	10:37 AM	Civil Service	100 Block East 4th Street
09/09/17	7:56 PM	Theft	100 Block North Moss Street
09/09/17	10:44 AM	Civil Enforcement	100 Block East Main Street
09/10/17	5:11 PM	Suspicious Vehicle	500 Block North Moss Street
09/12/17	8:43 AM	Shots Fired	D Street and East 4th Street
09/13/17	8:17 PM	Uknown Problem	100 Block South Alder Street
09/17/17	8:05 AM	Criminal Trespass	500 Block North Moss Street
09/17/17	11:03 PM	Restraining Order Service	500 Block Carol Street
09/17/17	9:06 AM	Repossessed Vehicle	100 Block West 2nd Street
09/18/17	9:23 AM	Restraining Order Service	500 Block Carol Street
09/21/17	5:17 PM	Medical Info Call	300 Block North Pioneer Street

Please report suspicious activity and tips to the Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) by phone at 541-682-4150 or 541-682-4141. For a crime in progress or other emergency always dial 9-1-1.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt



The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District has had a busy summer. On August 10, 2017 we had a fire start nearby our district from a lightning strike that has burned more than 10,000 acres. We have had 4 management teams come through with over 700 personnel. The Fire District has helped out by providing a place for the management teams to hold meeting as well as provide a sleeping area for the firefighters during the very hot days that we had.

We have added 8 new volunteers to the district. We are looking forward to the future and bringing on more volunteers to continue building the ranks to provide to the 23 square miles of the fire district. If you know of someone that may be interested in becoming a volunteer please have them contact us. We have a few positions that they may be able to fill, (Tender Driver, EMS Personnel and Firefighter).

If you have questions regarding volunteering or general questions regarding the fire service please feel free to contact us Monday through Friday 8 – 5 at 541-937-3393 or feel free to stop by 389 N. Pioneer Street Lowell, Oregon.

Meet Your Firefighters: Nick Bruckner

Nick was born and raised in Southern California (we try not to hold this against him). He originally moved to Oregon to attend University of Oregon back in 2008 but he says he stayed in Oregon because he loves the culture and how friendly Oregonians are, especially when the sun is out. He says he also loves how green and colorful Oregon is. Nick is passionate about team sports and was therefore easily convinced that the fire service would be a good fit for him. He started as an intern volunteer Firefighter/EMT for Lowell Rural Fire Protection in June 2014. By August 2014, Nick had decided that he wanted to move into the fire station as a resident volunteer and pursue a degree in Paramedicine. He



was a resident at the station for about 2.5 years, winning Rookie of the Year in his first year and then Volunteer of the Year each subsequent year. Nick just recently moved out of the station after becoming a paid employee of the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District. Outside of being a Firefighter Paramedic for Lowell Fire, Nick spends his time hanging out with friends, playing ice hockey, and working on an ambulance as a BLS Technician for Eugene Springfield Fire. He is a friendly, personable guy with a lot of energy. It's not unusual to hear him referred to as our energizer bunny.

In and Around Our Community

East Valley Harvest Party

The annual harvest party has been cancelled for this year. Cider and activities will be available across the street at the Lowell Grange on October 31st.

Haunted Grange Returns!

Prepare to be scared! The Lowell Grange is sponsoring the 4th Annual Haunted Grange for three nights:

**October 27th, 28th and 31st
6:00-9:00 p.m.**

The cost to enter is \$3 for ages 17 and under and \$5 for ages 18 and over.

Refreshments will be available for sale. Candy for the kids will be available the 31st. All proceeds go toward the Grange Restoration Fund to support building improvements.



Affordable Housing in Lowell

If you're looking for a home in Lowell, consider the Wetleau Estates development. It's not quite as old as the picturesque hills that surround it, but more than a decade after the City of Lowell offered it to St. Vincent de Paul as an avenue for creating affordable housing, five buildable lots still await owners along with the 11 completed homes and two in progress.

"The housing market in Lane County is all but affordable for those with a working family wage. With the blend of a little sweat equity, low priced lots and the financing package, we have been able to help a number of families achieve the dream of homeownership. This is a rare and fleeting opportunity to own your own home and I urge you to check it out", says St. Vincent de Paul representative Andy Clay. Call 541-501-0894.

Dinner Theater Tickets on Sale!

The Lowell Grange Building Restoration Committee presents "Little Nell and the Mortgage Foreclosure". Four performances will be held in October. Dates and times are:

Saturday, October 7, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 8, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 15, 4:00 p.m.

Cost is just \$15 for a nice chicken dinner and the play. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time and are of limited quantity. Don't miss out — contact any Grange member or call Gerry at 541-937-2190.



Proceeds help restore the historic Grange Hall Building. We appreciate your support of this effort.

Other Regular Grange Events in October

Breakfast on October 1st
Texas Hold 'em Poker on October 21st
Bingo! on October 16th

Lowell High School Drama presents...

The Fifth Annual
"An Hour of Improv Comedy!"

Three FREE 7:00 p.m. shows:
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
October 19th, 20th and 21st

LHS Drama Room Theater, Room 11

Donations are gratefully accepted to support the continued development of the LHS Drama Program.



TAG Robotics Fundraiser

The TAG Robotics Club will be holding a silent auction on Sunday, October 22nd from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street. A featured item is a signed Marcus Mariota jersey from when he played for the Ducks.

If you would like to support this effort, they would appreciate cash donations or auction items such as tools, gift baskets, craft items, and gift certificates. Contact Heather at 541-937-2643.

Proceeds will help pay for uniform shirts, motors, sensors, controllers, repair tools, computers and lots of other fun stuff to help the TAG students learn more about robots and how to program them. Thanks for supporting our kids!



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Upcoming Meetings and Events: October 2017

- 1—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 2—JH Volleyball v. Falls City, 4:00 p.m.
JV Football @ Mapleton, 5:00 p.m.
- 3—JH Football @ Triangle Lake, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Study Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 4—Economic Development Committee, 1:00 p.m., City Hall
JH Volleyball @ Oak Hill, 4:00 p.m.
JH Football @ Waldport, 5:30 p.m.
- 5—Regis/Stayton Cross Country Invitational, Stayton MS
Varsity Volleyball v. Mapleton & Oak Hill, 4:00/5:30/7:00 p.m.
JV Football @ Oakridge, 7:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
- 6—Lundy Jog-a-thon, 1:00 p.m.
Varsity Football v. Mohawk, 7:00 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker—cancelled due to play rehearsal
- 7—PTO Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Parking Lot
Varsity Volleyball @ Alsea (& Siletz), 11:00/12:30/2:00 p.m.
- 9—JH Volleyball @ Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.
- 10—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. McKenzie, 4:30 JV, 6:00 Varsity
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
Blackberry Jam Committee, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 11—Liisa's Puppet Show, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
JH Volleyball v. Mapleton, 4:00 p.m.
JH Football @ Mohawk, 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball v. Oakridge JV, 6:00 p.m.
- 12—Varsity Volleyball v. Triangle Lake, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Football @ McKenzie, 7:00 p.m.
- 14—City-wide Clean Up, 9:00 am—Noon, City Hall
George Fox AC Classic Cross Country, 10:00 a.m.
Varsity Volleyball @ Mohawk (& Eddyville), 12:00/2:00/4:00
- 16—JH Volleyball v. Siletz, 4:00 p.m.
- 17—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 18—JH Volleyball @ McKenzie, 4:30 p.m.
JH Football v. Waldport, 5:15 p.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 19—Hour of Improv Comedy, 7:00 p.m., Drama Theater Room 11
- 20—Varsity Football @ Siletz, 7:00 p.m.
Hour of Improv Comedy, 7:00 p.m., Drama Theater Room 11
- 21—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Hour of Improv Comedy, 7:00 p.m., Drama Theater Room 11
- 22—TAG Robotics Silent Auction, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Lowell Grange
- 23—JH Volleyball @ Crow, 4:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.
- 25—JH Volleyball/Football @ Falls City, 4:00 p.m.
- 26—Cross Country Districts, Beaverton, 3:30 p.m.
- 27—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
Varsity Football League Playoffs, TBA
Haunted Grange, Lowell Grange, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 28—Haunted Grange, Lowell Grange, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 31—Haunted Grange, Lowell Grange, 6:00-9:00 p.m.