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Fire Restriction Changes

LRAPA has made some changes to Lane County Fire Restrictions.

LRAPA requires that a permit is obtained from them for:

Construction/Demolition/Land Clearing – Burning materials that are generated by removal of debris, logs, trees, or brush from any site being prepared for development; wood waste from a construction project; or wood waste resulting from complete or partial destruction of any man-made structure.

Commercial – Burning woody, vegetative, or dimensional wood debris actually generated or used by a commercial operation. This includes pallets and materials removed and transported from property of origin.

Industrial – Burning woody waste produced as a direct result of any manufacturing or industrial process.

Bonfires – Burning woody materials in a controlled outdoor fire held for celebratory, ceremonial, or entertainment purposes. A fire is considered a bonfire if it is larger than three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height.

Burns that do not require LRAPA permits:

Residential Outdoor Burning – The burning of woody debris that has been generated around a dwelling. Residential outdoor burning is regulated on a daily basis, you must check the daily advisory before burning. The outdoor burning of grass clippings is prohibited county wide. Burning of fallen leaves is also prohibited in city limits of Lowell.

Woody Yard Debris refers to tree branches and brush.

Recreational Fire – Burning a small fire no larger than three (3) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in height using manufactured fire logs or clean, dry, natural firewood as fuel. This is limited to campfires, fires in chimneys, patio fireplaces, fire pits or similar devices on public land. No construction, demolition, commercial, yard or trash may be burned.

Burn Barrels are prohibited



If you have any questions please feel free to contact Lowell Rural fire Protection District at 541-937-3393 or LRAPA at 541-736-1056. The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District Main Station will have literature regarding the restrictions at 389 N. Pioneer Street Lowell.

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

Dear Community,

It's hard to believe that I have been in this position for three months already. Time truly flies when you are having fun. Many things have been taking place over the last month and I want to take a minute to share some of them with you.

As you may have noticed, the rhododendrons have been removed from the north side of Lowell High School. I want to let you know there was a method to that madness. Simply stated, I wanted the rest of the flower beds at the high school to look the same all the way around. All American Landscaping did an amazing job to execute the vision I had in mind. From a maintenance standpoint, it will be much easier to take care of and the continuity of vegetation around the building looks beautiful, given the different plants and colors that will take effect in the coming months. The football field is still a work in process, but looks and feels a million times better than what we had before. We had the Oregon State University Agriculture Division come down and take core samples to identify what steps we need to take in order to make it look like a top notch field. They have given us their recommendations and we will work tirelessly to ensure that it will be the greenest, healthiest football field in the state of Oregon.

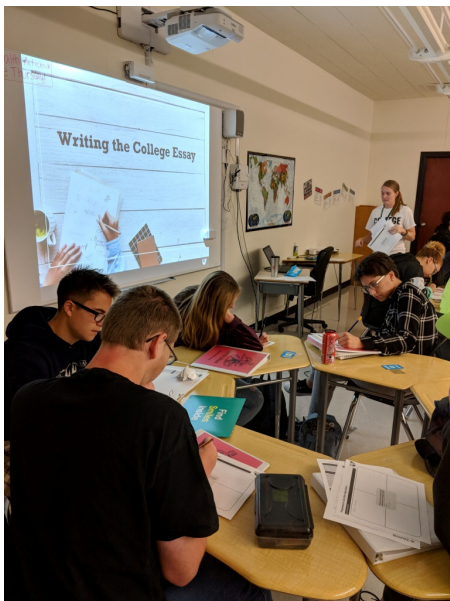
On another note, I will be holding a monthly "Meet the Superintendent" at the Giddy Goat coffee shop (thanks Jimmy and Mindy for the use of your fine establishment) in the coming months, where we can discuss topics and I can get to know as many of you as possible on a personal level. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page, school website @ www.lowell.k12.or.us as well as our Jr./Sr. high school reader board for updates on when those will be taking place.

The ball is rolling with the building plans and we hope to have things finalized very soon so we can go out to bid on these projects to upgrade many things throughout the District. More updates will be sent out as we continue with this process. I understand it seems like it is taking a while, and much like Rome, this process will not be completed in a day!

We are currently looking for substitute bus drivers, van drivers and custodians to help out in order to continue the ongoing efforts of making this a top notch facility. If you are interested, please apply through our website or call our Human Resources Department at 541-937-2015 ext. 303 and ask Michelle Stephens how you can be part of this wonderful family.

As always, it is such an honor to be here and I look forward to building upon the foundation we have created so far within this district. We are not only on the move, we are well on our way!

Sincerely, Johnie Matthews, Superintendent, Lowell School District



Aspire Day Helps Seniors

Every Tuesday in Principal Kay Graham's 12th grade Career's class is Aspire Day. Guest speakers are invited to share helpful procedures and students receive advice to prepare them for their college and career experiences. Maddy Anderson, GEAR UP representative from OSU, shared advice about keeping track of college and career information month by month on iPhone and Android devices. She also shared do's and don't's of scholarship writing.

Karen Cardwell, Aspire coordinator, has created binders that stay in the room for each senior, tracking events and deadlines, so seniors can better stay on top of information. Aspire and GEAR UP work hand-in-hand to create an atmosphere for students to succeed.

Lowell Junior High Volleyball

This year's team is off to a great start with decisive wins. Team members include: 8th graders Kaylee Astbury, Erika Carpenter, Lily Haynes, Sienna Hymer, Madison Monteith, Lydia Plahn and Jasmine Valencia; 7th graders Elizabeth Able, Amerika Baszler, Kameron Baszler, Brooke Davis, Kenadee Hermansen, Nevaeh Howard, Cassidy Matthews, Annabelle Pickett, Kelly Scharff and Lindy VonDoloski; and, 6th graders Ellyahna Asher, Kiahna Baszler, Jada Cantrell, Ali Curry and Elisabeth Stewart. Head coach Rachel Thurman is assisted by Mandy Hermansen.



Lowell Junior High Football

Half way through the season Team members include: 8th graders Beauden Asher, Aric Coleman, Danner Debusk, Trapper Roat, Sol Tendick and Hayden Vaughn; 7th graders Justin Brooks, Cayden Erlei, Rowan Files, Ayden Hadley, Taylor Horton, Alex Palencia, Alex Stratis, Brody Thurman and Justus Thurman; 6th graders Aiden Albright, Paul Clark, Kaden Fisher, Harley Hardison, Caleb Monteith, Ryan Pelroy, Hayden Savio and Jamar Thurman; and, 5th graders Saul Clark, David Finch and Alex Sotomayor. Head coach Lincoln Casarez is assisted by .



Breast Cancer Awareness Event

The Lowell Volleyball Team will be having a Pink Out at their home game on October 2nd in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. To raise money for the cause there will be sweet treats available for a donation. The team has decided to donate 100% of the money collected to Lowell Alumni Cindy Kintzley to help with her medical expenses as she is currently battling cancer. Please come support the Lowell Volleyball Team and Cindy! Yay Lowell! Boo cancer!



Homecoming: October 11th

Hey all you Lowell alumni football players. Lowell football coach Pat Todd (Class of 79) would love to see you Thursday night October 11th for our homecoming game at 7pm vs. Oakridge.

If you could be on the field at 6pm and visit with our current players for a few minutes, that would be great. Then during the 3rd quarter break, come out on the field so we can honor you and give you a round of applause. Free admission for football alumni. The current team will pay your way in. GO RED DEVILS! Please spread the word.

LHS Drama presents...

The SIXTH ANNUAL

“An Hour of Improv Comedy!”

Three FREE 7PM shows: Thursday, October 25th; Friday, October 26th; Saturday, October 27th

LHS Black Box Theater (Room 11, off main parking lot)

Donations will be accepted to support the development of the LHS Drama Program

Please contact Mr. Klatt (mklatt@lowell.k12.or.us) if you would like to support LHS Drama.

City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Thank You!

On Thursday, September 13, the City received a little extra help from Mountain View Academy. Over 30 students participated in volunteer projects at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Rolling Rock Park. At the Plant, students received a tour of the wastewater facility and painted the digester. Rolling Rock volunteers planted flowers and grasses in the circle in front of the little covered bridge. City staff would like to sincerely thank the administration, teachers, parents and students for their hard work and support!



Backyard Burning Reopens

Open burning is permitted in Lowell during the months of October, March, April and May. Prior to burning, residents should check for air quality advisories through the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) website at www.lrapa.org or 541-726-3976. Please note that LRAPA no longer allows for the burning of grass clippings.

The following burning is allowed subject to compliance with LRAPA 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 and leaves 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

To improve air quality, residents are encouraged to utilize the Green Waste Disposal Site at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 240 South Moss Street. The facility is 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

City Council Candidates

The Certified Statement of Candidates was filed with the Lane County Elections Office on September 6. The following candidates are running for the Lowell City Council:

- Position 1 – Don Bennett
- Position 4 – Maggie Osgood and Jerry Valencia

Small Business Program Expands

Last summer the City of Lowell welcomed Oregon RAIN (Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network) to assist new and emerging small businesses in Lowell, Dexter, and Fall Creek. This past year RAIN has held two networking events, business training, and an investment pitch competition for area entrepreneurs.

We are pleased to announce that the program is poised to expand this year. The City partnered with the City of Oakridge and Oregon RAIN to solicit additional funding and has received \$25,000 from The Ford Family Foundation and \$25,000 from Lane County. This funding will be utilized to hire a Venture Catalyst position for East Lane County.

Lowell City Council Actions

At the September 4th study session, the following topics were discussed:

- Solid Waste Franchise Agreement
- City Hall and Library Renovations and/or Replacement
- Alternatives for Public Safety Services

At the September 18th regular meeting, the following actions were taken:

- Approved a motion to engage the Lowell School District and discuss the opportunity for hiring a full-time officer through the Oakridge Police Department.
- Approved a motion to advertise RFP #2018-2 for a Community Facilities Study as submitted.
- Appointed Joseph Brazill to Position 1 and Sara Mikulich to position 2 of the Parks and Recreation Committee, and Tristan Woodhurst for Position 9 of the Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee.
- Approved Resolution 704—Temporary Greywater Disposal Fee.

All motions were approved 5-0.

Monthly Police Log (July 29-August 24)

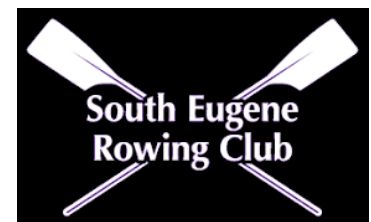
Date	Time	Call Type	Location
08/29/18	7:00 AM	Theft	500 Block North Hyland Lane
08/29/18	9:47 AM	Information	200 Block Marina Vista Drive
08/31/18	10:52 AM	Civil Service	400 Block Carol Street
09/01/18	12:08 PM	Civil Service	400 Block Carol Street
09/05/18	4:25 PM	Restraining Order Service	100 Block South Moss Street
09/05/18	6:05 PM	Criminal Trespass	100 Block West Second Street
09/08/18	8:53 PM	Shots Fired	100 Block West Main Street
09/14/18	10:18 PM	Dispute	100 Block South Pioneer Street
09/18/18	8:33 AM	Civil Enforcement	500 Block North Moss Street
09/20/18	4:35 PM	Welfare Check	100 Block North Shore Drive

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.

Try Rowing on Dexter Lake - No experience required!

South Eugene Rowing Club (SERC) provides all local 6th-12th grade students an opportunity to learn and compete in rowing - an Olympic, collegiate, and high school level sport. We welcome anyone willing to show up and work hard - there are no cuts or tryouts. Teammates create friendships, build life skills, and get in great shape. The team competes in 6 to 8 regattas within Oregon, Washington, and California each year. We offer 1-week free trial periods for anyone who is interested in trying rowing.

Contact headcoach@southeugenrowingclub.org or find us online: <https://southeugenrowingclub.org/>



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt



LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.

Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.™

Fire Prevention Week | Oct. 7-13, 2018

Look for places fire could start.

Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm.

Learn two ways out of every room.

1



Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.

2



All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from heating equipment.

3



Make sure everyone in your home knows the alarm sound and what to do if they hear it.

4




Find two ways out of every room.

5



Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.

6



Get outside to your meeting place.

For more information, visit: www.usfa.fema.gov and www.firepreventionweek.org.



**FIRE
PREVENTION
WEEK**

In and Around Our Community

Blackberry Jam Raffle Quilt Winner

Carl Redner of Hartland, Michigan was the lucky winner of this year's raffle quilt at the Jam. Carl is the brother of Julie Redner who is a Pine Needler and sold him his tickets. Congratulations Carl!



Mountain View Academy Volunteers



A big "thumbs up" to Mountain View Academy kindergarteners and third graders for the great job of cleaning and weeding at the Lowell Food Pantry. You are our Super Heroes for all the hard work you did for the food pantry. Great job. Thank you so very much. — Pantry Manager, Shawn Brady

Halloween Costume Exchange

Trade in last year's costume that no longer fits and upgrade to the perfect costume for Halloween. Join us Friday, October 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Lowell Grange to shop FREE in exchange for your swap! *Donations not necessary to shop at event.*

Have a costume to donate? Start bringing in your gently used costumes now! Drop off locations are:

- Lundy Elementary
- Bridge Town Market
- Lowell City Hall

Donate: gently used costumes, accessories such as masks, wigs, etc., pet costumes and more...

This exchange is sponsored by the Small Town Superheroes.



Haunted Grange Returns!

Prepare to be scared! The Lowell Grange is sponsoring the 5th Annual Haunted Grange for three nights:

**October 26th, 27th and 31st
6:00-9:00 p.m.**

The cost to enter is \$3 for ages 10 and under and \$5 for ages 11 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.



Other Grange Events in October

Breakfast on October 7th
Texas Hold 'em Poker on October 5th and 20th
Bingo! on October 17th

Your support of these events help restore the historic Grange Hall Building. Thank you very much!

Playground Dedication at Lundy

In recognition of her tireless efforts to raise money for new playground equipment, the playground at Lundy Elementary was dedicated to Aaron Manfredre. Aaron's leadership and positive attitude motivated her fellow PTO members and the community to step up and make this dream a reality.



Craft Show Coming in November

There will be a Craft Show at the Lowell Grange, 51 E 2nd Street on Saturday, November 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday the 11th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy some cookies and hot apple cider while browsing through a unique collection of crafts. Come see all the talent our community has to offer and get a head start on your holiday shopping.

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: September 2018

- 1—JV Volleyball @ Crow, 4:00 p.m.
JH Volleyball v. McKenzie, 4:30 p.m.
- 2—JV/Varsity Volleyball (Pink Out) v. Central Linn, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 3—JH Volleyball @ Siletz, 4:30 p.m.
JH Football v. Waldport, 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 4—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Monroe, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- 5—JH Volleyball v. North Douglas, 3:30 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Football @ Mapleton, 7:00 p.m.
- 6—Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Parking lot
JH/Varsity Cross County @ Bryant Park, Albany, 9:00 a..
Hall of Fame Banquet, 5:00 p.m., High School Gym
- 7—Lowell Grange Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m., 51 East 2nd Street
- 8—JH Volleyball v. Eddyville, 4:30 p.m.
Girls Homecoming Powder Puff Football, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 9—Varsity Volleyball @ Oakridge, 6:00 p.m.
Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
Blackberry Jam Committee, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 10—Senior Moments, 10 a.m.—Noon, Lowell Library, 107 E. 3rd
JH Volleyball @ Falls City, 4:00 p.m.
JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Regis, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
JH Football v. Yoncalla, 5:00 p.m.
- 11—JH Cross Country @ Avery Park, Corvallis, 3:30 p.m.
Homecoming! Varsity Football v. Oakridge, 7:00 p.m.
- 12—**No School!** Teacher In-service Day
- 13—Varsity Cross Country @ Lents Park, Portland, TBD
- 15—JV/Varsity Volleyball @ East Linn, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
JH Volleyball @ Mapleton, 4:30 p.m.
- 16—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 17—Varsity Cross Country, Orchard Point Park, 3:00 p.m.
JH Volleyball v. Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.
JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Oakland, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
JH Football v. North Douglas, 5:00 p.m.
Bingo! at the Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street, 7:00 p.m.
- 18—Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting,
7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 19—Costume Exchange, Lowell Grange, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Varsity Football @ North Douglas, 7:00 p.m.
- 20—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball Playoffs, TBD
- 22—JH Volleyball v. Alsea, 4:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 23—Varsity Volleyball Playoffs, TBD
- 25, 26, 27—An Hour of Improv, HS Drama Room 11, 7:00 p.m.
- 25—Varsity Cross Country Championships, Gold Hill, TBD
- 26, 27, 31—Haunted Grange, Lowell Grange, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 26—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
Varsity Football League Playoffs
- 27—JH Cross Country Championships, Salem, 11:00 a.m.