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Training to Serve Our Community

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Training is the key to success in today's fire service. The Lowell Fire District volunteers recognize that and dedicate numerous hours to maintain appropriate skill and knowledge levels to continually improve service to our patrons. Our volunteers spent over 3,500 hours training in 2013. This training included 2,400 hours on fire and rescue skills and 1,100 hours on medical skills.

District personnel are trained to specific levels established by several organizations including the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), Oregon Health Division-EMS section, Oregon-OSHA and the Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office, commensurate to the position held by each member.

Prior to gaining response status, District personnel are trained to a minimum level as required by DPSST in Hazardous Materials Operation, Infectious Disease Prevention, CPR and Emergency First Aid.

Current Volunteer membership includes: 4 residents (live at the Main Station), 1 Cadet (High school student), 7 Interns (live outside District boundaries) and 10 in District members for a total of 22 volunteers that serve the communities of Fall Creek, Unity and Lowell.

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

“Shout Out” to our Wonderful Volunteers

As the school year draws to an end, it is important to take some time to thank the community for their school help and volunteerism. In our schools we have had volunteers of all ages doing jobs such as helping to maintain our school grounds, coaching, tutoring, helping with school projects, and helping within the classroom. When individuals volunteer, they give up their own time to support activities that benefit and inspire others. Volunteering is a very selfless gift and is so appreciated by our staff. It is my pleasure, on behalf of the staff at Lowell and Lundy, to express our gratitude to all of the school parent and community volunteers. You inspire us and our students!

Kindergarten Registration

In April, Lundy began welcoming Kindergarteners, the newest Lowell School District students. Registration this year took the form of parents hearing information about the Kindergarten program and incoming students getting the chance to visit the Kindergarten classroom. The incoming students participated in art projects, took a school tour, and finally, along with their parents, took a bus ride around the community of Lowell. The registration presentation included a recap of the new upgrades to the building and the work being done at Lundy this summer including new installation of windows, flooring, siding, and painting projects. Other information that was highlighted included the benefits of small classrooms, Lundy's expert and responsive staff, all day Kindergarten, classes five days a week, volunteerism, Title support services, and the notion that Lundy is a public school with a “private school” feel. If you were unable to attend the Kindergarten Registration event, or know of anyone who was not able to attend, please call Kandi at Lundy Elementary at 541-937-2105 for more information.

Summer Literacy and Summer School

This year the Lowell School District has plans to ensure the students at Lowell and Lundy have a little summer homework to keep them busy. Grades 1-12 will be provided with reading material and reading homework over the summer with the expectation that the summer homework will be turned in to teachers when students return in the fall. The school summer literacy program for younger students will be highlighted at Lundy's Family Fun Night scheduled for May 14th. Additionally, both Lowell and Lundy will have some summer school opportunities to help support student learning. Parents will be notified in May if your student should attend the summer help sessions.

Lundy Family Fun Night — Wed., May 14th

You're invited to this fun event to be held from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Lundy gym, 45 S. Moss Street.

The evening will include pizza from 5:30-6:00; presentations at 6:00; cake walks and other activities from 6:20 until 8:00; and from 7:30 to 8:00 a Parent Night meeting for 6th graders transitioning to Junior High. There will also be popcorn and treats!

LHS Drama presents...

Two short plays by Wade Bradford: "12 Angry Pigs" and "Montana Jones and the Gymnasium of Doom"

When: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday,
May 15th-17th, at 7pm

Where: LHS Drama Room (Rm. 11, off the main parking lot)

Admission is FREE! (Donations will be accepted to help further develop the LHS Drama program)

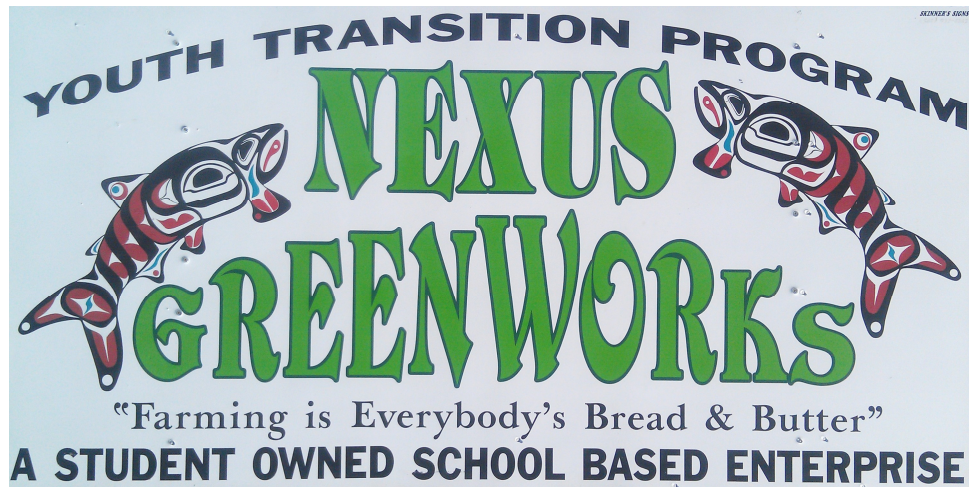
Concert Choir Shines at the Hult Center

The Lowell High School Concert Choir recently participated in the 2014 Metropolitan Choral Festival, held April 22nd at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts, and stood out as a true gem in the concert lineup. Even though they were the only small school choir in attendance, and were outnumbered in some cases 10-to-1 for group size, their performance was met with great emotion and enthusiasm by all in attendance. The group's director, Mr. Burch, has since received many glowing verbal responses and e-mails -- even from other directors and several parents from other schools -- on how "inspirational" the performance was. Even in a direct comparison with 5A and 6A state finalists, many felt that Lowell was one of the best groups of the evening. Performers included seniors Sky Moskowitz, Colten Nichols, and Milika Poggemeyer, junior Grant Chapman, sophomore Erika Senner, and freshmen Chelsea Byrne, Shaundra Miller, and Eden Smith.

Spring Concert Reminders

May 7th, Mtn. West Music Festival — All day event for music students grades 7-12 @ McKenzie with an evening performance at 7:00 pm (\$3/ticket, kids 12 and under free)

May 27th, Lundy Spring Concert (Grades K-5)
May 29th, Band Spring Concert (Grades 6-12)
June 3rd, Choir Spring Concert (Grades 7-12)
Each of the above at 7:00 pm in the LHS Gym



**Nexus Greenworks
invites you to it's
first spring plant sale
and open house
on Saturday, May 10th
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

The Greenhouse is located on the Lowell High School Campus adjacent to the bus barn. We have all your garden starts; tomatoes, peppers, flowers and more, healthy and vigorous ready to be planted outdoors. We also have beautiful Japanese maple trees in many varieties and sizes generously donated by Maplewood Nursery of Fall Creek. In addition to our all organic bedding plants we will have blueberry plants and more donated by Fall Creek Farm and Nursery, Original Roots Organics Soil amendments, organic potting soil by the bag and liquid fertilizers. Please stop by and visit and start your gardening early.

The Nexus Program is student owned and all proceeds from the sale are returned to school programs that continue to enhance lifelong learning to better understand the world around us.

Nexus wishes to thank Aurora Innovations and Roots Organics of Eugene for their continued support of quality soil amendments and the dirt that makes things grow!!

"DON'T PANIC, IT'S ORGANIC"

Lowell High School Receives 2013-14 OACA 1A All-Sports Award!

Lowell's varsity sports program received first place among all other 1A schools in the state of Oregon. Based on how Lowell teams finished in state competitions in Spring 2013, Fall and Winter 2014, Lowell scored 46 points — 8 more than their nearest competitor. Athletic Director Pat Todd will be awarded a plaque at the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association banquet on May 24th. Congratulations to all the athletes, coaches, parents and fans!

Check the schedule for remaining ball games and track and field meets, then come on out and support the kids!

Library Kudos

A great 'big thank you' to Cathleen Thompson and her family for their generous donation of books to the Lundy and Jr./Sr. High School libraries. Cathleen wanted to share her love of reading with Lowell students by providing hundreds of new fiction and nonfiction books. We appreciate this wonderful donation.

City Beat

Volunteer Park Clean-up Day May 3rd

The Lowell Park Advisory Committee has scheduled Saturday, May 3rd for a volunteer Park Clean-up Day. May 10th is scheduled as a “rain” back-up day. The Committee is asking that Lowell residents join them from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. to assist with spring clean-up and with minor improvements to our City parks. This is a great way to get involved with your friends and neighbors to improve our parks for the benefit of everyone. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to join your neighbors in cleaning up our parks. If you will be able to participate, please contact Lucie Swarm at 541-937-2157.

Annual Code Enforcement Inspection Scheduled

City staff will conduct a City-wide code enforcement inspection during the last week of June. This inspection will identify properties that do not meet Lowell code regarding nuisances, noxious vegetation, vehicles and any other code violation that is readily apparent. City staff will **not** enter private property and will only be identifying violations that are clearly visible from a public street or alley. Those properties in violation will be sent a letter identifying the violation and be required to correct the violation within 10 days of being notified.

The staff will be inspecting primarily for the following:

- Accumulations of garbage, junk and debris clearly visible from a street or alley.
- Vegetation that needs to be cut back so that it doesn't impact use of sidewalks or streets.
- Tall grass which needs to be cut and weeds which are going to seed.
- Blackberry vines that extend into a public street or across a property line.
- Dismantled vehicles or vehicle parts stored on private property in clear view of the street.
- Unregistered or inoperable vehicles parked within the public right-of-way.

Copies of the ordinances which establish the standards that are expected to be met and identify what constitutes a violation are available at City Hall or on the City's website www.ci.lowell.or.us under the Government Page. Also, if you have any specific questions, please don't hesitate to contact City staff at 541-937-2157.

New City Councilor: Melody Knokey

At the April 1st city council meeting, Melody Knokey was appointed to fill an open term through December 2014. Melody would like to invite folks to meet with her for a coffee talk so she can get to know others better. She's interested in discussing your concerns for the community and your ideas for solutions. If anyone would like to schedule time to meet, please call her at 541-937-1137.

Picnic Shelter

Just in time for Spring, the shelter at Paul Fisher Park is revitalized (see picture below). The shelter was raised around 1985 and was definitely showing its age. The original three in-line center support posts were beefed up with four outrigger posts and the old roof was torn off and a new one installed. A great group of volunteers provided all of the labor to complete the project. The group consisted of Andrea Larsen, Pam Bryant, Judith Rennert, Melody Knokey, Hall O'Regan, Ken Lane (who brought his own backhoe to support the tear-off), Warren Weathers, Bob Burr, Greg Hampton and Jerry Bjornstad, who is the new Parks Committee Chairman. Jerry also wanted to thank Idella Stinson, who brought coffee out on those first cold mornings. A special thanks goes out to Hall O'Regan for providing electrical power throughout the project and for spending several hours beautifying the park with his weed eater. Additionally, thanks goes to the volunteers that also provided some missing hardware, supplies and tools. Greg Hampton also donated the new coat of paint.



City of Lowell Job Announcement Public Works Superintendent

The City of Lowell seeks an experienced professional to lead the City's Public Works Department including the operation of a Class II Water Treatment facility, Class I Water Distribution system, Class III Wastewater Treatment facility and Class II Wastewater Collection system.

Position Description: This position is for the management, operation and maintenance of all aspects of a water and sewer utility. The position is also responsible for performing and supervising other public works related activities, including street, storm drain and park maintenance. It also requires a willingness to work a flexible schedule including nights, weekends and holidays, and perform overtime/comp time work when essential for utility operations.

Desired Qualifications:

- 5+ years demonstrated experience in public works, sewer or water operation/maintenance, or equivalent combination of experience and training.
- Oregon Water and Wastewater Certifications/Licenses: Water Treatment II with filtration endorsement, Water Distribution I, Sewer Treatment III, Sewer Collections II.
- Valid Oregon Driver's License with driving record acceptable to the City and the City's insurance carrier.
- High School Diploma or Equivalency Certificate.
- Ability to respond to system alarms and emergencies within 15 minutes of notification.
- Ability to be a team player and put forth an extra effort when needed.
- Ability to work independently and unsupervised.

Salary: \$3,291 to \$4,200 per month depending on experience and qualifications.

Benefits: Medical and Dental Insurance for employee and dependents.
Group Term Life Insurance for employee.
Participation in Public Employees Retirement System.

For additional information and to request a detailed job description and application, contact Lowell City Hall at 541-937-2157. **This position is open until filled; first review of applications will be on Monday, May 12th, 2014.** Applicants may submit additional information such as resumes and training certificates with their applications.

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 April 1st regular meeting:

- Appointed Melody Knokey to the city council for a term ending December 31, 2014
- Approved going forward with an ordinance to enact a moratorium on medical marijuana facilities
- Approved Resolution 598 proclaiming the month of April 2014 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

From the April 15th regular meeting:

- Conducted a public hearing regarding a moratorium on medical marijuana facilities; approved first reading of Ordinance 285 to enact a moratorium

From the April 22nd special meeting:

- Approved Ordinance 285 declaring a moratorium on medical marijuana facilities and declaring an emergency

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

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The following shows the current number of medically licensed personnel and the hours required to obtain their license and the number of training hours required to maintain their license:

- 4 Paramedics - 1000 to 1200 class hours & Associate Degree, with 48 hours of training every two years
- 1 Intermediate EMT - 264 class hours with 36 hours of training every two years
- 1 Advanced EMT - 264 class hours with 36 hours of training every two years
- 8 EMTs - 128 class hours with 24 hours of training every two years
- 7 Emergency Medical Responders - 48 class hours with 12 hours of training every two years
- All personnel retain a current CPR certification.

In addition to the medical training requirements, personnel are required to receive and maintain fire fighting and rescue training as listed below.

Structural Fire Suppression: The following shows how many are certified and the classroom hours required to achieve certification at each level. These hours do not include hands-on skills that are required to be demonstrated and re-certified each year.

- 13 Firefighter I—80 hours (4 more will be submitting application for certification before July)
- 4 Firefighter II—45 hours
- 1 Vehicle and Machinery Rescue Technician—50 hours
- 19 Operations Level Hazardous Materials Responders—20 hours (2 are awaiting approval)
- 22 (100%) National Incident Management System Certificate—requires 7-9 individual certifications, dependent of rank and job duties – 28 to 76 hours
- 6 Fire Instructor I—40 hours
- 1 Fire Instructor II—32 hours
- 2 Fire Officer I—80 hours (2 more are currently completing requirements)
- 0 Fire Officer II—80 hours (1 will be completing requirements in late summer)

Technical Rescue: Hours reflect classroom time, not hands on training.

- 13 Water Rescue Awareness training—4 hours
- 3 Rope Rescue Technician—32 hours (4 currently completing requirements)
- 3 Surface Water Rescue Technician—32 hours (4 currently completing requirements)
- 3 Swiftwater Rescue Technician—24 hours

Drivers: Hours reflect classroom time, not hands-on training.

- 15 NFPA Driver/Operator—16 hours
- 9 NFPA Pumper Operators—32 hours
- 7 NFPA Tender Operators—32 hours
- 3 NFPA Wildland Apparatus Drivers—16 hours
- 22 or 100% District Emergency Vehicle Operations Course—16 hours
- 19 trained to drive all Staff/Rescue Apparatus (2 completing requirements)

Wildland: These qualifications are for the National Wildfire Coordinating Group and are transferable to all 50 states. Hours reflect classroom time, not hands-on.

- 22 or 100% Interface Firefighters—47 hours
- 7 Advanced Wildand Firefighters—16 hours
- 2 Engine/Crew Boss—64 hours

These numbers reflect our current status of state and federal, licensed and certified personnel. They do not reflect the personnel that are qualified to District Standard Operating Policies/Procedures. Example: Lowell RFPD has 3 NFPA Wildland Apparatus Drivers, IA/W departmental standards that meet and/or exceed NFPA and we have 15 personnel capable of driving our Wildland Apparatus. The hours only reflect the classroom time to achieve the certification, they do not reflect the 60-84 annual hours required to maintain the certifications.

In addition to the qualifications listed above, we now are accredited for Maritime Rescue Boat Operator. We are only one of a handful of districts in the State of Oregon able to provide this training. We have six members currently qualified to operate the District Rescue Boat and will be holding a Maritime Rescue Boat Operators class early this summer to increase those numbers.

Positions for Auxiliary Support, Structural Firefighter, Wildland Firefighter and EMS are always available. If any of the programs sound like something you would like to do, and you have the time to commit to the organization, contact the District office at 541-937-3393 or go to www.lowellfiredistrict.org for more information and an application. We will be taking applications for Resident Volunteer positions for our new Fall Creek Station this summer also.

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In and Around Our Community

Clothing Bank Open to Serve

The Clothing Bank continues 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 Stewartx6@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). Thank you to our community for being so generous with their donations, they are appreciated very much!



Fall Creek Park Clean-up a Success!

The Fall Creek Park Association wishes to thank everyone that came to the park on Saturday, April 26th. We were greatly pleased with the turn out of 25 people and all the work that was accomplished. For more information about the Fall Creek Park, please contact Pam at 541-937-1978, Glen at 541-937-2536 or Maggie at 541-937-3759.

Donations to Kidz Korner

The Blackberry Jam is seeking donations for the prize tent at the festival. Any new or gently used toys or monetary donation to purchase toys would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your toys and donations to Joyce at City Hall or you can call 541-937-5544. Thank you for your help!



May 23rd Free Movie Night!

The Lowell Boy Scouts are offering this month's Free Movie Night on **Friday, May 23rd** with the showing of **Thor—The Dark World (PG-13)**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m., at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street.



As this is a PG-13 rated movie, children under age 13 will need to be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. Admission is free; sales of refreshments support sending scouts to summer camp. For more information call 541-937-2643.

Spring Clean-up Help

Former City Councilor Pam Bryant is conducting her 4th annual volunteer service to organize assistance for residents who need help because of disability or infirmities or just to get junk or large items to the dump. If you are interested in volunteering to help others in Lowell clean up their property or if you need such help, please contact Pam at 541-913-6512 or by email to pam4lowell@aol.com. Submitted by Pam Bryant

Grange Events in May

Texas Hold 'em Poker on May 2nd and 17th
Breakfast on May 4th
Bingo! on May 7th and 21st
Bunco on May 9th

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

Fire District Budget Committee Approves Budget

The Fire District Budget Committee met April 16th to review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014/2015. The Committee approved a budget of \$597,960, which is approximately 5% less than the current year's budget.

The approved budget includes a 2% cost of living increase for the Training Coordinator and the half-time Fire Chief, inflationary increases in goods and services and a significant reduction in capital outlay equipment items. The only capital item scheduled is the purchase of two or three 40-foot steel shipping containers for training aids to be constructed at the Training Station in Fall Creek.

The approved budget is posted on the District web page at www.lowellfiredistrict.org or can be obtained at the District office.

A Budget Hearing is scheduled for May 21st at the Lowell Fire Station at 7:00 PM, where public comment on the proposed budget is welcome. Following the Budget Hearing the regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: May 2014

- 1—Baseball @ Siletz, 4:30 p.m.
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
 - 2—Varsity Track & Field @ Sisters, 3:30 & 5:00 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 3—Lowell Parks Clean-up Day, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
 - 4—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
 - 5—Baseball v. Yoncalla, 4:30 p.m.
Lowell School District Budget Committee, 4:30 p.m., Lundy
 - 6—JH Track Meet @ Crow, 4:00 p.m.
Softball @ Crow, 4:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 7—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
 - 9—Baseball v. Toledo, 4:30 p.m.
 - 10—JH Track District @ McKenzie
Varsity Track & Field @ Gilchrist, 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
Nexus Greenworks Spring Plant Sale, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Softball DH v. Riddle, Noon
 - 13—Softball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
Baseball v. Siletz, 4:30 p.m.
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Fire Hall
 - 14—Family Fun Night, Lundy Elementary, 5:30 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
 - 15—Baseball DH @ Glendale, 4:30 p.m.
LHS Drama Production, LHS Drama Room, 7:00 p.m.
 - 16—Baseball v. Monroe, 4:30 p.m.
LHS Drama Production, LHS Drama Room, 7:00 p.m.
 - 17—Varsity Track & Field District @ McKenzie, Noon & 2:00 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
LHS Drama Production, LHS Drama Room, 7:00 p.m.
 - 19—Lowell Schools Community Forum, Lundy, 6:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.
 - 20—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
 - 21—Lowell City Budget Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
 - 22—Varsity Track & Field State Meet @ U of O, TBA
Lundy Science Fair, Lundy Gym, 6:00—7:30 p.m.
 - 23—Varsity Track & Field State Meet @ U of O, TBA
Free Family Movie Night at the Lowell Grange, 6:30 p.m.
 - 26—Memorial Day — No school; City Hall closed
 - 27—Lundy Spring Concert, High School Gym, 7:00 p.m.
Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
 - 29—Band Spring Concert, High School Gym, 7:00 p.m.
- In June:
3—Choir Spring Concert, High School Gym, 7:00 p.m.
6—High School Graduation, High School Gym, 7:00 p.m.

**Lowell School District
Community Forum
Monday, May 19th, 6:00 p.m.
Lundy Community Room
45 S. Moss Street
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