



The Bridge

Making community connections

Class of 2023 Graduation June 9th

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June 2023

Graduation ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Streaming information will be available on the District's website: lowell.k12.or.us.

This year's valedictorian is **Lydia Plahn**. She graduates with a perfect 4.0 GPA and will begin college at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, majoring in Journalism. Lydia has participated in ASB, band, basketball, softball, and volleyball over her nine years in Lowell schools.



Salutatorian **Paris Crawford** has a 3.96 GPA and will be attending University of Portland to study Nursing. She will pursue a bachelor's degree to become a pediatric nurse while she works toward a Master's degree, with her ultimate goal of being a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

The Class of 2023 includes (top row, left to right) Beauden Asher, Curtis Martin, Trapper Roat, Jaxon Alexander, Brenton Whitney, Hayden Vaughn, Matai Williamson, Lehi Zylstra, Jesse Neet, and (bottom row) Saoirse Reid, Kenadee Hermansen, Vaeda Crawford, Paris Crawford, Esperanza Guzman-Fields, Lydia Plahn, and Kaylee Astbury.



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Lowell Music Keeps Bringing the Magic

The young musicians of Lowell High School have continued to shine this year, with strong finishes at the OSAA State Championships and beyond. The LHS Choir placed 6th at the Choir State Finals on May 4th; although our singers hoped for more, it remains one of the highest finishes ever for a public school in the 2A/1A division. Meanwhile, their counterparts in the Band, competing on May 12th, stormed to a 3rd place trophy in their respective finals. This makes for a whopping *seven* top-3 finishes for Lowell Music in the last six years (save for the canceled 2020 season). It's also the sixth consecutive year that Lowell Music has achieved the highest combined finish between both Band and Choir -- an accomplishment without modern precedent in OSAA competition.

To finish the month, the groups took their show on the road with a 5-day tour of Seattle and Victoria, BC. Along with sightseeing, museums, attending a Mariners game, and a day at Wild Waves Theme & Water Park, the Red Devils took time to increase their trophy haul at the regional Music in the Parks competition. Both the Band and Choir scored rare Superior ratings and took 1st in their divisions! In addition, Lowell Music took home the special Esprit de Corps trophy for exhibiting the best personal conduct and deportment of all schools in the competition. "I'm just so proud of how far these kids have come," says Music Director Paul Burch. "I'm really seeing a hunger and a belief in these students that they can accomplish great things together."



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Year-End Concerts Just Around the Corner

Our home spring concert, featuring Band and Choir students grades 6-12, will take place at 7pm on Tuesday, June 6th in the HS Cafetorium. Call time is 6:30pm for all Band students, and 6:45 for those only in Choir.

The LHS Choir will also be the featured guest artists on the Lane Community College Spring Term Concert, starting at 7:30pm on the Thursday, June 8th, in LCC's Ed Ragozzino Hall. Admission for this latter event is by recommended donation.

The featured LHS alumnus for this edition is **Mitchell Riberal**. He grew up in Lowell and is one of four siblings who graduated from Lowell High School.

During his time at Lowell, he was an all around athlete competing in basketball, football and baseball. His senior year, he was the student body president and graduated with honors in 2016. He attended the University of Oregon, where he majored in Journalism and graduated with his bachelor's degree in 2020. He landed his first reporting job in Missouri.

Mitchell currently works at KQTV, a television station in St. Joseph, Missouri, as a tv sports anchor/reporter. He attends games, reports statistics, interviews athletes and coaches, does play-by-play commentary and reports live on the late night edition. He covers professional teams like the Kansas City Chiefs, Kansas City Royals, and the United States Women's National Soccer Team as well as local Division II colleges and high school athletes. He also had the opportunity to report on the 2023 NFL Draft that was held in Kansas City. One of his recent honors was being voted 2022 Best TV Personality in his tv market by his viewers in the community.

Although Mitchell's job keeps him busy, when he does have free time, he enjoys hanging out with friends and exploring Midwest attractions. Even though he travels for work, he still likes to explore new places. His passion for sports continues beyond work, as he still plays basketball and has developed a love for golf.

We are very proud of you Mitchell!





RED DEVIL REPORT

Lowell Athletics Update



JUNIOR HIGH TRACK & FIELD WRAP-UP

Our **junior high track & field** team had a great season including winning two boys' varsity meets, one boys' JV meet, and one girls JV meet. Additionally, we had an outstanding twenty Varsity (7th/8th) and JV (5th/6th) athletes qualify for Districts, and SEVEN champions:

Gage Roper (8) — 1,500 m	Zuzana Murray (6) — 4x100m
Brenten Davies (6) — 100m hurdles, 200m hurdles	Mya Arciga (6) — 4x100m
Jax Norcutt (8) — long jump	Summer Smith (6) — 4x100m
	Taylor Griffin (6) — 4x100m

On top of that, some of our athletes set new all-time records for Lowell Middle School Track & Field:

Jax Norcutt (8) — 100m, 12.70	Summer Smith (6) — 200m, 28.30
Gage Roper (8) — 3,000m, 10:34.20	Kinsley Bazzani (5) — 33" 200m hurdles, 42.72
Tyler Harris (8) — 450g AeroJav, 122'5"	
Zuzana Murray, Tatum Clark, Summer Smith & Taylor Griffin (6) — 4x100m relay, 55.48	

JUNE ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES

Our amazing coaches are volunteering their time this summer to help your athletes grow! These events are all for Lowell athletes entering into the grade ranges listed below. Please contact the coaches for more information.

YOUTH

Boys' Basketball *Hosted by Coaches Kory Roberts and Jacob McCart*
Camp—June 17-18 at Lowell High School

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Weightlifting *Hosted by Coach Ray Yarbrough*
Mondays-Thursdays, June 1st-15th, 3:30-5:00
Fridays June 2nd & 9th, 12:30-2:00
Mondays-Thursdays, June 19th-29th, 6:00-8:00

Volleyball *Hosted by Coach Jessica McCart*
Diving & Defense Clinic— June 19-21 at Lundy Elementary, 5:00-7:00, \$10/day

Girls' Basketball *Hosted by Coach Janet McNamee*
Open Gym—Tuesdays & Thursdays at Lowell High School, 3:30-5:30

Boys' Basketball *Hosted by Coach Jacob McCart*
Open Gym—Sundays at Lundy Elementary, 4:00

HIGH SCHOOL

Weightlifting *Hosted by Coach Ray Yarbrough*
Mondays-Thursdays, June 1st-15th, 3:30-5:00
Fridays June 2nd & 9th, 12:30-2:00
Mondays-Thursdays, June 19th-29th, 6:00-8:00

Volleyball *Hosted by Coach Rachel Thurman*
Open Gym—Mondays & Wednesdays at Lowell High School 3:30-5:30

Girls' Basketball *Hosted by Coach Janet McNamee*
Open Gym—Tuesdays & Thursdays at Lowell High School, 3:30-5:30
Tournament—June 17-18 at Chemawa High School

Boys Basketball *Hosted by Coach Kory Roberts*
Practices—June 5, 7, 12, 19, 21, 23 at Lowell High School 7:00-8:30
Games—June 15 at Oakridge High School 5:00, 6:00
Tournament—June 24-25 at Chemawa High School

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Lowell City Council will be held on June 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District meeting room, 389 N. Pioneer St., Lowell, Oregon 97452. An option to view and participate in the meeting electronically is available. For instructions on how to join electronically, visit the city website at www.ci.lowell.or.us or call (541) 937-2157. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 as approved by the Lowell Budget Committee. Public comments will be taken in written format as well as in person at the meeting location. Written comments received by 4:00 pm on June 6, 2023 will be read during the public hearing section of the meeting on June 6, 2023. Written comments may be mailed to PO Box 490, Lowell, OR 97452, emailed to admin@ci.lowell.or.us, or delivered in person to City Hall at 70 N. Pioneer St., Lowell, OR 97452. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 70 N. Pioneer St., Lowell, OR 97452 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or online at www.ci.lowell.or.us. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: City Administrator Jeremy Caudle Telephone: (541) 937-2157 Email: admin@ci.lowell.or.us

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2021-2022	Adopted Budget This Year 2022-2023	Approved Budget Next Year 2023-2024
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,236,354	1,502,989	1,415,897
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	1,313,092	1,312,740	1,367,699
Federal, State & All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	518,117	995,062	138,406
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	230,224	430,000
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	0	0	100,548
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	70,831	708,285	483,462
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	183,315	178,646	182,370
Total Resources	3,321,709	4,927,946	4,118,382

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	515,095	615,376	654,710
Materials and Services	809,245	1,115,724	971,294
Capital Outlay	372,383	1,949,897	1,311,183
Debt Service	161,703	709,198	420,713
Interfund Transfers	0	0	35,000
Contingencies	0	166,755	441,855
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	1,463,366	370,996	283,627
Total Requirements	3,321,792	4,927,946	4,118,382

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
Administration	155,440	329,276	205,162
FTE	0.29	0.28	0.3625
Code Enforcement	12,343	8,312	9,394
FTE	0.07	0.04	0.050
Community Development	134,721	66,591	77,576
FTE	0.04	0.06	0.080
Library	185,635	416,550	57,284
FTE	0.23	0.92	0.5875
Municipal Court	17,902	14,466	16,893
FTE	0.07	0.07	0.10
Parks & Recreation	193,831	961,254	205,660
FTE	1.32	1.28	0.7375
Police	29,453	29,530	36,231
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tourism	3,201	10,586	10,586
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Blackberry Jam Festival	19,509	28,149	18,123
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Building Inspections	158,351	121,528	145,018
FTE	0.04	0.08	0.120
Sewer	811,079	778,839	949,336
FTE	1.68	1.61	2.04375
Water	977,776	1,051,177	1,159,884
FTE	1.68	1.61	2.04375
Streets & Stormwater	309,439	357,334	638,790
FTE	0.44	0.43	0.250
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	313,112	754,354	588,445
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Requirements	3,321,792	4,927,946	4,118,382
Total FTE	5.86	6.38	6.375

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING

Changes in activities and sources of financing compared to the 2022-2023 budget year include: (1) CHANGES IN WATER AND SEWER RATES. The balance in the Water Fund has declined since 2019 due to unanticipated events. To ensure that rates are adequate to cover expenses, the adopted budget has an increase in water rates. The Sewer Fund also has an increase in rates to cover increases in expenses. For a residential customer using 4,000 gallons per month, the proposed new water and sewer rates would increase the monthly bill \$27.29 per month, or 23.13%. (2) WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY. The proposed budget funds a rate study at \$30,000, split between the Water Fund and Sewer Fund, to contract with a rate study consultant. The rate study consultant will analyze water and sewer operations. The analysis will include recommendations for a long-term plan to keep the water and sewer plants financially and operationally stable. (3) WATER SYSTEM SOFTWARE. The budget funds replacement software that is necessary to run the water plant. The existing software has failed. The estimated cost is \$100,000. The software will be paid for through a capital loan from the Sewer Fund (\$30,000), as well as loans from public or private lenders (\$70,000). (4) SALE OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY. This budget anticipates the sale of the northeastern corner of Rolling Rock Park, in accordance with the city's "Downtown Master Plan" and "Parks Master Plan," for commercial development. This budget also anticipates the sale of the old City Hall, with the parking lot remaining part of Paul Fisher Park. The estimated revenues from capital asset disposal are \$466,681. These revenues are to pay off the loan used for the new City Hall renovation, as well as to offset the costs of demolishing the old City Hall to prepare the lot for sale. (5) E 1ST STREET REPAIR. Repairs for E. 1st Street due to the water main rupture are budgeted in the Street Fund and Sewer Fund, to be paid for with debt financing pending the city's efforts to recoup its costs to complete the repairs. WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION. For more information, see the City Administrator's recommended budget, available at City Hall and online via the following link (select the May 24, 2023 Budget Committee meeting packet): <<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/bc-budget/page/budget-committee-0>>.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

	Actual Amount	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget
	2021-2022	This Year 2022-2023	Next Year 2023-2024
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$2.1613 per \$1,000)	\$2.1613	\$2.1613	\$2.1613
Local Option Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, but Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Bonds	\$1,556,292	\$230,224
Other Borrowings	\$457,803	\$0
Total	\$2,014,095	\$230,224

Actions by City Council and Other Committees/Commissions

May 2, 2023 City Council meeting:

- Voted to approve Ordinance 311 to grant a franchise to Sanipac for solid waste collection services.
- Approved a request for qualifications process to select an “integrator of record” for the water and wastewater treatment plants.

May 4, 2023 Parks Committee meeting:

- Discussion and planning for city clean-up day and Paul Fisher Park shade tree program.

May 9, 2023 Blackberry Jam Festival Committee:

- Continued planning for the festival in July.

May 16, 2023 City Council meeting:

- Appointed John Petrie to the Budget Committee for a term ending December 31, 2025.
- Selected an offer for the sale of surplus city property and scheduled a public hearing on June 6, 2023.
- Approved a process for the City Administrator annual evaluation.

May 16, 2023 City Council meeting, continued:

- Authorized the Public Works Director to install traffic calming devices on Main St.
- Approved a law enforcement services contract with the City of Oakridge.
- Approved a municipal judge contract with Segarra Law, LLC.
- Approved renewal of software subscriptions for Office 365.

May 17, 2023 Budget Committee:

- Received the City Administrator proposed budget and directed the City Administrator to make several changes intended to utility rate increases.

May 24, 2023 Budget Committee:

- Voted to recommend approval of the utility rates as specified in the City Administrator’s May 22 memo (5 yes, 2 no).
- Voted to approve a budget with total appropriations of \$4,118,382 with a public hearing to be held at the City Council meeting on June 6.

Upcoming meetings - Meeting details available here:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2023-06>

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District will be held on June 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at 389 N. Pioneer Street, Lowell, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 as approved by the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District Budget Committee.

A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 389 N. Pioneer Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or online at lowellfiredistrict.org. This budget is for an annual period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year. Contact information: Lon Dragt, Fire Chief; 541-937-3393, dragt2300@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY—RESOURCES

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amounts 20 21 -20 22	Adopted Budget This Year: 20 22 -20 23	Approved Budget Next Year: 20 23 -20 24
1. Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	155,327	207,051	118,000
2. Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges...	0	0	0
3. Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	0	100,080	0
4. Revenue from Bonds & Other Debt	0	0	0
5. Interfund Transfers/Internal Service Reimbursements	0	0	121,651
6. All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes.....	15,213	6,000	6,000
7. Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received.....	566,888	531,000	549,000
8. Total Resources —add lines 1 through 7.....	737,428	844,131	794,651

FINANCIAL SUMMARY—REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION

9. Personnel Services	319,851	362,070	354,670
10. Materials and Services	200,039	265,070	250,350
11. Capital Outlay	11,220	0	10,000
12. Debt Service	65,251	65,252	65,253
13. Interfund Transfers.....	25,000	60,000	
14. Contingencies.....	0	14,688	114,378
15. Special Payments.....	0	0	0
16. Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure ...	116,067	77,051	0
17. Total Requirements —add lines 9 through 16	621,361	844,131	794,651

FINANCIAL SUMMARY—REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM*

Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for Unit or Program		
Name Firefighting & Rescue		308,083	249,570
FTE		4	4
Name Administration		11,767	12,500
FTE		.25	.25

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING*

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit 2.697 ___ Per \$1000)	2.697	2.697	2.697
Local Option Levy	0	0	0
Levy for General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Long Term Debt	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, but not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds		
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings	379,767	0
Total	379,767	0

*If more space is needed to complete any section of this form, use the space below or add sheets.

KS Bank - Land and Building Loan - balance \$29287 as of July 1, 2022

Municipal Leasing Credit Corp Loan, (Fire Truck) balance \$350,680 as of July 1, 2022

In and Around the Community

Free Storytime at Stomping Grounds Coffee

Kids of all ages are welcome for free storytime at Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop. Storytime will be held every Thursday at 1:30 p.m.



Enjoy a quiet moment while we entertain your littles.

Lowell Food Pantry Appreciates Community Support!

The Lowell Food Pantry would like to thank everyone who participated in the postal drive this month. A BIG thank you to the Lowell Post Office for gathering up all of the food on top of their regular work. The Food Pantry received 217 pounds of food. Thanks to everyone. --Shawn Brady, Pantry Manager



Maggie Osgood Library

Summer Reading
Grand Opening Event!

Saturday, June 24 10:00 AM



Summer Reading Program

June 19 to August 19

Register now at the Library to participate

Summer Library Hours:

Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, 1:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

East Valley Explorers Summer Camp
Faith based summer camp.
Age 3yr - 6yr

REGISTRATION OPEN

CONTACT:
Jessica
McCart
971-413-5112

June 26-30 Lego Week
 July 10-14 Ooey gooey science
 July 17-21 Planting and farming
 July 24-28 Arts & crafts
 July 31 - Aug 4 Creepy crawly Bugs
 Aug 7-11 Splish splash water week
 Aug 14-18 Camping week
 Time: 9am - 1pm
 \$130 weekly church member
 \$150 weekly non member

Camp location: East Valley Church

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: June 2023

- 2—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 4—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street
- 6—Spring Band/Choir Concert, HS Cafetorium, 7:00 p.m.
**City Council Regular Meeting and Budget Public Hearing,
7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer Street**
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 8—Kinder/Senior Walk, 1:00 p.m., Lundy Elementary
Lowell Parks Committee, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer Street
LHS Choir Performance at LCC Ragozzino Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 9—Lowell High School Graduation, HS Gym, 7:00 p.m.
- 13—Blackberry Jam Committee, 6 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer
- 14—Kinder Graduation, 6:00 p.m., Lundy Elementary Gym
Lowell Fire Board/Budget Hearing, 7:00 p.m., Main Station
- 15—Last day of School!! Release time 12:25 p.m.
- 17—Open House at the Lowell Grange, 1:00-3:00 pm, 51 E. 2nd St.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 20—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 23—Senior Potluck, Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 24—Summer Reading Special Event, 10:00 a.m., 70 N. Pioneer
- 26—**School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., PDC, 45 S. Moss Street**
- 27—RAIN Entrepreneur Support, 2:00-3:30, 113 E. Main Street

Summer Meal Service

From July 5 through August 11,
meals will be available at No Charge
to anyone 18 years and younger.

Meals will be provided
in the Lowell High School Cafetorium,
Monday - Friday.

Breakfast will be served 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Lunch will be served 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

