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Fire Prevention Week October 8th - 14th

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October 2023

Why is October National Fire Prevention Month? The goal of Fire Prevention Month (and week October 8th – 14th) is to raise fire safety awareness, and help ensure your home and family is protected. In 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) named the second week of October Fire Prevention Week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871.

This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention.” works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking.

What if someone in my home is deaf or hard of hearing? There are smoke alarms and alert devices that alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These devices include strobe lights that flash to alert people when the smoke alarm sounds. Pillow or bed shakers designed to work with your smoke alarm also can be purchased and installed.

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Open School Board Position

On the fourth Monday of the month, a group of dedicated individuals sits down to make decisions, collaborate, and work together to govern the school district and support the superintendent. These individuals are the Lowell School Board. While some may see the school district as just that, these individuals recognize that it is so much more. This is a place where young minds are educated, future leaders are created, and athletes, thespians, and musicians become impassioned. Yet it is also a cornerstone to our community.

We currently have an opening to sit and serve as a Lowell School Board member. This position is by appointment and runs until June 30, 2025. This position would allow a member of our community the opportunity to help guide our school district through budgetary considerations, contract discussions, and superintendent support.

Our school board members have immense skills and abilities that they each bring to the table. While it may seem like a daunting task, the new board member will be given opportunities for professional development, training and education to increase their skills and abilities as a leader in the district. Our new appointee may attend conferences, study sessions, trainings, and regional meetings to increase their knowledge base and feel confident in their skills as a leader. Twice a year, our board is afforded the opportunity to attend the OSBA conference. This allows team building as well as training and learning opportunities.

If you are interested in getting involved or want more information regarding how to apply to be appointed to serve as a board member in the Lowell School District, please fill out an application at <https://lowell.tedk12.com/hire/Index.aspx>.

Applications will be accepted until October 8, 2023. Applications will be reviewed at a study session held on October 9, 2023. The Lowell School Board will appoint the new sitting member on October 23, 2023, to serve out the remainder of this term. At that time, the sitting member may run for election to continue their service.

As always, we are grateful to those who willingly give their time and service to the students and staff of the Lowell School District. Lowell is a special place with an amazing community and that doesn't go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

This year, the focus of the Lowell School District is reinforcing positive behavior. The behavior team was created to focus on how to reward the kids who are doing well. With ten staff across the district, coming together to find ways to reward students, recognize their behaviors and promote the positive, we are hoping to see some changes in student culture. District-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports are front and center.

At Lowell Jr/Sr High, Pride bucks are given out to students when "caught" making good decisions, promoting positive behaviors and being good citizens. These "bucks" can be used to purchase concessions. Students of the month are chosen from kids who were nominated for exemplifying the behavior focus of the month. For the month of September, the focus was on Respect. The students who most exemplified this trait will become students of the month. In subsequent months, the focus will be on Encouragement, Discipline, Determination, Engagement, Vibrancy, Improvement, Leadership, and Success, which also happens to spell out RED DEVILS! More activities are in the works to continue to recognize short-term and long-term behavioral successes of the students.

At Lundy, students receive "Bees" to acknowledge their success. Each week, Ms. Edgerton has a drawing of the bees that students earn. Winners get to choose prizes from the prize cart. Every six weeks, students who have exhibited positive behavior and met the requirements will get to participate in an incredible activity. The first one to kick off the year in October is a bounce house! Quarterly, students apply to be self-managers and are recognized for their ability to be positive and maintain a level of trust and leadership throughout the school.

Lowell has amazing students, and this is just one way that we can work together, across the district, to promote the positive and focus on the good. We want our students to know that we see them and the great work that they are doing every day!





RED DEVIL REPORT

Lowell Athletics Update



ATHLETIC EVENTS

We are constantly grateful for the community support for our athletes and their coaches, and we hope you will continue your support by joining us in celebrating these big events in October:

- October 4 **Football 8th Grade Night**—At halftime of the 4:30 game vs. Oaklea
- October 5 **Volleyball Youth Sport Night**—During the 4:30/6:00 games vs. East Linn
- October 6 **National Coach Appreciation Day**—Don't forget to thank your coaches!
- October 12 **Volleyball Senior Night**—In between the 4:30/6:00 games vs Central Linn
- October 18 **Volleyball 8th Grade Night**—In between the 4:30 A/B games vs. Oakridge
- October 27 **Football Senior Night**—At halftime of the 7:00 game vs. Oakridge

Our cross country and volleyball teams will also begin their district playoffs this month. Please see the tentative schedules on The Bridge's calendar and stay tuned for more details on the Lowell School District Facebook page.

JUNIOR HIGH FALL SPORTS

Our **cross country team** is led by Jill Chapman and assisted by Cody Brooks. Athletes (pictured right) include 8th graders Henley Garner, Ryder Ortiz, and Nate Waters; 7th graders Kailei Marcus and Zuzana Murray; and 5th grader Theo Waters.



Our **football team** is led by Wade Davis. Athletes (pictured left) include 8th graders Tanner Coiner, Brendan Hourigan, David Islas, Landon Johnson, Wyatt Johnson, Eli Pickett, Eric Sotomayor, Walker Straight, Ben Thurman, Lukas Williams, and Justin Yarbrough; 7th graders Paxton Fassbender, Corven Floyd, Xavier Isals, Taylor Sheridan, and Cormac Taafe; and 6th graders Will Coiner, Jason Crawford, Isaac Estrada, Banyon Jalof, Ben Johnson, Beau Mark, Derryk McNichols, Christopher Sheridan, Kai Stapleton, Marshall Thronburg, and Joey Webb.

Our **volleyball team** is led by Jessica McCart and assisted by Jamie Kenworthy. Athletes (pictured right) include 8th graders Kyla Dobson, Taylor McAdams, Elisa Montes Castro, Natalie Trullinger, and River Young; 7th graders Journee Aden, Mya Arciga, Yareli Delgado, Zophia Fassbender, Tayler Griffin, Summer Smith, Alexis Owsley, and Izabella Park; and 6th graders Madison Anders, Ashlyn Baszler, Kinsley Bazzani, Peyton Courtney, Yaraileth Islas, Samantha Lesch, Olivia Pelroy, Elise Skordahl, and Alauna Young.



City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

Grant Funding for Water System Upgrades

In September, the Oregon Business Development Department informed the city that it has received a grant of \$306,420. The grant is to pay for upgrades to the water treatment plant. State Representative Charlie Conrad assisted the city in obtaining the grant from Oregon Lottery program funding.

The upgrades are to replace the supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system at the water treatment plant. The SCADA is the control system for the water plant. This includes the computer interfaces that allow Public Works staff to monitor and control operations at the water plant. It also includes devices called programmable logic controllers (PLC).

PLCs automate the water plant. They use sensors to gather information about the water plant, such as pH levels, sediment levels, water temperature, chemical concentrations, flow rates of water, reservoir levels, and so on. A computer then analyzes this information and sends commands to devices such as valves, pumps, motors, alarms, and so on. Without the PLC, Public Works staff would have to do all this work manually.

The city's PLC failed about a year ago. Luckily, the city has been able to use a loaner system until we can purchase a new one. If this system were to fail, however, this would require Public Works employees to operate the water plant manually on a continuous basis, which is not feasible with our small staffing level.

This grant funding will allow the city to install most, if not all, of the data collection and management recommendations from the 2022 water master plan. This includes adding SCADA capability to the entire water system. Another component to this project will be to add cybersecurity features to the water system's computer network.

Our plan is to design the system so that it will be compatible with the water treatment plant and water reservoir upgrades that the master plan recommends over the next 10 to 20 years. This project represents a significant investment in the city's ability to continue meeting increased demand for water.



Upcoming meetings – Meeting details available here:

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2023-10>

City Council – 10/2 @ 7:00 pm
Parks Committee – 10/5 @ 7:00 pm
Blackberry Jam Committee – TBD
City Council – 10/17 @ 7:00 pm

**Meetings will take place at the Lowell Rural Fire
Protection District station
located at 389 N. Pioneer Street**

Maggie Osgood Library News

Library Hours are now on the school term schedule:

Mondays	11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.	Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	1:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.	Saturdays	9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Programming schedule:

Every week:

- Tuesdays—Storytime 10:30, Craft and Chat 1:00, Board games 3:00.
- Saturdays—Story and craft time 9:30, Board games all day.

Monthly:

- 2nd Wednesday—Local History 4:00
- 3rd Wednesday—American Sign Language 4:00
- Last Wednesday—Chasing Chapters Book Club 6:00

Board Games at the Library!

The library has acquired a collection of board games including classics like Monopoly and Connect 4. There are also newer titles including Ticket to Ride and Castle Panic. Get some friends together and come play!



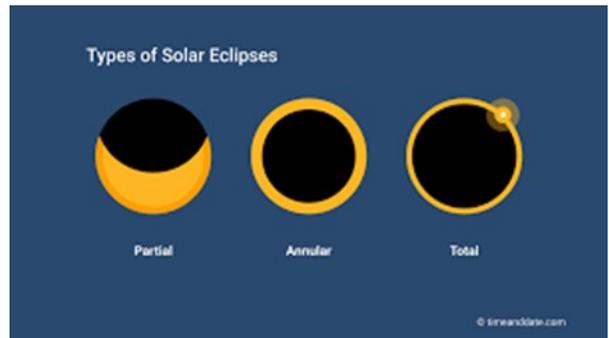
Calendars

Maggie Osgood created a series of wonderful calendars. We have continued her legacy with a new calendar for 2024. The theme is Blackberry Jam. Calendars should be available for purchase in mid-October.

Special Event!

On Saturday, October 14 we will have an opportunity to view an Annular Eclipse. As with all solar events it is not safe to look directly at the sun! The library has approximately 50 pairs of solar viewing glasses to protect your eyes.

The event will begin shortly after 8:00 am and end by 9:30 am. The library will open at 7:30 so that people can get ready to watch. We'll provide coffee and snacks.



Library Committee

The Library Committee advises and supports the Maggie Osgood Library. We are seeking volunteers to join the five-person committee. If you are interested, please file a new application with the city Clerk. The applications can be picked up in person or completed online <https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/administration/page/volunteer-boards-commission-application>

The deadline for applications is October 26, 2023. City Council will review the applicants and select the members. We anticipate that the first meeting of the group will be in November or December and quarterly thereafter.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Lowell Rural Fire Protection District Presents

EMERGENCY ALERT EXPO

Saturday, October 7
12PM to 2PM
Lowell Fire Station
389 N. Pioneer St.



Everyone is welcome!

Stop by to learn more about:

- how evacuation decisions are made
- how the Sheriff's Office conducts evacuations
- how emergency alerts work
- how to get help signing up for Lane Alerts





Unfortunately, there won't be a Haunted Grange this year. We sincerely thank the Hern Family for the years of fun this event has brought to Lowell.

Upcoming November Events

A Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 11th from 9am until 5pm at the Lowell Christian Church, 4 E. Lakeview Drive (at the south end of the HS football field).

A Holiday Fair will be held November 18th and 19th at the Lowell Grange, 51E. 2nd Street.



Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

Where: Stomping Grounds
When: Wed Oct 11th
3:00pm - 7:00

The annual Halloween costume swap is back! Come pick out a Halloween costume for free from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11th.

We are accepting donations of new or used costumes and accessories at Stomping Grounds (113 E. Main Street) before October 11th, or you can even bring old costumes or accessories to trade when you pick out your new one at the swap. You are not required to trade an old costume to get a new one.

Tuesday, October 31st, 2023
5pm-8pm
Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop Parking Lot

TRUNK OR TREAT

Dress up in your favorite costume for an evening of fun! Vote for your favorite decorated trunk!
 Free & Fun event for all ages!

CARS, CANDY, COSTUMES

To reserve a spot for your trunk please fill out a registration form. Registration forms can be found at Stomping Grounds or by emailing sfass321@gmail.com.

Grange Events in October

Breakfast on October 1st
 8:00-11:00 a.m.
 Texas Hold 'em Poker on October 6th and 21st
 6:00 p.m.

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

Lowell Hall of Fame Dinner Tickets Available!

There's still time to reserve a seat at the 5th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Celebration on Saturday, October 7th.



Reservations need to be made by September 30 as they will not be available at the event. Either scan the QR code or text/phone 541-954-5765.

Please join us as we celebrate new honorees, eat a delicious dinner, catch up with alumni and friends, and help support the student-focused projects funded by the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation. See you there!

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: October 2023

- 1—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street
- 2—JH Volleyball @ Eugene Christian, 4:00 p.m.
JV Football @ Waldport, 6:00 p.m.
- 3—Varsity Volleyball @ Monroe, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Regular Meeting — cancelled
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 4—JH Volleyball v. Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.
JH Football v. Oaklea, 4:30 p.m.
- 5—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. East Linn, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
Lowell Parks Committee, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer Street
- 6—Varsity Football @ Monroe, 7:00 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 7—JH/HS Cross Country @ Bryant Park, 9:00 a.m.
JV Volleyball @ Harrisburg Tournament, TBD
Hall of Fame Celebration, HS Cafetorium, 6:00 p.m.
- 9—JH Volleyball @ St. Paul Catholic, 4:30 p.m.
JV Football v. Monroe, 5:00 p.m.
- 10—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Oakridge, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
- 11—JH Volleyball @ Monroe, 4:30 p.m.
JH Football @ Harrisburg, 4:30 p.m.
Lowell Fire Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Main Station
- 12—JH Cross Country @ Avery Park, Corvallis, 3:30 p.m.
JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Central Linn, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
- 14—Annular Eclipse Event at the Library, 8:00 a.m.
- 14—JH/HS Cross Country @ Cottage Grove, 10:30 a.m.
Varsity Volleyball v. Gold Beach @ Bandon, 1:30 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball @ Bandon 4:30 p.m.
JV/Varsity Football @ Culver, 1:00/3:00 p.m.
- 16—JH Volleyball v. St. Paul Catholic, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball District Tie-Breaker, TBD
- 17—**City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St.**
Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 18—JH Volleyball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
JH Football @ Monroe, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball District Playoff, TBD
- 19—JH/HS Cross Country @ Harrisburg, 3:00 p.m.
Varsity Football @ Toledo, 7:00 p.m.
- 21—Varsity Volleyball District Playoff @ UCC, time TBD
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 23—JV Football v. Toledo, 5:00 p.m.
Lowell School Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., PDC/Lundy Elem.
- 24—JH Cross Country Districts @ Monroe, time TBD
RAIN Entrepreneur Support, 2:00-3:30, 113 E. Main Street
- 26—HS Cross Country Districts @ Valley of the Rogue, 1:30 pm.
- 27—Varsity Football v. Oakridge, 7:00 p.m.
- 28—Varsity Volleyball—State 1st Round—TBD
- 29—JH Cross Country Championships @ WOU, time TBD
- 30—JV Football @ Oakridge, 5:00 p.m.