



The Bridge

Making community connections

Don't Let Your Home Fall Victim to Wildfire

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We have been fairly lucky so far this summer, when it comes to the super hot days (95 degrees and above) and low humidity and the likelihood of wildfire threats. Sometimes that makes us less diligent of fire safety and forgetful that wildfires are still a great possibility as the summer rolls on. Here is a reminder of the things you can do to reduce the likelihood of property damage from a quick moving wildfire.

- Is your address clearly visible from the road? If you need an address marker, contact the District office to obtain one.
- Is your driveway/roadway clear of obstructions, can a fire engine or other emergency vehicles get to your home? Driveways/roadway surfaces need to be at least 12 feet wide and have at least 13-1/2 feet height clearance so the emergency vehicles can get to your home. Curves must be of adequate dimension to allow for emergency vehicle clearance, and there must be room for vehicles to turn around.
- Remove limbs and branches that overhang your roof. Prune lower limbs to a height of 15 feet and thin trees or remove them from within 30 feet of your home.
- Keep your roof and gutters free of debris, leaves, needles, small branches and moss.
- Keep woodpiles, firewood and other combustibles at least 30 feet from your home and outbuildings.
- Block off openings under your home and decks with solid sheeting or fine-mesh wire, 1/8th inch metal screen works best. Screen attic vents and louvers also.
- Use only fire resistive roofing on all buildings. Class A asphalt shingles, metal or tile.
- Develop an escape plan and an emergency action plan. If a wildfire occurs near your home, you should have a plan for evacuation that includes important personal items and escape routes. Build an emergency evacuation kit that you can easily take with you if you are asked to evacuate your property in an emergency.

For more information on any of the above items, call the District office at 541-937-3393 or check out the District webpage at www.lowellfiredistrict.org.

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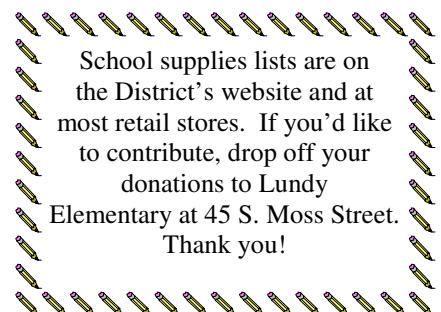
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School supplies lists are on the District's website and at most retail stores. If you'd like to contribute, drop off your donations to Lundy Elementary at 45 S. Moss Street. Thank you!

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

All District Registration on August 9th and 10th

The 2016-2017 school registration will be on August 9th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm and August 10th from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. Students must re-register every year to update student records. Student fees at the High School and Junior High can be paid during that time and sports medical records can be updated. There are no student fees for Lundy students. Registration and athletic forms are also available online on the Lowell District website under the “forms” heading. (www.lowell.k12.or.us)

All Day Kindergarten

Lowell School District will again be offering all day Kindergarten. The Kindergarten schedule will be the same as the older Lundy students with a large portion of their afternoon involved in enrichment and intervention programs.

Before School Enrichment/After School Enrichment and Power Hour

For parent convenience, before and after school enrichment programs will be offered at Lundy. Morning Enrichment will begin at 7:00 am until school starts and afternoon care begins at 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. The cost of morning care is \$50.00/month or a \$5.00 drop-in fee and the cost of afternoon care is \$180.00/month or a \$15.00 drop-in fee. There are price reductions for the month of December and June, and a 10% sibling reduction. The child care fee will be waived entirely for any additional children after the second child. Power Hour is still available for students needing a boost in their academic skill development. Any family participating in after school care will have the morning care fee waived.

New Course Offerings and Activities for High School Students

This year we will be offering a new advanced biology course and one new AP math course (AP Statistics). Our online credit recovery and special interest courses through Odesseyware will continue to be offered.

In addition to the excellent selection of courses at Lowell, co-curricular opportunities are abundant at our schools. Students have the opportunity to participate on championship athletic teams as well as award winning programs in music. Students are welcome to attend Drama Club and Dance Club. **Lundy students interested in these clubs may contact the advisor (Micah Klatt for Drama, and Heidi Sawitzke for Dance) to determine if the club is a good fit.**

Jr./Sr. High School Tutoring

After school tutoring in subject areas will begin the week of September 11th with English tutoring on Monday, math tutoring on Tuesday, science tutoring on Wednesday, and social studies tutoring on Thursday. This fall, students involved in athletics will participate in special homework work time on Monday-Wednesday before practice. When athletes can demonstrate maintaining a “C” or better grade in all of their classes, they will be excused from tutoring.

Student Schedules at the High School Available Beginning on August 23rd

Student Schedules for Jr./Sr. High Students will be available on August 23rd. If students would like to see their schedules prior to the start of school, they may pick them up at the High School office August 23rd- 26th between 8:30 am and 2:30 pm. Schedules are based on forecast information and courses needed for graduation. Students requesting a class change will need to fill out a “course change” request form and possibly meet with Ms. Graham.

September 6th Open House and Barbeque

Come and celebrate with us as we invite the community to dinner, a program and an open house at Lundy Elementary and Lowell Jr./Sr. High School. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm with remarks/program beginning at 6:15 pm. Lundy and Lowell open house tours will begin at 7:00-8:00 pm. There will be Volleyball and Football Scrimmages after the program.

The Lowell School District is a place of rich traditions and strong values. We are fortunate to have excellent students who understand and uphold our values and traditions. We would like to thank our Lowell parents, guardians and community members for their continued support of our school programs. We are so proud to be associated with our talented students, staff and this wonderful school and community.

Please call the High Office at 541-937-2124 or Lundy Elementary School at 541-937-2105 if you have any questions or concerns.



Volleyball Kids Camp —Revised Date Info.

The Lowell High School Volleyball team is holding a kids camp for 6th through 8th graders from August 16th-18th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. and for 2nd through 5th graders from August 23rd-25th, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$25 each and includes a camp teshirt. Boys and girls are welcome. Please arrive a little early on the first day to get signed up. Follow the Lowell Red Devils volleyball page on Facebook for ongoing updates!

Pre-registration is encouraged. To do so or to ask questions, please contact Coach Kristen Prenevost at kristen.prenvost@yahoo.com.



Daily doubles begin August 15th at 7:00 a.m.

Summer Food Program Going Great

The Lowell Summer Food Service Program has served 5,109 meals so far this summer! Breakfast, Lunch and Supper are still being served in Lowell until September 2nd. Thank you to all the kids for showing up and the parents who are allowing them to do so.

Football Camp Scheduled August 8th-11th

Youth football camp for 8th graders and younger will be held from 5:00-6:30 p.m. High school football camp will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 and includes a camp teshirt. Call Coach Todd at 541-221-5612 for more information.



Daily doubles begin August 15th at 9:00 a.m.

All Class Reunion to be held August 20th

Pat and Harry Roach will be coordinating a reunion picnic on August 20th from Noon until 5:00 p.m. at the picnic area of Staffordshire on Highway 58. The address for your GPS is 34621 Devonshire Drive.

What to bring: chair, main dish & salad or dessert. Bring your own drinks (but no alcohol please) and table service.

No invitations will be sent this year so please notify anyone that would want to know. If you have Facebook, please repost this notice.

For more information, please call Pat at 541-746-8022 or Harry at 503-828-6684.



St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc.

Home of Your Own *Update!* Future "New Home Owners"

As of last week:

We have an approved person selecting their lot. They are through the 1st phase of the application process, and are approved by the USDA.

Two more people are in the USDA application approval stage and pending approval.

Two more are in the 1st stage with application to us here at SVDP.



Inquire with **Andy Clay** andy.clay@svdp.us or 541-501-0894



The parade was led by the Lowell Cub Scouts (below) followed by 2016 Grand Marshals Suzanne and Mark Kintzley, joined by sons Zach and Andrew.



22nd Blackberry Jam — A Success!

A good time was had by many over the weekend thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, vendors, advertisers, donors, participants and attendees! This festival benefits many good local causes, crafters and entertainers and gives families a wholesome event with something for everyone. Many thanks to the Blackberry Jam Committee, chaired by George Wild, who work year round to bring this event to Lowell. If you would like to join this effort, the Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August so they can rest up) at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Next year’s festival dates are July 28-30.



Winners of the Inaugural Horseshoe Tournament were team members Barry Humphrey and Rhyland Hayter, both of Pleasant Hill.



Overall 5K Devil’s Dam Dash winner was 24-year-old Delaney Butler from Eugene with a time of 18:53. Female winner was 13-year-old Katie Chapman of Lowell with a time of 24:58. 1K Fun Run winner was Paul Clark (who also won last year!)

The Car Show had another great turnout with some fabulous entries. Pictured at right is Grand Champion, George Potter, with his 1937 Packard 1508-V12 Limo. Mayor's Choice went to Dennis Dgnice with his 1957 Chevy Belaire; the Judges' Choice was Larry Hill and his 1967 Ford Mustang; and the Peoples' Choice award went to Tony & Deb Demuth with their 1955 Chevy Nomad.



Three Lowell boys were the finalists in the Greased Pole Climb. Although there wasn't a winner of the \$50 bill at the top, all three went home with \$25 for their efforts in addition to the \$20 they each won to get to the finals.

From left to right are Archie Lawson, Derrick Scharf and Matai Williamson. They are all pretty young so we expect to see them in the competition in future years.



Gary Dulley was honored with a beautiful homemade quilt by representatives of the Quilts of Valor Foundation during an emotional presentation ceremony.



The popular Pie Eating Contest brought out some great competition. Junior winner was Alex Stratis of Lowell and the adult winner was Kris Arens of Creswell, who also won last year! And no, he hadn't cleaned up yet, he's just that good.



Kids had lots of fun with the firefighters in the Crawl, Drag and Squirt Contest.



Top Shore Fishing Derby contestant Anthony Neal caught 112# of fish. Leading boat went to Team Squaw Commander with 135# and Ron, one of their members, caught the longest fish (22-1/4").

City Beat

Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days can bring congestion, even in the small town of Lowell: buses are picking up children, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school, parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school. The National Safety Council provides the following guidance to help keep kids safe this school year:

If You're Dropping Off

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. According to the National Safe Routes to School program, more children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of traffic
- Stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas

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 July 19th regular meeting:

- Approved moving forward with a Request For Proposal (RFP) for Annual Accounting Services. In support: Bennett, Burford, Harris, Osgood, Paulson; none opposed.

- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way

Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and tend to ignore hazards and take risks

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

New City Hall and Library Hours

The business hours for City Hall and the Library changed on August 1, 2016. Regular hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00-1:00 and 2:00-5:30. Offices are closed for the lunch period from 1:00-2:00.

Thank You!

The City of Lowell would like to sincerely thank all of the volunteers and organizations that helped with the 22nd Annual Blackberry Jam Festival. We couldn't put on such a large, successful family event without all of your support and hard work!

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 Stewartsx6@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 your donations, they are appreciated very much!



Returnable Can/Bottle Drive August 6th!

Help support the local PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) by bringing your returnables to the high school parking lot every 1st Saturday morning of the month from 10-Noon. Thank you!



Backpack Give Away for Kids

East Valley Church is having their annual backpack give away Saturday, August 20 from 1-3. We have 30 backpacks with supplies to give away. If you live in the Lowell area and are in need or know a child in need please call East Valley Church (541-937-3329) and reserve your backpack today.

Vacation Bible School

When: August 8-12

Time: 8:45 am—Noon

Where: Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss

Ages: 5-12



Grange Events in August

Breakfast on August 7th

Texas Hold 'em Poker on August 5th and 20th

Bingo! on August 17th

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

City of Lowell Monthly Police Log (June 25—July 29)

06/25	04:02 P.M.		Water Patrol at 300 Block North Moss Street
06/27	05:19 A.M.		Criminal Mischief at 500 Block East First Street
06/27	06:14 A.M.		Criminal Mischief at 500 Block Sunridge Lane
06/27	06:42 A.M.		Criminal Mischief at 100 Block North Hyland Lane
06/27	06:50 A.M.		Criminal Mischief at 100 Block Wetleau Drive
06/27	02:52 P.M.		Criminal Mischief at 400 Block East First Street
06/27	03:19 P.M.		Criminal Mischief at 400 Block East First Street
07/01	05:24 P.M.		Reckless Endangering at 100 Block North Moss Street
07/03	03:34 A.M.		Medical Information Call at 100 Block East Fourth Street
07/03	09:34 P.M.		Unlawful Use of Vehicle at 100 Block West Fourth Street
07/08	02:54 P.M.		Reckless Driving at South Pioneer Street and North Shore Drive
07/09	08:28 P.M.		Harassment at 100 Block West Seventh Street
07/09	08:41 P.M.		Dispute at 100 Block West Seventh Street
07/13	08:04 P.M.		Officer Safety Information at 200 Block North Damon Street
07/15	10:19 P.M.		Dispute at 100 Block West Seventh Street
07/17	05:31 P.M.		Reckless Driving at North Shore Drive and North Moss Street
07/19	09:28 A.M.		Harassment at 100 Block North Moss Street
07/20	08:56 P.M.		Restraining Order Service at 100 Block North Cannon Street
07/23	08:43 A.M.		Stalking Order Service at 100 Block East Fourth Street
07/24	03:06 P.M.		Stranded Boater at 40200 Block West Boundary Road
07/25	09:25 A.M.		Stalking Order Service at 100 Block East Fourth Street
07/25	10:50 P.M.		Alarm at 100 Block South Pioneer Street
07/28	10:32 P.M.		Information at 500 Block North Moss 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 call 9-1-1.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: August 2016

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| 2—City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall | 16—City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall |
| 3—Summer Reading Program, 10am-11:30am, Lowell Library | 17—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m. |
| 4—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall | 20—Varsity Football Scrimmage, 11:00 a.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m. |
| 5—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m. | 21—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area |
| 6—Bottle/Can Drive, High School Parking Lot, 10am—Noon | 22—School Board meeting, PDC at Lundy Elem., 7:00 p.m. |
| 7—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area | 23—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall |
| 8-11—Junior Football Camp, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
High School Football Camp, 6:00-7:30 p.m. | 23-25—Volleyball Summer Camp, 2-5 graders, 5:00-6:30 p.m. |
| 9—Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station | 24—Ben's Fables, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m. |
| 10—Liisa's Puppet Show, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall | 25—Football Jamboree, JV on elementary field at 6:00 p.m.,
Varsity on the HS field at 7:00 p.m. |
| 11—Kids Club, Fall Creek Event Center, 6:00 p.m. | 26—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church |
| 14—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area | 27—Varsity Volleyball v. North Douglas, 6:00 p.m. |
| 15—Volleyball Daily Doubles, HS Gym, 7:00 a.m.
Football Daily Doubles, HS Football Field, 9:00 a.m. | 28—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area |
| 16-18—Volleyball Summer Camp, 6-8 graders, 5:00-7:00 p.m. | 30—Varsity Volleyball @ Mohawk, Noon |

First day of school is September 6th!!