



The Bridge

Making community connections

Lowell School District: Providing Options for Parents and Opportunities for Students

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We are truly excited about the beginning of a great new year. In 2013, with the arrival of the new administration under the direction of the Board of Directors, Lowell School District has focused on providing a small school environment with options and opportunities for the students and parents.

Our options for parents are Lundy Elementary K-6 School; Mountain View Academy, a K-8 Site-based Charter School; Lowell Secondary School, Grades 7-12 and Bridge Home School Academy (Grades K-10, to start). We have revitalized our Parent Teacher Club, Education Foundation, and School Site Council. Our enrollment has grown as reflected below.

School	Sept. 2013	Aug. 2016
Lundy Elementary	112	142
Mountain View Academy	0	131
Lowell High School	124	168
Bridge Home School Academy	0	120
Total	236	561

Since 2013, the following additional opportunities have been provided to our students: **Lundy Elementary** – Power Hour After School Tutoring, Afterschool Care, Summer Recreation Program, Summer Camp Program, Summer School and the elimination of combination classrooms; **Lowell High School** – Advanced Placement Courses in European History, U.S. Government, Statistics, World Culture, English Composition. In addition to the historical courses in Drafting, Woods, and Construction, we also offer additional College Now courses in Medical Terminology, Biology, Anatomy and Physiology. Student activities have also increased including Link Crew, GEAR Up College Bound Program, Associated Student Body, and a computer in the hands of each student.

Please join us at our annual **Back-to-School Night** on **Tuesday, September 6th** at the high school cafeteria. See schedule on p. 2.

We're on the *move*...

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September 7th

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

Back-to-School Night — Dinner and Open House!

Come and celebrate with us as we invite the community to dinner and more on **Tuesday, September 6th**. The cost of the dinner is \$5.00 which goes to the Parent Teacher Organization to help fund student activities.

5:30-6:45 p.m.	Dinner at the High School Cafeteria
6:15 p.m.	Presentation in the High School Gym
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Open House at both Lundy Elementary and Lowell High School
7:45 p.m.	Football scrimmage on the high school football field

The Lowell Fire Department will also be on hand with their popular Crawl, Drag and Squirt activity and fire trucks for kids of all ages to explore. Come enjoy the food and fun! School starts Wed., September 7th.

New Teacher: Dawn Koester

Please welcome our new Special Education and Title I teacher, Dawn Koester. Dawn grew up in Southern California with time also spent in Missouri, then made the leap at 17 to Australia. She graduated from high school in Sydney then ended up running her own publishing services business for many years. Dawn and her husband, Greg, have four children so she was very involved in their schools and especially with literacy support. That volunteer activity led her to a career change and she went back to school, first in Australia, then to Eugene in 2013 to finish her Masters of Special Education at the U of O this year.

With family in the Cottage Grove area, it's been a pretty easy transition. Two grown daughters remain in Australia but their two high school age sons came with them. They enjoy hiking, camping and traveling. Her latest joy is beekeeping — following her father and a daughter in this activity.

She was attracted to our small district because it makes for a broader role and allows teachers to really get to know the kids and their families. She was impressed with the students and teachers and looks forward to the coming year. Welcome to the team Dawn!



*The Alumni and Friends of
Lowell High School
Request the honor of
your presence at our
2nd Annual Hall of Fame
Banquet, Raffle and Silent Auction*

*Saturday, October 22nd
5:00 p.m. Auction bidding
and socializing
7:00 p.m. Dinner and
entertainment*

Lowell High School Gymnasium

Hall of Fame Banquet

The Alumni and Friends Association invites everyone, not just alumni, to join them in honoring **Bruce Coldren, Alvin Riggs** and the Leadership Team of the Lowell School District including **Superintendent Walt Hanline, Principal Kay Graham** and board members **Dennis McCallum, Suzanne Kintzley, Mike Galvin, Jim Chapman** and **Joyce Donnell**.

Invitations are being mailed this week but if you aren't on our list, please stop by the high school office or download an RSVP card from the school's website. You can also request a reservation at aaf@lowell.k12.or.us. Seats are just \$30 each and must be purchased by October 14th — no sales will be made on the day of the event. Checks can be made payable to Lowell/Fall Creek Education Foundation. Proceeds benefit Lowell School District and community projects. And don't forget to come to Homecoming on Friday, October 21st to cheer the Red Devils to victory!

Summer Fun for Students in Lowell

The Lowell Summer Recreation and Fitness Program had a great turnout for its first year. The participants, ranging from grades 3 through 6, enjoyed activities such as rocketry, soccer, football, hiking and geocaching. Each week's activities were themed, with participation exceeding expectations. The program also included free breakfast and lunch, and a running program to increase focus and energy levels. The participants ran a combined total of 4,399 laps, equaling 1,150 miles. Kids wrapped up the end of the program with a trip to Splash!

Lowell School District plans on continuing the free program next summer. For more information about the Summer Recreation and Fitness Program, contact Gregory Erickson at 541-937-2105.



Students hiked to the top of Skinner Butte

Summer School and Summer Camps Provide Academic Tutoring, Special Interest Instruction and Fun to Lowell's Children

In addition to the summer recreation and fitness program that was offered to Lowell students this year, the Lowell School District also offered academic summer school at Lundy and Lowell Jr./Sr. High School. The focus of summer school at Lundy was to improve skills in reading and math while the focus at the Jr./Sr./ High School was in academic credit recovery. Specialty "summer educational camps" were also offered in science, drama and multicultural studies.



The focus of the science camp this year was in Marine Biology. Students attending the camp took field trips to the Oregon Dunes, Yaquina Head Tidepools, the Hatfield Marine Science Center (for instruction about adaptations of coastal intertidal zone organisms) and to the Oregon Coast Aquarium where displays helped students feel immersed in the deep ocean and get close views of ocean wildlife. Each of the other camps kept students engaged in honing their drama skills and leaning about other cultures south of our USA border.



Students in the Jr./Sr. High also participated in summer camps in medical careers and leadership experiences. MedSplash was a medical career camp sponsored through the Lane ESD and the GEAR UP grant made it possible for students to attend leadership camps at Western Oregon State College.



Finally, even our very youngest and their parents benefited from academic opportunities as the Lowell School District participated in the KITS program (Kids in Transition) which was designed to help incoming kindergarten children become familiar with "school life" and learn special skills that will help them be more successful as they begin kindergarten this year. This particular program also provided parents of kindergarten and first grade students an opportunity to meet each other and learn strategies to engage their children in learning activities at home.

Next year the Lowell School District hopes to be able to continue offering these outstanding opportunities for students. Look for recreational and camp program information to come out in late April and early May.



City Beat

City Launches Facebook Page

The City of Lowell launched its official Facebook page on August 15. Located at www.facebook.com/CityofLowellOregon, the city is encouraging the public to “Like” the page.

The City’s new Facebook page will feature news and links to information on the City’s website, www.ci.lowell.or.us, including:

- City Council and committee meeting agendas
- City news and events
- Bids and requests for proposals
- Employment opportunities
- Emergency alerts

Users will also be able to comment on posts and share information with their Facebook friends.

Online Utility Payments

The City of Lowell is pleased to offer an easy and fast way to pay and/or view your utility bills online. Electronic invoicing allows the City to offer email or web-based invoice services as a choice rather than traditional paper invoices to our customers. Bills are available for viewing or payment, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. This not only saves money, but also contributes to saving the environment.

Powered by Invoice Cloud (www.invoicecloud.net), this solution provides the following benefits:

- No signup cost.
- No transaction fees.
- You may choose to eliminate paper invoices to reduce clutter and help the environment.
- You have the option to pay immediately, schedule a payment or sign up for Auto-Pay.
- Access, view and pay your bill at your convenience through the web or by text using an electronic check or credit/debit card.

For more information, please visit the City’s website at www.ci.lowell.or.us.

Call for Volunteers!

The City of Lowell is soliciting applications for the Planning Commission and Budget Committee. Volunteering for the City is one of the best examples of government and people working together for the good of the community. It will give you an insider’s look at how local government works, and an opportunity to share your talents, skills, and feedback on how to better serve our residents. If you are interested in serving, please read the overview of each board and then follow the application instructions below.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is composed of five (5) members appointed by the City Council. This board operates in an advisory role in the preparation and revision of the community’s comprehensive plan and local land use regulations. The Planning Commission also reviews and makes decisions on development proposals, including site plans and subdivisions.

There is currently one (1) vacancy on the Planning Commission. This position is for the remainder of an unexpired term ending December 31, 2017.

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee consists of the entire City Council and five (5) citizen members appointed by the Council who examine, analyze and recommend a budget to the Council. This committee is active for about six (6) weeks in April and May of each year, with occasional meetings held throughout the year.

There is currently (1) vacancy on the Budget Committee. This position is for the remainder of an unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.

Application Instructions

Interested residents should submit a completed application in person to Lowell City Hall or by mail to P.O. Box 490, Lowell, OR, 97452. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded online at www.ci.lowell.or.us. The deadline for applications is September 16.

For more information, please contact Lowell City Hall at 541-937-2157.

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 August 16th regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 660—Charter Amendment Referral. In support: Bennett, Burford, Harris, Osgood; Opposed: none; Absent: Paulson.
- Approved Resolution 661—Transferring Funds. In support: Bennett, Burford, Harris, Osgood; Opposed: none; Absent: Paulson.
- Awarded an Annual Accounting Service Contract to Layli Nichols. In support: Bennett, Burford, Harris, Osgood; Opposed: none; Absent: Paulson.

From the August 29th work session:

- Developed Mission and Vision statements; discussed prioritization of objectives and evaluation criteria established. Action to be taken at a future council meeting.
- Reviewed draft ordinance for re-organization of Boards, Commissions and Committees. Review and changes were discussed. Ordinance will be placed on a future council agenda for consideration.

Monthly Police Log (July 30 – August 26)

07/30 04:22 P.M. | Suspicious Subject at North Cannon Street and East Main Street
 07/30 07:38 P.M. | Vehicle Stop at North Moss Street and 6th Street
 07/30 10:53 P.M. | Disturbance at 100 Block East North Shore Drive
 08/01 05:35 A.M. | Check Welfare at 100 Block West 2nd Street
 08/02 09:33 A.M. | Check Welfare at 200 Block North Damon Street
 08/05 11:53 A.M. | Check Welfare at 100 Block Loftus Avenue
 08/06 08:32 A.M. | Harassment at 300 Block North Hyland Lane
 08/07 04:27 P.M. | Dispute at 100 Block North Moss Street
 08/07 06:48 P.M. | Assault at North Shore Drive and North Moss Street
 08/07 08:41 P.M. | Subject Stop at 100 Block South Moss Street
 08/10 01:42 P.M. | Child Abuse at 100 Block East 2nd Street
 08/10 08:38 P.M. | Criminal Mischief at 100 Block West 2nd Street
 08/11 09:13 P.M. | Civil Service at 200 Block East 2nd Street
 08/13 08:14 A.M. | Alarm at 100 Block South Pioneer Street
 08/14 04:25 A.M. | Suspicious Conditions at 100 Block Wetleau Drive
 08/18 12:18 P.M. | Check Welfare at 500 Block North Moss Street
 08/21 11:21 A.M. | Abandoned Animal at 100 Block South Pioneer Street
 08/25 09:22 A.M. | Assault at 400 Block North Hyland Lane

Library Volunteers Wanted

The Lowell Library is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and is staffed totally by volunteers. A few days need more volunteers so if you have a few hours or more, please consider helping out at the library.

Hours are very flexible so if you are interested, please call Maggie at 541-937-3759 or stop by the Library at City Hall, 107 East 3rd Street.



FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

A Reminder that Fire Season Is Not Over Yet

Fire Season is still with us and it is important to keep fire safety in mind at all times. Outdoor burning is prohibited and may open in October depending on weather and environmental conditions. Campfires and/or warming fires in most locations are prohibited and will remain prohibited until vegetation fire levels are greatly reduced by significant moisture. Contact the district office for more information on current fire safety considerations in the area.

Ever Think About Becoming A Firefighter?

Ever want to do something new and exciting? Want to learn new and valuable life skills? Think about joining the Fire Service and help your community.

Volunteers are critical to our nation's fire and emergency services. 69% (or 786,150) of firefighters in the U.S. are volunteers. These volunteers save communities \$140 billion annually. However, the number of volunteers has declined by about 12% since 1984. During the same timeframe, call volume has nearly tripled, largely due to the increase in EMS calls. In 2013, there were over 31 million calls to local fire departments.

The volunteer fire service is an aging population. Since 2000, there has been a 14.9 percent drop in the number of firefighters under the age of 40 in communities like ours. Communities our size rely almost entirely on volunteers.

There are many reasons for these trends, including:

- increased time demands placed on firefighters and EMTs for more rigorous training requirements
- proliferation of two-income families whose members have less available time
- younger people moving out of smaller communities for better job opportunities

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District is almost all Volunteer. We have a half-time (20-hour per week) paid Fire Chief and a full-time (40-hour per week) paid Training Officer. The District will soon be adding another forty-hour per week, full-time firefighter/EMT with the majority of our personnel being Volunteer.

The District currently has six Resident Volunteer Firefighter/EMTs, two In District Volunteer Firefighter/EMTs and four Volunteer Intern Firefighter/EMTs. The District needs more local volunteer members to help protect the communities of Lowell, Fall Creek and Unity. You will receive all the training you want locally, all you need to do is apply. Contact the District office for more information and the opportunities being a Lowell Fire District volunteer might bring. Go to www.lowellfiredistrict.org or call 541-937-3393 to see how to volunteer.

Volunteer Members Complete EMT Training

Congratulations to Resident Volunteer Firefighter, Lev Babich for his completion of the National and State Paramedic certification exams. Lev is now a National and State Licensed Paramedic. Great job Lev. Resident Volunteer Firefighters Nick Bruckner and Wes Bryant have both successfully completed the practical portion of the National Exam and are scheduled to take the written portion of the exam in September. Congratulations to all those involved.

Training Coordinator Lloyd Hall has successfully completed the licensing exams for the National and State Advanced EMT also. Lloyd and Resident Firefighter/EMT Morgan Stevens are now enrolled in the upgrade class for State licensing at the EMT-Intermediate, and should be completed with this training and testing in October.



Come see us at the Block Party on September 3rd on 2nd Street, the Back-to-School event on September 6th at Lowell High School and at the drag boat races on September 10th & 11th.

On the web:
www.lowellfiredistrict.org

In and Around Our Community

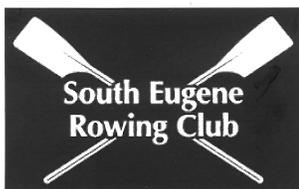
7th Annual Block Party September 3rd

Join your friends and neighbors for a fun day at the annual old-fashioned block party from noon until 3:00 p.m. on East 2nd Street between Moss and Pioneer Streets. This event is co-sponsored by East Valley Church and the Lowell Grange. Come enjoy food, refreshments, ice cream and more! Meet our local Fire Department members and stay cool in the dunk tank. Make this a family day — FUN for all!

Fall Creek Park Yard Sale — September 10th

Rent a table for just \$5.00 for the day to sell your wares. Those looking for good deals can come by the park on Saturday, the 10th, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Fall Creek Park is located at milepost 7.5 on Jasper-Lowell Road. For more information please call Pam at 541-912-3977.



Join Rowing!
Free Trial Period

September 7-18

No experience needed

Open Practices (indoor), learn-to-row:

September 7 & 8, 4-6pm, SEHS

Interest Meeting: Sept. 9, 7PM SEHS

**Get fit, make friends,
go fast!**

southeugenrowingclub.com

headcoach@southeugenrowingclub.org

Welcoming new 8th-12th grade members for the Fall 2016 season. <http://southeugenrowingclub.org>.

Mystery Dinner Theater Tickets on Sale!

The Lowell Grange Building Restoration Committee presents "Murder at the Pie Auction". Three performances will be held in November. Dates/times are:

Friday, November 11, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 12, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 13, 4:00 p.m.

Cost is just \$15 for dinner and the play, plus pie for dessert! Tickets must be purchased ahead of time and are of limited quantity. Don't miss out — contact any Grange member or call Gerry at 541-937-2190.

Proceeds help restore the historic Grange Hall Building. We appreciate your support of this effort.



Grange Events in September

Breakfast on September 4th

Texas Hold 'em Poker on September 2nd and 17th

Bingo! on September 21st

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

Clothing Bank Can Help with School Clothes

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!



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Lowell, OR 97452

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On the web: www.lowell.k12.or.us

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: September 2016

- 1—Varsity Volleyball v. Mapleton & Oak Hill, Noon
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
Varsity Football @ Chiloquin, 7:00 p.m.
 - 2—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 3—Block Party, 2nd Street, Noon-3:00 p.m.
 - 4—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
 - 5—Labor Day — City Hall closed
 - 6—Back-to-School Night, 5:30 p.m. High School Cafeteria
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 7—**First day of school!**
 - 8—Varsity Volleyball v. McKenzie, 6:00 p.m. (JV game prior)
 - 9—Varsity Football v. Perrydale, 7:00 p.m.
 - 10—Varsity Volleyball @ Alsea v. Siletz, 10:00 a.m.
 - 10-11—Columbia Drag Boat Races, Dexter Lake, Lowell Marina
 - 11—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
 - 12—Varsity Volleyball @ Yoncalla, 6:00 p.m.
 - 13—Varsity Volleyball v. Triangle Lake, 6:00 p.m.
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
 - 14—JH Volleyball v. Triangle Lake, 5:00 p.m.
JH Football v. Triangle Lake, 5:00 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
 - 15—Varsity Volleyball v. Eddyville, 3:30 p.m.
 - 16—No School! Teacher In-service Day
Varsity Football v. Siletz, 7:00 p.m.
 - 17—Varsity Volleyball @ Oakridge Tourney, 9:00 a.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 18—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
 - 19—Varsity Volleyball v. Yoncalla, 6:00 p.m.
JH Volleyball @ McKenzie, 5:00 p.m.
 - 20—Varsity Volleyball v. Mohawk, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 21—JH Volleyball @ Crow, 5:00 p.m.
 - 22—JH Football v. Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball @ Mapleton, 6:00 p.m.
 - 23—**School Board meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.**
Varsity Football @ N. Douglas, 7:00 p.m.
 - 24—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
 - 25—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3 pm., Dexter Rec. Area
 - 26—JH Football v. St. Paul, 4:00 p.m.
JH Volleyball @ Falls City, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball @ Siletz, 5:00 p.m.
 - 28—JH Volleyball v. Oak Hill, 5:00 p.m.
JH Football @ McKenzie, 5:00 p.m.
 - 30—Varsity Football @ Falls City, 7:00 p.m.
- In October:
- 3—JH Volleyball v. Mohawk, 5:00 p.m.
 - 4—Varsity Volleyball v. Alsea, 3:00 p.m.
 - 5—JH Football @ Gilchrist, 4:00 p.m.
 - 7—Varsity Football v. Yoncalla, 7:00 p.m.