



The Bridge

Making community connections

Lowell Fire Chief To Retire June 30th

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My last day as Fire Chief for the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District will be June 30th. I will be turning the leadership role over to the very capable hands of Lon Dragt. The District Board of Directors has offered the Chief's position to Lon and he will start his duties May 1st. I will be working with Lon through June so that we can assure a smooth transition of leadership.

It has been a distinct honor and privilege for me to work with such an outstanding Board of Directors and Volunteer Staff through my years with the District. I look at my time here at LRFPD as some of the most memorable, fulfilling and gratifying of my 43 year fire service career. My wife Joan and I love the communities of Lowell and Fall Creek and intend on living here for many more years.



Congratulations and thanks Chief Hoehn!

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

Food Service Program Meals Served

Program	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 Thru 3/31	2016-17 Projected	Meal Totals
SNP-Breakfast	32,183	33,406	39,914	34,648	50,018	155,521
SNP-Lunch	21,013	36,669	46,687	40,274	58,212	162,581
SNP-Snack	No data	1,174				1,174
CACFP-Supper	*	13,222	30,400	20,287	33,556	77,178
Summer-Breakfast	*	766	2,553	**	**	3,319
Summer-Lunch	*	3,248	4,303	**	**	7,551
Summer-Supper	*	1,101	1,913	**	**	3,014
Total Meals	53,196	89,586	125,770	95,209	141,786	410,338

* Program had not been established at this time.
 ** Summer Meal Program has not yet occurred for 2016-17.
 The SNP Snack Program transitioned into the CACFP Supper Program in Feb. 2015.

Lowell students participating in the School Nutrition Program during school days are projected to receive over 100,000 breakfast and lunch meals this school year — almost double the numbers just three years ago! Food Services Director, Billy Reid, has done an excellent job of serving more meals while remaining well below budget for expenditures. The increased participation of students has stretched our kitchen and cafeteria space to the point where future facility plans include expansions of both areas to better serve our students and continue to increase efficiencies.

Lundy Elementary Awarded \$1.3 Million in State Funds to Make Seismic Improvements

The size and scope of the District's facility improvements list makes it impossible to complete all the work without additional support. The District has worked to get as much done as possible given available funds. In 2015, we received a \$1.2 million Seismic Grant for Lowell High School. That grant will pay for the installation of shear wall panels for stability and improvements to wall surfaces, sound acoustics, lockers and flooring. These improvements will be made this summer.

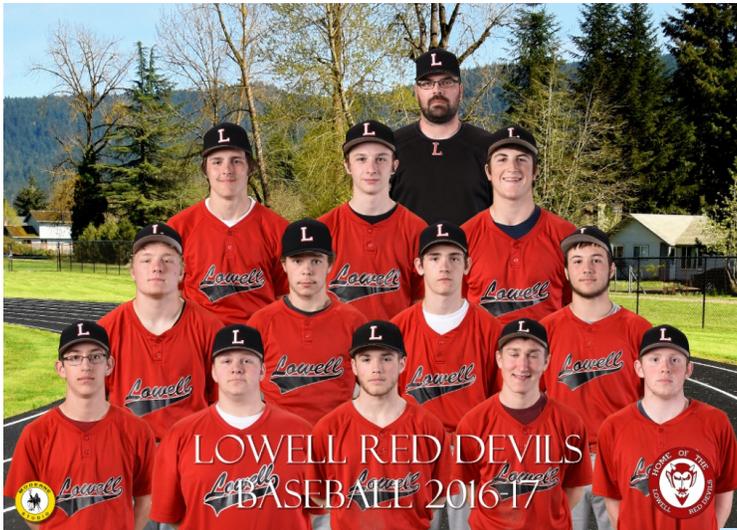
We're pleased to announce another success: last week Lowell School District was awarded \$1.3 million to make seismic improvements to the Lundy Elementary School gym as well. This work will add shear wall panels for stability and will also include acoustic sound ceiling panels, new wall surfaces and will address asbestos-related issues. We're excited to make these critical improvements and will continue to make the most of local and state funding. Follow our progress on the Lowell School District Facebook page (follow us!) or on our website.

Success Keeps Pouring In for Lowell Music

The Lowell High School Choir, competing at South Eugene High School on April 11th, received unanimous "Superior" ratings and took high scores for OSAA Special District 2. As League Champions, the Choir joins the High School Band in heading for the OSAA State Finals in May. Pulling off the "double" -- qualifying both ensembles for the State Championships -- is a rare feat, achieved by few schools in Oregon. Choir State Finals are set for May 4th at George Fox University, while Band State Finals occur on May 12th at Oregon State University. Please consult www.osaa.org for updated schedules and spectator information.

The Choir also shined brightly on the stage of the Hult Center at the Metropolitan Choral Festival on April 18th, holding their own alongside the biggest and best choirs in our area. Congratulations to the hard-working musicians of Lowell, and big thanks to the community, school board, and administration for their support!





Varsity Baseball

This year's team includes seniors Michael Thornton, Kenny Lane, Zach Kintzley, Colton Riggs, Brayden Long and Justyn Barton; juniors Cole Staggs and John Clarke; sophomores Kent MacIntosh, Mason Wendt, Ian Sotomayor, Bryce Pickett, Symon Thurman and Justin Corp; and, freshmen Dustin Astbury and Josiah VonDoloski. Head coach is Kody Eidenshink.

Varsity Track

Participating on the boys track team this year are Cody Brooks, Owen Chapman, AJ Devereaux, Kasey Erwin, Andy Kintzley, Zach Kintzley, Brian Lemon, Devin Maughan, Thomas T-Ward, and Tay Williamson. Head coach is Jack Devereaux.

Check out the game schedules on page 8 but watch the reader board for weather related changes.



Junior High Track

Another huge turnout for junior high track includes 8th graders Lucy Plahn, Katie Chapman, Audra Chapman, Bethany VonDoloski, Serena Yarbrough, Nicky Sotomayor, Tyler Astbury, Timmy Stratis, Bernie Anderson, Aidden Williamson, Max Beldner, Fisher Schescke, and Carter Wendt; 7th graders Hailey Curry, Ashlee Brooks, Abigail Mikulich, Priscilla Thurman, Landon Miles, Sam Smith, Andrew Bardis, Octavion Mooers, Ben Hinrichs, Deacon Savio, Enoch Carroll, Austin Smith and Josh Brown; 6th graders Lydia Plahn, Bella Gehrke, Esperanza Guzman-Fields, Aislynn Jenks, Sahalie Burgess, Zoey Cantwell, Aric Coleman and Beauden Asher;



and, 5th graders Skylynn Berland, Lindy VonDoloski, Alana Yarbrough, Alex Stratis, Mason Corwin, Justin Brooks, Justus Thurman, Noah Richards, Rowan Files and Damien Davis. Head coach Brian Chittim is assisted by Jill Chapman, Jessica Coleman and Jack Devereaux.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Lowell To Welcome New Fire Chief

Lon comes to us from Sutherlin Fire Department where he has been an Assistant Chief since March of 2016. Prior to his tenure with Sutherlin, Lon's work experiences include the position of Maintenance Captain at Goshen Rural Fire District, Training Officer for MedExpress, Clerical Manager for Cascade Health Solutions and Lieutenant for Santa Clara Fire District.

After interviews with the Volunteer Staff and Board of Directors, an extensive background investigation and review of qualifications, the Board offered the position to Mr. Dragt and he accepted.

An open house and "Meet the New Chief" get together is being planned for June to give the community an opportunity to meet your new Fire Chief. Look for further information on this event in the June Bridge.

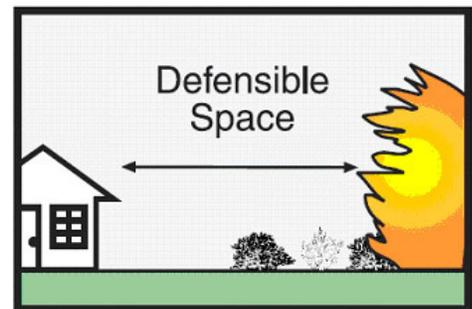


May Is Best Month To Help Prevent Summer Wildfires

Residents play a major role in protecting their lives and property. Your home ignition zone extends up to 100 feet – and it's quite common to have neighbors whose home ignition zone overlaps yours. Once a structure is engulfed in flames, it could ignite other structures located less than 100 feet away. In addition, many communities have commonly owned property, including natural or wooded areas that can pose fire risks to all. This means that to be most effective, neighbors need to work together and with their fire service partners to achieve greater wildfire safety.

Together, community residents can work with fire agencies and elected officials to accomplish the following:

- » Ensure that homes and neighborhoods have legible/clearly marked street names and numbers
- » Know "two ways out" of the neighborhood for safe evacuation during a wildfire
- » Create phone and text trees to alert residents about local fires
- » Sign up for emergency notifications through Lane County "Alert Me" program
- » Talk to your Homeowner Association (HOA) to make sure you are in compliance with existing community rules or regulations on vegetation management and construction materials and if they are "Firewise-friendly"
- » Engage with the fire district officials on how they can work with you and your neighbors, and participate in the "Ready, Set, Go!" program
- » Participation in the Firewise Communities/USA Recognition Program can provide the community with a risk assessment and action plan that will help residents work together annually to make where they live a safer place.



Learn more about how to keep families safe and reduce homeowners' risk for wildfire damage at Firewise.org. Free printed and audiovisual materials can be found on the Firewise website and ordered online through the Firewise catalog. GOTO Firewise.org for more information, or contact the Fire District Office at 541-937-3393.

On the web: www.lowellfiredistrict.org

Volunteer & See What You Can Achieve

Ever thought of becoming a Volunteer for the Fire District? Ever wanted to learn something new and a bit more exciting almost every day? Ever get bored with the same ol' - same ol' stuff everyday? Have a little extra time that you might want to contribute to an organization that can provide you with a number of different opportunities to give back to your community? Then maybe becoming a volunteer with the Lowell Rural Fire District might be just your ticket to personal fulfillment and growth.

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District provides emergency medical and fire response to 23 square miles of mostly rural land with homes, businesses and outdoor recreation areas.

The wide variety of protected lands within the District require our Firefighters to be well trained in wildland fire fighting as well as structural fire fighting and a number of different specialized rescue techniques. The variety of experiences made possible through our organization can provide a number of different opportunities for just about anyone who has some time to contribute to the District.

For more information about programs offered by the Fire District, contact the District office at 541-937-3393, stop by the station at 389 N. Pioneer Street or visit our web page at www.lowellfiredistrict.org,

Fire District Budget Hearing Scheduled

The 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing will be held May 9th at 7:00 PM at the Lowell Fire Station, 389 N. Pioneer St., Lowell Or. 97452. The purpose of the Hearing is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year as approved by the Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented on the District website at www.lowellfiredistrict.org and will be presented in the Register Guard newspaper. For more information on the Public Hearing, contact the District office at 541-937-3393.

Firefighter Trent Dugger Accepts Training Officer Position

Firefighter Trent Dugger has accepted a promotional position with Mohawk Valley Fire District in Marcola as their District's Training Officer. Trent worked for Lowell Fire just over seven months before accepting the position with Mohawk Fire. Congratulations Trent! Trent lives in the Marcola area and is looking forward to the challenges of his new position.

Nick Bruckner (Resident Volunteer Firefighter) will fill Trent's vacated position until a formal hiring process can be accomplished in June or July. In addition to this full-time position, a seasonal position will be available in July to help supplement volunteer staffing during the higher call volume summer months.

Monthly Police Log (March 27 – April 27)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location	Date	Time	Call Type	Location
03/28/17	11:17 AM	Assault	300 Block North Damon Street	04/10/17	11:56 AM	Motor Vehicle Accident	North Shore Drive and North Every Street
03/28/17	4:59 PM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street	04/10/17	1:09 PM	Reckless Driving	North Moss Street and North Shore Drive
04/01/17	7:44 PM	Drug Overdose	100 Block East 4th Street	04/10/17	2:31 PM	Disorderly Subject	100 Block South Pioneer Street
04/01/17	8:38 PM	Vehicle Stop	400 Block D Street	04/11/17	11:02 AM	Citation Service	400 Block D Street
04/01/17	10:00 AM	Subpoena Service	100 Block Loftus Avenue	04/11/17	11:15 AM	Citation Service	100 Block North Hyland Lane
04/02/17	2:17 PM	Citizen Contact	300 Block North Pioneer Street	04/15/17	12:32 PM	Harassment	100 Block North Cannon Street
04/03/17	8:30 AM	Criminal Trespass	500 Block North Moss Street	04/15/17	11:33 PM	Hit and Run	100 Block East Main Street
04/07/17	9:16 PM	Reckless Driving	South Pioneer Street and East Main Street	04/16/17	1:03 AM	Dispute	300 Block Marina Vista Drive
04/09/17	6:49 PM	Alarm	100 Block South Moss Street	04/16/17	7:33 PM	Incomplete 911 Call	100 Block West Lakeview Avenue
04/09/17	5:21 PM	Alarm	600 Block South Pioneer Street	04/21/17	12:06 PM	Towed Vehicle	100 Block North Moss Street
				04/25/17	10:46 AM	Theft	West Boundary Road and East Main 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 dial 9-1-1.



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

Our wait list for Home of Your Own is NOT full!

If you've wanted a **Home of Your Own**, St. Vincent de Paul may be able to help!

You still have an opportunity to see about a home of your own here in Lowell.

Check it out at <http://www.svdp.us/what-we-do/affordable-housing/home-of-your-own-program/>

Inquire with Andy Clay at: andy.clay@svdp.us or call 541-501-0894

City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Push-Button Pedestrian Signs Installed

The pedestrian signs at the intersection of North Shore and Moss Street and the intersection of Pioneer Street and Main Street have been completed. The signs are highly reflective, brightly colored and solar powered. When pedestrians hit the push button, LED lights flash, alerting motorists that someone is about to step into the crosswalk.

When used properly these signs greatly enhance pedestrian safety. Caution is still required, however, when crossing any public street. Pedestrians should push the button on the sign base, wait for the lights to activate, and look both ways prior to crossing.



Online Bill Pay a Success

Last September the City started accepting utility payments online. We are pleased to report that this program has proven successful. The service provides customers with multiple, convenient payment options, while also reducing City postage, printing, and labor costs. Enrollment and use of the service has increased each month since implementation. Through April 27, 126 customers have paid online this month.

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

- Monthly water consumption and billing history.
- 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.

To sign up for service, please visit the City's website at www.ci.lowell.or.us. Feel free to call or stop by City Hall if you have any questions. We would be happy to provide more information or walk you through the process of setting up an account.

Parks Clean Up Reminder — May 6th

Join your neighbors and friends for our annual Parks Clean Up and help beautify Lowell from the ground up. The event will be held on **Saturday, May 6**, from 9:00-12:00 and starts at Paul Fisher Park. Volunteers are asked to wear work clothes and gloves to pull weeds, plant flowers, and spread mulch. Juice and donuts will be available in the morning and lunch will be served at the end of the event. An alternate date for bad weather will be scheduled if there is a rain out.

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 4th Study Session:

- Discussed Staff Performance Evaluations, Municipal Finance Software, City Council Governance Handbook, Transportation System Plan Grant Application, Parks Master Plan Grant Application and, Lowell Summer Recreation Program..

From the April 18th regular meeting:

- Approved Ordinance 295—Regulating Open Burning.
- Approved Resolution 672—Oregon Parks & Recreation District Grant Application.
- Awarded Municipal Finance Software Contract to Caselle Inc.
- Approved Summer Recreation Program Funding Request of \$2,000 as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Approved Dexter Lake Farmers' Market Funding Request of \$1,150 as recommended by the Economic Development Committee.

All actions were approved unanimously: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Angelini; Absent: Harris

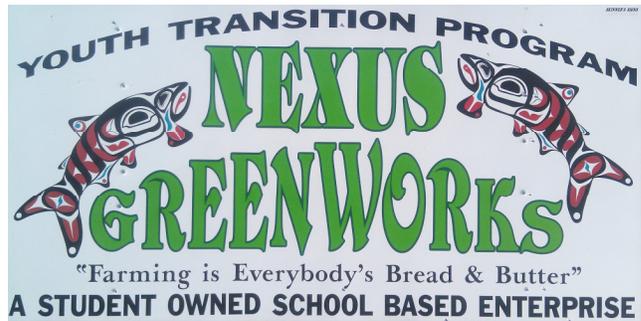
Approved by consensus was the proposed Liquor License Renewal and a request by Tristan Woodhurst to build Horseshoe Pits in Paul Fisher Park for his Eagle Scout project during the Parks Clean Up Day on May 6th.

In and Around Our Community

Fall Creek Park Clean-up Day, May 13th

Looking for a fun time and a way to give back to the community? Saturday, May 13th there will be a meeting at the Fall Creek Park at 10:00 a.m. The park needs some friends for light duty landscape maintenance. Join us to find out about the park and what needs to be done. We will serve donuts and cookies, bring your own beverages.

Fall Creek Park is located at 39568 Jasper-Lowell Road at milepost 7.5. Info? Call Maggie at 541-937-1971 or Pam at 541-937-1978 or Don at 54-206-4345.



Spring Plant Sale and Open House! Saturday, May 6th, 10 am—2 pm

The Greenhouse is located on the Lowell High School Campus next to the bus barn. We have all your garden starts, tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, cauliflower, and more, healthy and vigorous, ready to be planted out. We have Blueberry plants that were generously donated by Fall Creek Farm and Nursery. We are environmentally sensitive to our bee populations and use only organic soil and 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!!

SAVE THE DATE!
3rd Annual Hall of Fame Celebration
September 23rd
Brought to you by Alumni and Friends
of Lowell School District
Email aaf@lowell.k12.or.us to make sure we have your current contact information for invitations!

Junior High Students of the Month



Kylee Johnson is the daughter of Steve Johnson and Brooke Feuer of Lowell. Kylee works hard to keep her GPA above average and her attendance near perfect. Kylee is a great addition to our Jr. high Basketball, volleyball and softball teams. She is also a great asset to our JH high choir and band. In her free time she enjoys hanging out with friends and family!

Timmy Stratis is the son of Tim and Tina Stratis of Lowell. Timmy is a great athlete and is a great asset to our JH high football, basketball and track teams. Timmy also plays the tuba in the JH high band. In his free time he enjoys gaming and hanging out with friends.



Congratulations Kylee & Timmy for being JH students of the month!

LHS Drama presents...“The Sequence”
A short drama by Vincent Delaney
When:
Thursday, 18th & Saturday 20th, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 21st, 2:00 p.m.
Location:
Drama Room Theatre @ LHS Jr/Sr High School
FREE Admission, donations gratefully accepted
to support the LHS Drama program

Benefit for Lowell Boys Basketball Team

Johnny Cash — A tribute by Scott Allen with guests

Patsy Cline (Kay Anderson) & The Ventures (Dan Estremado, Ted Edwards, Jim Lee, Don Fisher)

Saturday, May 20th, Lowell High School, 7:00—9:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 each, Couples \$25, Students 10-17 \$5 each, Kids 9 and under Free

For more information call Kim Beer at 541-206-3007 or Scott Allen at 541-430-6044

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: May 2017

- 1—Softball v. Yoncalla/Elkton, 4:30 p.m.
Baseball @ Elkton, 4:30 p.m.
- 2—Softball v. North Douglas, 4:30 p.m.
City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 3—Economic Development Committee tour, 9:30 a.m.
Softball/Baseball @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
- 4—JH Track @ Oakridge, 4:00 p.m.
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
- 5—Softball v. Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 6—Lowell Parks Cleanup Day, 9 am until noon, 107 East 3rd Street
JH Track MWL Championship @ Vida, tbd
- 7—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 8—PTO Meeting, 3:15 p.m., PDC at Lundy Elementary
Softball/Baseball @ Oakland, 4:30 p.m.
- 9—Softball @ North Douglas, 4:30 p.m.
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
**Fire District Board Meeting/Budget Hearing, 7:00 p.m.,
Lowell Station**
- 10—Puppets by Liisa, 3:30-4:15 p.m., City Hall
Baseball v. Elkton/Yoncalla, 4:30 p.m.
- 11—Kids Club, Fall Creek Events Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 13—Fall Creek Park Cleanup, 10:00 a.m.
Baseball double header @ North Douglas, 2:00 & 4:00 p.m.
- 16—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 17—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 18—LHS Drama Performance, 7:00 p.m., Drama Room Theater
- 20—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 20—LHS Drama Performance, 7:00 p.m., Drama Room Theater
Benefit Concert for Boys Basketball, 7-9 p.m., HS Gym
- 21—LHS Drama Performance, 2:00 p.m., Drama Room Theater
- 22-26 — Scholastic, Buy-One Get-One Book Fair, Lundy Elem.
- 22—**State of the District Community Forum, 6:00 p.m., PDC**
Followed by **School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.**
- 24—Buddy Winfrey Memorial Re-dedication Ceremony, 1:00 p.m.
High School lawn near the mural
Fables by Ben, 3:30-4:15 p.m., City Hall
- 26—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 29—**Memorial Day — No School, City Hall closed**

Authran “Buddy” Winfrey Memorial Re-dedication Ceremony

Wednesday, May 24th, 1:00 p.m.

Please join us as the VFW Post #3965 conducts a re-dedication ceremony of the newly refurbished memorial for Lance Corporal Buddy Winfrey, USMC, killed in action May 15, 1969 in Vietnam. Buddy graduated from Lowell in 1966.

All are welcome.