



The Bridge

Making community connections

Open House at the Lowell Grange
51 East Second Street
Saturday, April 28, Noon—3:00 p.m.

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Be our guest for lunch and join us for a fun day at the Grange on Saturday, April 28th from Noon until 3:00 p.m. Enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, salads and ice cream. The Lowell Grange is located at the corner of 2nd and Moss Streets. All are welcome! Our friendly Grange members will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about the Grange.

This year's open house will feature games and prizes throughout the day and Don Bennett will be on hand with the **Traveling Trunk**, a collection of local artifacts with an interesting story about each one.

Use of the Lowell Grange for community and family activities has continued to increase as members and other volunteers have made many improvements to the building. Members are especially proud of the improvements over the last several years. The most recent is the addition of a storage room to provide safe, secure storage and make the hall even more accessible to additional fundraising and community events. Stop by and see the new color the entire building will be changed to in the future (see storage addition in "barn red" below).



Thanks to all of you for your continued support. Remember, you don't have to be a Grange member to help with projects!

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Saturday, April 22nd

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

From Walt Hanline, Superintendent

Building Program Update

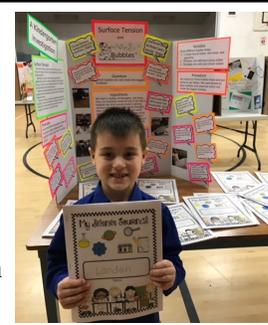
The building program is moving into the next phase, following meetings with the User Groups and the Expert Group in March. Simply stated, we need to implement this construction project in the most efficient and effective manner possible, which demands we listen to the users and experts, have a complete and thorough set of plans and bid documents, and a process that reduces the change orders that would raise the cost of the project. We are meeting again with the Expert Group on March 27th to determine ways to move forward on some aspects of the building program, without increasing the costs.

On May 15th, the final specification meeting with the Expert Group will take place and on May 31st the final User Group meeting will take place. At that point, the Architect will have a complete idea of the scope of the project and begin to work with the specialists (structural, mechanical, electrical) to develop the plans that will be used to bid the project. In September, the Board will approve the complete project and the budget for the project. Construction bid documents will be developed and then, again, the Expert Group will weigh in on ways to reduce costs. This process will conclude by March of 2019 and bids will be requested. The Board will award the bid in April, with construction beginning in June of 2019.

Science Fair to Showcase Student Projects — April 5th

Families and community members are welcome to come see interesting science projects presented by students in kindergarten through 6th grade. This year's Science Fair will be on Thursday, April 5th in the Lundy Elementary gym from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Sixth grade students have been working on a special egg drop engineering project, which will also be on display.

Judging is done by the teachers since the projects are part of the students' science grades. Individual presenters can earn gold, silver or bronze medals as well. Please come visit and listen as the students explain their projects to you. Your support is appreciated!



Lowell Band Dominates Local Festivals, Returns to State Finals

The Lowell High School Concert Band took top honors recently in both the OMEA District 12 Band Festival (South Eugene HS, 3/16) and the Willamette Valley Concert Band Festival (LCC, 3/22). The reigning 2A/1A state champs bested all comers, outscoring every 5A and 6A school in Eugene/Springfield, and many other schools from around the state. They will make a third consecutive appearance at the OSAA State Finals on May 11th at the LaSells Stewart (Oregon State University). Good luck!

Lowell Music Featured at Hult Center, Hosting Festival in April

On Tuesday, April 24th the Lowell Concert Choir will perform at the 2018 Metropolitan Choral Festival. This special performance, set for 7:00pm at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts, will feature several of the area's best high school choir programs, and will culminate in a special "massed" choir performance of more than 600 voices all singing together on the stage of the beautiful Sylva Concert Hall. Please come see this wonderful show! Tickets are \$7 through the Hult Box Office; all proceeds go to keeping the festival alive for future years.

In other news, Lowell High School will for the first time be hosting the annual Mountain West Music Festival! On April 13th, students from nine small schools will participate in this special event. Individual groups will perform for clinicians in the morning, while the afternoon will bring them together into large massed ensembles (JH Band, HS Band, and Choir) under the direction of visiting master teachers. The day culminates in a special evening concert, set for 6:30pm in the LHS Gym. Tickets, which may be limited, are \$3 at the door.



Come Join the Lowell School District!

Kindergarten Registration is Coming!

Do you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 1st? Lundy Elementary is holding Open Enrollment Kindergarten Registration on April 18th from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the PDC at Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street.

Bring your pre-K child, their immunization records and birth certificate. We will have a classroom visit, fun activities, bus ride and snacks.

If you have questions, please call Colette at 541-937-2105.



Lowell Robotics Program Donation

Eugene Masonic Center, Eugene Lodge #11 donated \$500 to the Lowell Robotics Program. It is always wonderful to receive unsolicited donations, especially for our small robot program for our Talented and Gifted (TAG) students.

We would like to thank them for their generous donation and hope to use the money to afford the beginnings of a second robot for our robot team! Thanks, Masons!



Heather and Pat Woodhurst (2nd and 3rd from the right) accepting the donation on behalf of the Robotics Program.

2018 Hall of Fame Honorees Announced!

The Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation is pleased to announce this year's honorees to be inducted into the Lowell Hall of Fame. Honorees include the **1963 Basketball State Championship Team**, one of only two championship basketball teams for Lowell.

Also being honored is **Arlie Brown**, class of 1954. Arlie was student body president and salutatorian of his class. He was a four-year sport letterman and received a basketball scholarship to Clark Junior College in Vancouver, WA then went on to OSU School of Pharmacy and graduated in 1959. He settled in Milwaukie, Oregon where he has been very active in the business community, and at 81, still works part-time as a pharmacist. His mother, Theo Brown, drove school bus for Lowell for 20 years.

Andrea Maher, a beloved Kindergarten teacher, is also being honored. She was Lowell's first Kindergarten teacher and set up the program for Lowell. She continues to stay in touch with former students, often visiting them in during her travels with husband Duane. Mahers have two sons and two grandchildren who graduated from Lowell and have some great-grandchildren in the wings.

This year's celebration will be held **Saturday, October 6th** in the Lowell High School Gym. Watch for more information regarding invitations in future newsletters.

Student of the Month: Soairse Reid

Soairse is a 7th grade student at Lowell Jr/Sr High School. Her parents are Billy and Kathleen Reid. Soairse is a very pleasant young lady. She always has a smile. The activities that she enjoys doing are Choir, Band, Dance and hanging out with her family and friends.



She does very well academically and is always willing to help when asked. When she isn't working on school work she likes to watch Netflix, Dance, Make-up/Fashion, Music and good food.

Congratulations Soairse!

City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Lowell Beautification Day

Lowell High School Parking Lot

Saturday, May 5, from 9:00-12:00

The Annual Parks Clean Up has grown each of the last two years. In response to this success, the City has expanded the event and rebranded it as Lowell Beautification Day. This year's event will include the parks cleanup, containers for residents to dispose of household items and yard waste (see acceptable materials below), and the Lowell PTO can and bottle drive.

Volunteers are asked to wear work clothes and gloves. 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.

Acceptable Materials

- Plastics (i.e. lawn chairs, toys)
- Recyclable bottles and cans
- Cardboard
- Scrap metal
- Furniture
- Bagged clothing
- Ink cartridges (no cracks or leaks)
- Clean appliances
- Tires (limit of 4, no larger than 17 in.)
- Small electronics
- Yard debris, including tree limbs (less than 6" diameter and 10' in length, leaves, and similar garden waste)

Unacceptable Materials

- Household garbage
- Construction or commercial waste
- Fluorescent Lights
- Alkaline batteries
- Household chemicals
- Computers, monitors, and TVs
- Dirt or sod waste
- Animal waste
- Herbicides, fertilizers, or insecticides
- Treated Logs or lumber
- Stumps or stump grindings

Public Notice of Intent to Abate

In April of each year, the City is required to provide the public with a copy of LRC 5.122 regarding the abatement of noxious vegetation. Noxious vegetation is defined as poison oak; poison ivy; blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line; vegetation that is a health hazard, fire hazard, or traffic hazard; weeds or grass more than 12 inches high; weeds or grass going to seed; and noxious vegetation does not include agricultural crops unless that crop is a health, traffic, or fire hazard. Prior to any citation or abatement action, the property owner or person in charge of property will be provided with a minimum 10 days' notice to abate the vegetation. A copy of LRC 5.122 is provided below for your reference:

"5.122 Owner Responsibility. No owner or person in charge of property may allow noxious vegetation to be on his property or on the public right-of-way abutting his property. It shall be the duty of an owner or person in charge of the property to cut down or to destroy noxious vegetation. Exception: For parcels one acre or larger in size, noxious vegetation need only be controlled for a distance of 20 feet from an adjoining property where development has occurred and is not required to be controlled adjoining undeveloped property unless specifically requested by the owner of the undeveloped property."

Board and Committee Vacancies

On Tuesday, March 20, the Lowell City Council approved two special committees, a Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee and a Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee. These committees will meet approximately five (5) times over the next twelve (12) months to facilitate the development of each respective plan.

Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee

- Consists of the five (5) member Economic Development Committee, one (1) member of the Planning Commission, one (1) member of the Parks and Recreation Committee, and two (2) at-large (resident or nonresident) positions.
- Committee will work with a consultant to solicit public input, review materials, and make recommendations for the development of streetscape plans and planning for housing, economic development, public facilities and infrastructure in downtown Lowell

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee

- Consists of the five (5) member Parks and Recreation Committee, one (1) member of the Planning Commission, one (1) member of the Economic Development Committee, and two (2) at-large (resident or non-resident) positions.
- Committee will work with a consultant to solicit public input, review materials, and make recommendations for the development of parks and recreation facilities, programs, and policies.

All interested residents and non-residents (as applicable) are encouraged to apply. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded online at www.ci.lowell.or.us. The City is also still accepting applications for the Budget Committee, Planning Commission, and Blackberry Jam Festival Committee. *Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.*

Lowell City Council Actions

At the March 6th study session, the following topics were addressed:

- Reviewed City Engineer Proposal to Develop a Pavement Preservation and Maintenance Plan.
- Discussed Process for Requesting Utility Bill Adjustments.
- Reviewed UO Community Service Center Proposal for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Reviewed Resolution 692—Establishing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee. A recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Committee was introduced to set up a steering committee with membership to include the full Parks & Recreation Committee, one representative of the Planning Commission, one representative of the Economic Development Committee, and two at-large representatives.
- Reviewed Resolution 693—Establishing a Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee. A recommendation from the Economic Development Committee was introduced to set up a steering committee with membership to include the full Economic Development Committee, one representative of the Planning Commission, one representative of the Parks & Recreation Committee, and two at-large representatives.
- Reviewed DLCD Grant Agreement for the Downtown Master Plan.
- Received an update on Development of Street Lighting Specifications.

Study sessions are held for the City Council to receive background information on City business and to give Council members an opportunity to ask questions and express their individual views. No decisions are made, and no votes are taken on any agenda item. Although the public is invited to attend, there is generally no public comment period.

At the March 20th regular meeting:

- Approved tabling a request for a utility bill adjustment until next month.
- Approved the work order from Civil West Engineering Services for a Pavement Preservation and Maintenance Plan in an amount not to exceed \$19,049.
- Approved the proposal from the University of Oregon Community Service Center for the development of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan with Task 8 in an amount not to exceed \$43,268.
- Approved Resolution 692 — Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee.
- Approved Resolution 693—Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee.

All motions were approved 4-0. In support Bennett, Burford, Harris, Osgood; Angelini absent.

Monthly Police Log (February 28—March 28)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
02/28/18	9:41 AM	Criminal Mischief	100 Block West 2nd Street
02/28/18	9:51 PM	Suspicious Conditions	East Lakeview Avenue and South Moss Street
03/01/18	7:34 AM	Burglary	100 Block West Lakeview Avenue
03/02/18	9:54 AM	Subpoena Service	400 Block East 1st Street
03/03/18	1:57 PM	Suspicious Conditions	200 Block South Pioneer Street
03/05/18	3:22 PM	Suspicious Vehicle	100 Block North Moss Street
03/05/18	10:45 PM	Suspicious Vehicle	100 Block North Moss Street
03/08/18	5:02 PM	Information	100 Block South Pioneer Street
03/08/18	12:24 PM	Follow Up	100 Block West 4th Street
03/10/18	5:13 PM	Suspicious Conditions	100 Block Wetleau Drive
03/16/18	5:44 PM	Assist Oregon State Police	300 Block North Moss Street
03/17/18	12:41 PM	Vehicle Stop	East 6th Street and North Moss Street
03/21/18	9:23 AM	Suspicious Conditions	100 Block East 2nd Street
03/27/18	9:54 AM	Welfare Check	400 Block D 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.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District, Lane County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, will be held at Lowell Fire District Main Station 389 N. Pioneer Street. The meeting will take place on April 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 6, 2018 at 389 N. Pioneer Street between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Lowell Rural Fire Protection District to Take Part in Home Fire Sprinkler Day May 19, 2018 - A Simultaneous Day of Action Across North America

“Every year, the majority of fire deaths in North America happen at home,” says Fire Chief, Lon Dragt. “Simply put, that’s unacceptable. There is a solution and it starts with local action.” The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District is taking part in a North America-wide campaign May 19th initiated by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) to raise awareness of the growing dangers of home fires and the life-saving benefits of installing fire sprinklers in new homes. Many communities have committed to hosting events on the same day.

“The purpose is to organize a unified day of action on May 19th with a focus on the tough problem of home fires and the equally tough protection of home fire sprinkler technology,” says Lorraine Carli, Vice President at NFPA and President of HFSC. “By joining forces coast to coast, communities like Lowell are debunking persistent myths, helping consumers learn the facts before they build or buy a new home, and urging their local officials to support sprinkler codes.”

The Lowell event will be held at 389 N. Pioneer Street at 9:00 a.m. and will include brochures and discussions with the Fire Chief.

“Many people lose sight of the fact that home fires are dangerous not just to residents but also to firefighters,” says Chief Dragt. “Today’s new houses are built with lightweight construction and big open designs and they’re filled with synthetic furnishings. When they burn, they fail fast, and that environment places firefighters at risk from fire as well as toxins that lead to disease.”

Home Fire Sprinkler Day is an opportunity for everyone in Lowell to learn about new-home dangers, get the facts about lifesaving sprinkler technology and make progress against the home fire problem.

Meet Your Firefighters: Toby Martin

Toby is larger than life and never shrinks to the occasion. Born in 1989 in Portland, Oregon, Toby attended pre-school at Creston. He then moved to Dorena, in 2000. Toby did not have a plan or any intention of joining the fire service. “I have never really considered it before,” he said. Back in August, Toby was brought out to the station by a volunteer on a drill night. From that night forward, Toby was hooked on the idea of becoming a firefighter. He moved into the station to become a resident so that he would be able to provide aid on calls. Since then he has obtained his EMR certification and is working towards his EMT license. In his free time, Toby enjoys sports, hiking, and spending time with the fire family. He has a full-time job working as a manager at a metal fabrication shop. He has an easy-going personality, and always willing to lend a helping hand.



In and Around Our Community



SENIOR MOMENTS

Starting May 9
10:00am-12:00pm
Second Wednesday
featuring:
Documentaries, conversations,
snacks, drinks and more.

Lowell Community Library
inside city hall 107 E. 3rd St.
For information call Maggie 541-937-3759

Girl Scouts Say Thanks!

The Girl Scouts would like to thank everyone who supported their recent cookie sales drive. If you didn't get your sweet tooth satisfied, there are still a few boxes of peanut butter cookies. Call Debbie at 541-359-8974 if you are interested.



Jam Quilt Show New Location!

Lundy Elementary School Gym.

Show dates are: **July 28-29**

Start thinking about what you'd like to enter. You may find "Entry" forms on the website:

bbjamquiltshow.wordpress.com
at City Hall or Contact: Teri Harter
gortharter@gmail.com
541-937-2343

Grange Events in April

Breakfast on Sunday, April 1st
Texas Hold 'em Poker on April 6th and 21st
Bingo! on April 18th
Open House April 28th

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

Regattas in April

The 2018 Covered Bridge Regatta will span two weekends again this year. First up is the Collegiate Regatta on Saturday, April 7th. Then the following weekend will be the Juniors and Masters Regatta all day Saturday the 14th and Sunday morning the 15th. In addition to some spectacular racing, there will be food and coffee booths, raffle prizes and more!



Please go to oarowing.org or email regatta@oarowing.org for more information or to volunteer at either event.

Discover Your Watershed Science Pub: Acres of Adventure at Thurston Hills Natural Area

Join the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council and Willamalane Park and Recreation District for our Discover Your Watershed Science Pub Acres of Adventure at Thurston Hills Natural Area. Come learn more about the history, recreation opportunities, and the need for restoration at this unique property. Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council's Restoration Projects Manager, Audrey Squires, will be joined by her partners at Willamalane (Natural Resource Specialist, Emily Ring and Natural Resource Planner, Fraser MacDonald) to present about their work and the connection between restoration and recreation in Thurston Hills.

The event will be held on Tuesday, May 8th from 6pm-8pm at the Hilltop Bar & Grill in Pleasant Hill (35831 OR-58 #2, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455). Join our project leads and partners from 6pm-7pm for an hour of socializing and information sharing. The presentation will start at 7pm with time for questions afterwards. Hilltop has generously offered donate 10% of all proceeds generated between 6pm and 9pm to the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council. For more information, please visit our event webpage: www.middleforkwillamette.org/events.

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: April 2018

- 1—Sunrise Easter Service, Lowell Marina 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
 - 2—Economic Development Committee, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 3—Varsity Track @ Bandon, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. N. Douglas, 4:30 p.m.
City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 5—Science Fair, Lundy Elementary Gym, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 6—Varsity Track @ Blue River AMJ Invite, 1:00 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 7—Varsity Softball/Baseball @ N. Douglas, DH 2:00/4:00
 - 9—PTO Meeting, 3:15 p.m., PDC at Lundy Elementary
Varsity Track @ Sweet Home Last Chance, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Yoncalla/Elkton, 4:30 p.m.
 - 10—Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
 - 12—Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Yoncalla/Elkton, DH 2:30/4:30 pm
 - 13—**No School!** Grading Day
 - 14—Varsity Track @ Coos Bay Prefontaine Rotary Int'l, 10 a.m.
 - 17—Varsity Track @ Mapleton, 4:15 p.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
Lowell City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 18—Fall Creek Park Cleanup, 10:00 a.m.
 - 18—Half day of school, release at noon
Kinder Registration, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Lundy Elementary PDC
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
 - 20—Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Oakridge, DH, 2:30/4:30 p.m.
Varsity Track @ Blue River Mtn West League, 4:00 p.m.
 - 21—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 23—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Oakland, 4:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.
 - 25—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
Varsity Softball/Baseball @. Oakland, DH 2:30/4:30 p.m.
 - 28—Lowell Grange Open House, Noon-3:00 pm, 51 E. 2nd Street
- In May:
1—Varsity Track @ Cottage Grove, 3:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Protecting Children is Everyone's Business...
GetInvolvedLaneCounty.org

