



The Bridge

Making community connections

Meet the Chief Day Saturday, August 12th

On August 12th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District Main Station on 389 N. Pioneer, we will be hosting a “Meet the Chief Day”.

We hope the community will come in to meet the new Chief and his family. Chief Lon Dragt has five adult children between his wife, Samantha, and himself. Lon started his firefighting career with Santa Clara Fire, in Eugene, where he volunteered for a little over 10 years rising through the ranks to Lieutenant. In 2010 Lon was selected as the Volunteer of the Year for Santa Clara Fire.

Lon then accepted a job with Goshen Fire where he stayed for a little over 2 years, where he developed a great working rapport with the various department and districts on the Highway 58 corridor. Lon then applied and was hired with Sutherlin Fire Department as the Assistant Chief in charge of Training. While there Lon assisted in the building of the Sutherlin Public Safety Program where he trained a few Sutherlin Police Officers as well as several Public Works employees in order to help build the volunteer numbers to provide Fire services to the community.

On May 1, 2017 Chief Dragt started with the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District and worked with retiring Chief Keith Hoehn until June 30, 2017. At that time Lon took over full duties as the Fire Chief.

Chief Dragt and his family have moved into Lowell and plan on being part of this and the surrounding community for a long, long time. Chief Dragt plans to continue to build the volunteer department that Chief Hoehn had been leading for 13 years. He hopes to build the resident program as well as a shift program for people that are thinking about a career in the Fire and or EMS system.

We look forward to seeing everybody on the 12th of August.



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Hello Lowell Families!

We hope you are enjoying your break and taking advantage of all of the summer recreation activities, camps, and lunch programs! We at the district are spending this time preparing for another great school year.

One of our goals was to apply for an OSCIM Program Matching Grant. The Legislature set aside \$100 million for the OSCIM Matching Funds Program. The great news is that after a lot of hard work and dedication, we were awarded the grant!

Now, what does this mean to us? If the Lowell Community approves a bond in the November 2017 election, we will receive matching grant money up to \$4 million. With the passing of a bond, the Lowell School District will receive a dollar for dollar match of funds. Please note the OSCIM Program can only match the proceeds from the local bond. Without the passing of the bond, Lowell School District will not receive the grant funds.

If the bond is approved, proceeds would be used to:

- Make safety and security upgrades in both school buildings;
- Build a new gym and wrestling room and convert existing high school gym into multipurpose center/performing arts venue;
- Modernize and renovate the interior of both school buildings, including new upgraded mechanical, plumbing, lighting, and technology systems; and,
- Add new classrooms at high school, replacing existing math room, special education room, and weight room.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the Lowell School District and the Lowell Community! The next step in the process would be for the Lowell School Board to approve placing the bond on the November Ballot. If our district chooses to take advantage of this incredible opportunity, the matter will go to the community for a vote in the November election.

Let the Board hear from you! Please take a minute to review this material and don't hesitate to let the Lowell School Board know what issues matter most. Return the attached survey by mail or electronically at www.Lowell.k12.or.us/survey by August 25, 2017.

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Cross Country Program Coming to Lowell Schools

Beginning this Fall, coach Jonathan Ferguson will be leading Lowell's girls and boys cross country team. Jonathan graduated from Pleasant Hill High School and has been running since 7th grade. He graduated from Northwest University where he competed in cross country and track and field. Last spring he was the distance coach for Pleasant Hill's track and field team and the middle school head coach. This will be his first high school head coaching job and he is excited about that. "It's a great opportunity to lead a high school team and especially start a team from scratch," says Coach Ferguson. He indicated his favorite part about coaching runners is watching athletes surprise themselves when they realize how fast they can be.

If you have a student interested in the program, Coach can be reached at 541-517-2091



Volleyball Camps Coming in August

There will be a parent/player meeting for HS volleyball players on August 6th at 4:00 p.m. in the Lundy Elementary gym, 45 S. Moss. Daily doubles begin on August 14th. Players MUST have a current sports physical done before they can start practicing. Check with the school office if you are not sure if your child needs a more current one.

For 6th-9th graders, Volleyball Kids Camp will be August 15th-17th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

For 1st-5th graders, Volleyball Kids Camp will be August 22nd-24th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The cost is \$25 and includes a teshirt. The camp is open to boys and girls. Volleyball Camp is always a lot of fun and is a great fundraiser for the high school team. We hope to see your kids there!

For the most up to date information, check out the Lowell Red Devils Volleyball Facebook page. You can email coach at kristen.prenevost@yahoo.com.

All District Registration on August 8th & 9th

The 2017-2018 school registration will be on August 8th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm and August 9th from 8:30 – 11:30 am. 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)



Football Activities to Begin

Lowell Football is putting on a football camp for 8th graders and younger from 5:00-6:00 p.m. August 7th-10th. Coach Devereaux will then continue for another hour with the kids who plan to play JH football for Lowell.

High School camp is from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for Lowell students only. Cost is \$10. Little kids will get a Lowell football teshirt and high school kids will get their Lowell football shorts.

Daily doubles start August 14th. Football practices will be 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Lowell will be hosting a JV football jamboree on Thursday, August 24th at 5:00 p.m., followed by a varsity jamboree at 7:00 p.m.

Our first game of the season is at home on Thursday, August 31st at 7:00 p.m. versus Chiloquin.

TAG Robotics Fundraiser

The TAG Robotics Club will be holding a silent auction on Sunday, October 22nd to help pay for equipment for the robotics team. If you would like to support this effort, they would appreciate cash donations or auction items such as tools, gift baskets, craft items, and gift certificates. Proceeds will help pay for uniform shirts, motors, sensors, controllers, repair tools, computers and lots of other fun stuff to help the TAG students learn more about robots and how to program them.

If you have any donations or any questions, please contact Heather at 541-937-2643. Thank you for supporting Lowell kids!

City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Summer Reading Program

The Lowell Library has had a busy summer! Starting July 5, each Wednesday the Librarian, Maggie Osgood, and her band of dedicated volunteers have hosted the Summer Reading Program at Lundy Elementary School.

During each program kids earn prizes by reading, being read to, and doing literacy and other activities. The following special activities have been featured through Week 4:

- July 5 – Decoupage Tablet Carrying Cases
- July 12 – Built Bird Houses with Tony Moreci
- July 19 – Foot Painting and Hose Handling with the Lowell Fire Department (pictured above)
- July 26 – Built Bird Feeders



The final date is scheduled at the Lowell Library on Wednesday, August 2 from 12:30-2:00. Kids will get a tour of the library, learn more about our regular programs and activities. The special guest is a professional juggler.

Street and Lighting Improvements

The Public Works Department has been working with Lane County and contractors to make several improvements around town, including:

- Retrofitting lights in Rolling Rock Park with energy efficient LEDs
- Replacing signage and restriping speed humps and crosswalks
- Chip sealing North Shore Drive west of Moss Street

Please follow all road signs and drive with caution through work zones.



Stretch your Food Dollars with Double Up Food Bucks

The Dexter Lake Farmers Market participates in the Double Up Food Bucks Program. Patrons that spend Oregon Trail Card SNAP dollars at the market on fruits and vegetables receive a dollar for dollar match. For example, if you spend \$10 of your SNAP dollars at the market, you will receive another \$10 to buy more locally grown fruits and vegetables. Markets are held every Sunday in Rolling Rock Park from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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 18th regular meeting:

- Approved Ordinance 296—Nonexclusive Franchise for Cable Services;
- Approved Resolution 680—A Resolution approving the BBJ Festival Account Signature Card; and,
- Approved Purchase Authorization for Water Meters and Related Equipment from Ferguson Enterprises in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.

All actions were approved 5-0, Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Harris, and Angelini.

Monthly Police Log (June 24—July 30)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
06/30/17	10:18 AM	Reckless Driving	South Pioneer Street and West Boundary Road
07/04/17	8:58 AM	Criminal Mischief	400 Block North Moss Street
07/04/17	10:44 PM	Criminal Trespass	100 Block South Pioneer Street
07/05/17	7:53 PM	Violation of City Ordinance	500 Block D Street
07/05/17	7:47 PM	Violation of City Ordinance	200 Block East Third Street
07/05/17	8:10 PM	Violation of City Ordinance	100 Block West Main Street
07/06/17	7:18 PM	Harassment	100 Block North Cannon Street
07/13/17	6:16 PM	Harassment	100 Block North Pioneer Street
07/14/17	10:27 AM	In Possession of Narcotics	100 Block West Lakeview Avenue
07/16/17	12:37 PM	Suspicious Conditions	100 Block West Fourth Street
07/16/17	1:13 PM	Criminal Mischief	300 Block North Pioneer Street
07/16/17	1:00 PM	Vehicle Stop	East Fourth Street and Carol Street
07/16/17	12:58 PM	Vehicle Stop	North Hyland Lane and East Fourth Street
07/16/17	4:25 PM	Dispute	North Moss Street and West Main Street
07/17/17	11:59 AM	Theft	100 Block North Moss Street
07/20/17	12:31 PM	Suspicious Subject	100 Block Loftus Avenue
07/24/17	5:53 PM	Dispute	200 Block North Moss Street
07/25/17	9:31 AM	Civil Enforcement	300 Block North Damon Street
07/28/17	10:03 AM	Suspicious Vehicle	500 Block North Moss Street
07/28/17	9:32 PM	Suspicious Conditions	200 Block East Second Street
07/30/17	8:18 AM	Suspicious Subject	100 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 dial 9-1-1.

Mill Race Water Quality & Restoration Bicycle Tour

Bringing the community together for conservation through recreation!
 Thursday, August 17th * 6PM-8:30PM

The Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council will be hosting a bicycle tour of the Mill Race to the Springfield Utility Board drinking water intake located just off the Middle Fork path for an out-and-back route featuring several tour stops along the way. The Mill Race Path is not only an exciting new transportation and recreation option in Springfield, it is also a corridor of water quality improvements being done by a wide range of local organizations.

Some of the highlights include:

- Mill Race history and significance in community stormwater filtration
- Springfield Clean Water Trailer - learn how you can organize your own clean water work party!
- Youth restoration and water quality monitoring projects along the Mill Race
- Willamalane restoration at the Mill Race pond
- Fish habitat enhancement projects
- Drinking water storage, filtration and water quality

Participants can bring their own bikes, or borrow one from the Springfield School District's Safe Routes to Schools fleet on site. Helmets are required. Please [register here](#), or email restoration@mfwwc.org for more information.



At left, Lundy 3rd graders line up with fists full of fish feed, getting ready to feed the juvenile salmon in the holding ponds at Willamette Fish Hatchery. Students in 3rd and 4th grade in all three Middle Fork Districts toured this facility as part of their salmon life cycle education module.



23rd Blackberry Jam Festival Wraps Up!



Grand Marshal, Retired Fire Chief Keith Hoehn and wife Joan

Thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, vendors, advertisers, donors and attendees, the festival was a huge success! The festival benefits many good local causes and gives families a wholesome event with something for everyone. Next year's dates are July 27, 28 & 29.



Grand Champion was awarded to Ron Robbel of Bend with his 1936 DeSoto Airflow. Judge's Choice went to Tom & Linda Norad of Eugene with their 1954 Mercury Monterey Woodie; Mayor's Choice was Scott Fisk of Veneta with his 1925 Ford Model T; People's Choice went to Tony DeMuth of Lowell and his 1955 Chevy Nomad; and, BBJ Committee Choice went to Scott Echelberger of Springfield and his 1930 Ford Model A-A.



2017 Horseshoe Pitching Champs are Joe McPherson and Alex Sifre of Rogue River. Taking second was Larry & Bill Priser of Lowell.



The Greased Pole Climbing competition was fierce this year with 2015 winner Aric Coleman getting the \$50 final prize. Other finalists were Andrew Hinrichs and Ellah Mari.



An ecstatic Katie Palmer of Corvallis took first place the 10 & older pie eating contest. Shane Sifre of Rogue River took first in the 10 and under group. Savannah Largent of Lowell took first place in the pie baking contest.



Top finishers in the Devils Dam Dash 5K were Michael Stearns (age 53) of Eugene in 18:36, Randy Hilliard (age 57) of Eugene in 20:39, Katie Chapman (age 14 pictured above) of Lowell in 25:13, and Denali Anowlic (age 11) of Seward, Alaska in 28:35.



Double winner Guy Wilson won both the Longest Fish caught by an adult (17") and was on Team Wilson who took Most Fish by Boat with 77#. Longest Fish caught by a teenager was won with a 14.5" by Shane Tiegen, and Longest Fish by a juvenile was a 22" fish caught by Kyron Smith. Most Fish by Shore was won with 142# caught by Team Hillbilly (Kevin and Britney Coates).



Pine Needlers member Martha Austin won this year's raffle quilt called "Kite Tails".

In and Around Our Community

Dexter Lake Farmers' Market / Arts & Crafts

Come and meet your neighbors who are offering locally grown fruits and vegetables, plants, meats, unique arts & crafts and much more! Enjoy delicious prepared foods, including our newest food vendor Aom's Thai Kitchen. We have cool, refreshing smoothies & sundaes, too! Every Sunday throughout August and September from noon-4:00 pm at Rolling Rock Park in downtown Lowell. Live, local, musical entertainment makes your Market experience even more enjoyable! New Vendors are welcome. www.dexterlakefarmersmarket.org or call 541-937-3034.

Thanks to a grant from the Farmers Market Fund, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) customers can receive a match of up to \$10 to purchase additional fruits and vegetables via the Double Up Food Bucks program. This program helps elderly and low-income Oregonians eat healthier foods while supporting Family Farmers and our local economy. For more details, stop by the Information booth at the Dexter Lake Farmers' Market.

See you Sunday at your Dexter Lake Farmers' Market!



Fall Creek Community Potluck Picnic

This fun, annual event will be held at Fall Creek Park on Saturday, August 19th from noon until ?? Bring a dish to share, a chair to sit in, table service and beverage. We will have horseshoes to play. Raffle items are accepted. Raffle will be held after eating and games.

If you have something to donate to the raffle, please call Pam at 541-937-1978 or Maggie at 541-937-3759.

To get to Fall Creek Park, go west on Jasper-Lowell Road past Unity Bridge to milepost 7.5. If you've never visited the park, this would be a great time to stop by!

Lowell High School All Class Reunion

The all class reunion will be held on August 19th from Noon until 5:00 p.m. at Staffordshire Gated Community, 34649 Devonshire Drive off Highway 58 in Pleasant Hill.

It will be a potluck picnic so bring food to share and your own table service and drinks (no alcohol please). We will have tables and shade. You may want to bring a lawn chair.

If you have questions, please contact Harry at 503-828-6684.



Library Volunteers Wanted

Volunteers are welcome at the Lowell Community Library. Time slots open are mornings, afternoons, or all day — whatever works for you. Come and meet your neighbors and kids of the community and learn how the library runs. Contact Maggie at 541-937-3759.

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 their donations, they are appreciated very much!



Returnable Can/Bottle Drive First Saturdays

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



Grange Events in August

Breakfast on August 6th
Texas Hold 'em Poker on August 4th and 19th
Bingo! on August 16th

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

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: August 2017

- 1—City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 2—Summer Reading Program, 12:30-2:00 p.m., City Library
Economic Development Committee, 1:00 p.m., City Hall
Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 3—Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- 4—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 5—PTO Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Parking lot
- 6—Lowell Grange Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m., 51 East 2nd Street
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
- 8—Lowell School Registration, 5:00-8:00 p.m., at the High School
Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
Blackberry Jam Committee, no meeting
- 9—Lowell School Registration, 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the High School
Puppets by Liisa, 3:30-4:15 p.m., City Hall
- 10—Kids Club, Fall Creek Events Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 13—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
- 15—City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 19—Varsity Football Scrimmage, 10:00 a.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 20—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
- 23—Fables by Ben, 3:30-4:15 p.m., City Hall
- 24—Varsity Football Jamboree, JV at 5:00, V at 7:00 p.m.
- 25—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
JH Football Jamboree at Gilchrist, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball @ Gilchrist, 4:30 p.m.
- 27—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
- 28—School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.
- 31—Varsity Volleyball v. Gilchrist & Eddyville, 4:00/5:30/7:00
Varsity Football v. Chiloquin, 7:00 p.m.

Important Upcoming Event!

**Rockin' Lowell Back-to-School
Community Dinner and Open House**
Come see the recent improvements at
the high school over the summer
Tuesday, September 5th

**First day of school is
Wednesday, September 6th**