



The Bridge

Making community connections

Fire District Open House and Free Family Community Dinner

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With the coming holiday season, the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District would like to say “Thank You” for all the community support we receive by providing a free holiday dinner to the community.

This year the dinner will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the main fire station in Lowell. A full turkey dinner with all the fix’ns and beverages will be served.



Stop by for a visit with friends and neighbors and have a nice holiday meal besides. Activities include a tour of the station and demonstrations of the equipment, a coloring contest for the kids and door prizes.

Meet your Volunteer Firefighters and check out the equipment. Enjoy the meal and take home a prize!

**Saturday,
December 14th
4:00-6:00 p.m.
389 N. Pioneer**

The date was incorrect in the last edition of the newsletter. Please note the correct date.



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

Dear Families,

As we are winding down 2019 I hope this letter finds you Merry and Bright. As you may have seen, there are still many things taking place throughout the District.

Lundy Elementary is almost complete and looks beautiful. It truly has the look of a new school. Some of the many changes that have taken place are new lighting throughout the building, lowered ceilings, teaching walls that add storage and new electrical, among many other things. The students and staff have loved the changes and also have been troopers, continuing to work diligently even with all the sounds of hammers and saws taking place during the school day.

One of the coolest upgrades we have is the new perimeter fencing, electrical locks and upgraded security throughout. Also, the new hoops in the gym look amazing, complete with electrical hookups to change the height of the hoops with a turn of a key, which is great because I may be able to slam dunk for once in my life.

At the high school, the gym is underway and we are hoping for the grand opening right around spring break. The high school project is approximately 65% complete. Again, the staff and students have been amazing working around a construction zone. The new decorative wrought iron fencing should be installed as soon as the security upgrade projects wrap up.

All the construction workers throughout the campuses have been wonderful to work alongside with and their faces grew more and more familiar as the days went on. It seems like they are now part of the School District family and we appreciate their hard work on our behalf.

As the holidays fast approach, I want you to know how appreciative and grateful I am to be the Superintendent of this amazing School District. To watch all the employees put their blood, sweat and tears into their work on a daily basis has been nothing short of remarkable. We truly have amazing staff and students throughout our school community.

Please take some time during winter break to reflect back on the year and think about all the wonderful things that have taken place throughout the year. Spend time with friends and family. Be Merry and Bright. Most importantly, take time to relax and recharge your batteries for the coming year.

I look forward to 2020 (it feels weird saying that). Something tells me this is going to be our best year yet! We are not only on the move, we are well on our way!

Sincerely, Johnie Matthews



LHS Choir Shines at LCC Festival

On November 8th, the Lowell High School Choir participated in the first-ever Willamette Valley Collaborative Choir Festival, hosted by Lane Community College. Representing the only 2A/1A choir in attendance, our students performed an outstanding set of polished repertoire to great acclaim by all students and teachers on hand. In addition, they had an enriching "collaborative feedback" session alongside Willamette High School, received special instruction by local professional singers, and a private clinic with Paul Klemme of Willamette University.

It was a great way to kick off our year!

Winter Concerts Are Just Around the Corner!

The winter concert for Band & Choir students grades 7-12 will take place on Tuesday, December 17th, at 7pm in the LHS Gym. Call time is 6:30 for all performers. The winter show for Lundy Elementary and the 6th-grade Beginning Band is on the very next night, Wednesday, December 18th, likewise at 7pm in the LHS Gym. Call time is 6:30 for band kids, and 6:45 for K-5. We look forward to seeing you at our performances!



Lowell Varsity Football Season Ends

Lowell HS football finished the season with a 7-2 record, winning the Special District 1 “South Championship.” We lost 68-62 to Powder Valley in the first round of the state playoffs. We sadly say goodbye to nine wonderful seniors and look forward to more exciting action next Fall.

GEAR UP Celebrates College Application Week (CAW)

Overall, 27 out of 29 seniors completed college applications during College Application Week, November 12-15. During this week, the student body engaged in various activities to bolster the ever-going college climate, including a door decorating contest, dressing in college gear, and learning more about the financial aid available to pay for college and career choices.



During CAW week, teams competed for prizes by answering college related questions.

Much appreciation to Gear Up coordinator Jeanie May and Aspire coordinator Karen Cardwell and their team members who managed the completion of these tasks. Many thanks to teachers and Brian Beard and his senior Careers class for the time involved to complete these documents.



Gear Up also sponsors monthly Meet & Greets where students participate in Question and Answer discussions with various professionals to learn about different careers. They learn what education and skills are needed for various jobs and how these professionals got in to their careers.

Foundation Awards More Mini-Grants to Teachers!

The Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation board members are delighted to be able to provide teachers with innovative and fun ways to enhance learning. Just over \$4,000 was awarded this Fall.

This year’s awardees include Jessica Pelroy (at right). She is the director of the Lowell Community Preschool and will use her grant to purchase sensory support equipment and materials for preschoolers. Toni Beckett, high school science teacher, was awarded a grant to help implement our new CTE Health Sciences program. Lowell joined Oregon HOSA (for future health professionals) and competed last year for the first time. The grant will help purchase equipment to help students prepare for the hands-on portions of this annual competition. Rob Miles, junior high teacher for Mt. View Academy, is using grant money to purchase classic literature selections that are interesting and enjoyed by students.



Greg Erickson, Lundy Elementary teacher, is using his award to join Reading Counts!, a program through Houghton-Mifflin that rewards students for the books they read after they demonstrate successful comprehension. Kriston Maloy, Lundy Elementary 4th grade teacher, will purchase math games to help students master the math concepts they are learning at this stage, in a fun and engaging way. Also, Paul Burch was awarded money for one more choir riser. He needs just three more to complete a set for our fantastic choir program.

In addition to the mini-grant program, the Foundation also supports the **Imagination Library Program** which gives local pre-school children, from birth to kindergarten, a free book each month so they can gain valuable reading skills before beginning kindergarten. The Foundation strongly supports the **Summer Recreation and Fitness Program** — a great way to keep students engaged, active and healthy over the summer.

We thank both the individuals and businesses who donate and to the Hall of Fame Celebration attendees who provide the funds to the Foundation for these worthwhile efforts. We appreciate you very much!

City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb



Holiday Covered Bridge Lighting

The Covered Bridge and Tree Lighting is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m. This year’s event features local carolers, Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and the Lowell High School Band. Coffee, hot chocolate, cider, and cookies will be provided.

Due to congestion, parking at the Covered Bridge is limited to patrons with a handicap permit. **FREE shuttle service will be available at the Maggie Os-good Library (70 North Pioneer Street) starting at 4:30 p.m.** We hope to see you there!



Board and Committee Vacancies

The City is accepting applications for the Budget Committee, Planning Commission, Library Committee, Blackberry Jam Festival Committee, and the Economic Development Committee. 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. *Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.*

Pet Licensing and Frequently Asked Questions

The City of Lowell Revised Code (LRC) requires that anyone who owns, keeps, possesses, or has control of a dog six months of age or older must have the dog licensed and vaccinated against rabies. Cats allowed to be at-large must also be licensed, vaccinated against rabies, and altered.

A pet license identifies and protects your pet in case it becomes lost. You are required to keep your license updated. Pet licenses provide the following benefits:

- A license tells everyone that your pet is not a homeless stray.
- When licensed, found pets can be quickly reunited with their owner.
- When found, your licensed pet will typically receive a longer holding period at the shelter.

To obtain a license, you will need to provide the following:

- Your name, address and telephone number.
- A current rabies vaccine certificate, good for the entire licensing period.
- A certificate of sterility if your pet has been altered. This will reduce your license fee.
- Microchip information (if applicable).
- Pet license fee.

Dogs			

	1 YR	2 YR	3 YR
Sterilized	\$18	\$30	\$42
Fertile	\$42	\$66	\$84
Sr. Citizen	\$14	\$24	\$34

Cats			
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	1 YR	2 YR	3 YR
Sterilized	\$5	\$10	\$15
Fertile	\$10	\$20	\$30



Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do if my pet becomes lost?

Contact City Hall. The City doesn't have a shelter; however, residents sometimes report lost pets. You should also contact the 1st Avenue Shelter in Eugene at 541-844-1777.

My neighbor's dog won't stop barking. Is there anything the City can do?

Staff encourages residents to first contact your neighbor. Sometimes they are unaware of the problem, particularly if it occurs while they're away at work. If this isn't an option, you should submit a Complaint Form to City Hall. Staff will review the complaint, contact the property owner, and attempt to resolve

the issue. Barking or howling for more than 15 minutes is a violation of the code and may result in a citation.

There's a dog running at-large in my neighborhood. What should I do?

Contact City Hall. Staff will attempt to identify the dog and its owner. Dogs that are unlicensed and/or running at-large may be subject to a citation.

What should I do if I, or someone I know, gets bit by a dog?

If the bite breaks the skin, professional medical advice should be sought to evaluate the risk of rabies or other infections. You should also contact City Hall. This will allow staff to ensure the animal has a valid license, proper vaccinations, and dispatch Lane County Animal Services to complete a dog bite report.

There are loose cats in my neighborhood that have become a nuisance. Is there anything I can do, or the City can do to resolve the problem?

Property owners may humanely capture and detain a cat located on their property for up to 72 hours if the cat has taken up residence; kills, menaces or endangers other animals; or is sick, injured, or a health hazard. LRC 5.227 provides several requirements. Please review these requirements or contact City Hall before taking any action.

Are there any low cost spay and neuter clinics in our area?

There are several resources available, including the following:

- Eugene Spay and Neuter Clinic, 541-682-3643
- Willamette Animal Guild, 541-345-3566
- Greenhill Humane Society, 541-689-1503
- Pro-Bone-O (homeless only), 541-607-8089

Lowell City Council Actions

At the November 5th study session, the following topics were discussed:

Oregon RAIN Presentation, Downtown Master Plan Implementation, Engineer of Record Contract, and Small City Allotment Grant Award.

At the November 19th study session, the following topic was discussed:

Community Facilities Study

At the November 19th regular meeting:

- Approved a contract for engineering services with Civil West Engineering Services, Inc.
- Authorized the C.A. to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with RAIN and the City of Oakridge.
- Approved Resolution 729—Interfund Transfers — a resolution transfers budgeted for FY 2019/20 involving

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

New Engine coming in 2020

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District would like to thank the community for all your support. This year we have started the process to purchase a new engine to bring additional service to the community. We intend to take possession of the new engine in August 2020. If you would like to see what it may look like or have questions, please feel free to stop by the station and see us.

Winter is Here – Be Prepared!

Winter storms can bring freezing rain, ice, snow, high winds, or a combination of these conditions. They can cause power outages that last for days, make roads and walkways very dangerous, and can affect community services. Planning and preparing can help you manage the impact of a winter storm and keep you and your family safe.



A sustained power outage can have a significant impact on people who require electricity to power medical equipment, so make sure that you have a plan to take care of yourself and your family during an outage.

For helpful information on building an emergency kit, please go to www.ready.gov/kit.

Monthly Police Log (October 30-November 27)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
10/26/19	8:56 AM	Harassment	100 Block North Cannon Street
10/26/19	8:57 AM	Abandoned Vehicle	North Shore Drive and Marina Vista Drive
10/26/19	3:45 PM	Hit and Run	100 Block East Main Street
10/29/19	4:05 PM	Harassment	100 Block West Lakeview Avenue
10/29/19	6:11 PM	Dispute	100 Block North Cannon Street
10/29/19	7:02 PM	Harassment	100 Block West Lakeview Avenue
10/31/19	7:00 PM	Dispute	North Cannon Street and East Second Street
11/04/19	10:18 AM	Abandoned Vehicle	North Shore Drive and Marina Vista Drive
11/12/19	12:59 PM	Assault	100 Block East North Shore Drive
11/14/19	6:03 PM	Mental Subject	100 Block North Pioneer Street
11/15/19	11:37 PM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
11/15/19	11:53 PM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
11/16/19	11:51 AM	Civil Service	500 Block D Street
11/18/19	2:21 PM	Drug Information	100 Block East North Shore Drive
11/19/19	1:12 AM	Dispute	100 Block North Cannon Street
11/20/19	10:52 AM	Suspicious Conditions	100 Block North Cannon Street
11/22/19	9:27 AM	Civil Enforcement	100 Block North Cannon 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.

In and Around Our Community

Thanks MVA Students!

The Lowell Food Pantry would like to give a BIG thank you to Mountain View Academy's 3rd graders and 6th graders. The MVA students did a wonderful job cleaning up at the pantry. You all are amazing. Thank you so very much.

Shawn Brady, Pantry Manager

Santa is on his way!



Santa's workshop will be transported to the announcer's booth on the LHS Football field.

December 14th
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

December 15th
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Bring your own camera and take as many photos as you want with Santa!

Cost: \$10 for individual
\$15 for two
\$20 for three or more
Pets welcome too!

The price includes hot chocolate and candy canes served by Santa's Elves, and a small gift from Santa!

All proceeds go to LHS Football

Free Movie Night with Special Guest!

On Saturday, **December 14th**, doors at Lowell Grange will open at 6:30 p.m. and the showing of Dr. Seuss' **The Grinch** will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is free though donations are accepted. Sales of refreshments benefit the Grange Restoration activities. There will also be a surprise guest, with free pictures available with our celebrity, ho ho ho!



Goodie bags will be given to the first 60 children due to limited seating! We are asking that children under the age of 10 be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to donate small toys or candy to fill the bags, or donate money to purchase the items, please contact Heather at 541-510-4297.

Small Town Superheroes Strike Again!

We are a group of parents, focused on providing opportunities for our little ones to become involved in philanthropy and spread kindness in our local community (the Lowell/Pleasant Hill/Jasper/Dexter, OR area). We do this through fun and educational group community service projects.



Pictured at left are Mary Webb with her son Jeramey and Felisaty Brissette with her daughter Kaliyah selling raffle tickets at the November Grange Breakfast.

The most recent project was to assemble donated items for a

raffle basket, then sell the tickets to help fund Maggie's Bell Tower at the Lowell Grange. The group donated \$478 to the effort! With other community donations the Grange will get started on this project as soon as possible.

Thank you to all the Superheroes, supporters who purchased the raffle tickets and to the generous sponsors who donated items.



FLORAL LIVING PRESENTS
"CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM" OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 2019
1PM - 3PM
70 EAST LAKEVIEW ST.
LOWELL, OREGON

* CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET RAFFLE (ALL FUNDS SPONSOR A LOCAL FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS)
* FREE PRIZES
* 10% OFF SELECTED CHRISTMAS ITEMS

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: December 2019

- 1—Lowell Grange Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m., 51 East 2nd Street
 - 2—8th Grade Girls Basketball v. Pleasant Hill, 4:30 p.m.
Economic Development Comm., 7:00 pm, M. Osgood Library
 - 3—**City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.,
Maggie Osgood Library, 70 North Pioneer Street**
JH Wrestling @ Harrisburg, 4:30 p.m.
 - 4—7th Grade Girls Basketball v. Junction City, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Mapleton, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
 - 5—JV/Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Yoncalla, 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm
8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Junction City, 4:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Comm., 7:00 p.m., Maggie Osgood Library
 - 6—JH Wrestling v. CG, Thurston, Pleasant Hill, 5:00 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 7—Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Staff Parking lot
Varsity Wrestling @ Springfield Tournament, TBD
Lowell Bridge Lighting, 5:00 p.m. Parking is available at the
Maggie Osgood Library. Shuttles begin at 4:30 p.m.
 - 9—7th Grade Girls Basketball @ Creswell, 4:30 p.m.
8th Grade Girls Basketball v. Creswell, 4:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.
 - 10—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Riddle, 5:30/7:00 p.m.
Blackberry Jam Committee, 7:00 p.m., M. Osgood Library
 - 11—Curriculum Day, half day of school
7th Grade Girls Basketball @ Pleasant Hill, 4:30 p.m.
8th Grade Girls Basketball v. Pleasant Hill, 4:30 p.m.
JH Wrestling @ Crow, 6:00 p.m.
 - 11— **Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station**
 - 12—JH Wrestling v. Central Linn, 6:00 p.m.
 - 13/14—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball Tourney @ N Douglas, TBD
Varsity Wrestling @ Culver Invitational, TBD
 - 14—Santa's Workshop, Noon—4:00 p.m., LHS Football field
Lowell Fire District Open House & Dinner, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Free Family Movie Night, Lowell Grange, 6:30 p.m.
 - 15—Santa's Workshop, Noon—4:00 p.m., LHS Football field
 - 16—7th Grade Girls Basketball v. Cottage Grove, 4:30 p.m.
8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Cottage Grove, 4:30 p.m.
 - 17—Lowell Jr/Sr High Winter Concert, HS Gym, 7:00 p.m.
 - 18—K-6 Winter Concert, HS Gym, 7:00 p.m.
 - 19—JH Wrestling v. Creswell, 6:00 p.m.
 - 20—Winter Break Begins, School Resumes January 6th
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. N. Douglas, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
 - 20/21—Varsity Wrestling @ Grants Pass Invitational, TBD
 - 21—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Triangle Lake, 5:30/7:00 pm
 - 27—Senior Potluck Luncheon, cancelled for December
 - 28—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball @ Triangle Lake, 5:30/7:00 pm
 - 30—Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball v. Yoncalla, 6:00/7:30 p.m.
- In January:
- 3—Varsity Wrestling in Lowell, Highway 58 Classic, TBD