



The Bridge

Making community connections

Fire Prevention Week October 6-12

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The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District would like to remind everyone about keeping your home fire safe. During this year's Fire Prevention Week, we would like to point out that Kitchen Fires are the number one cause of residential fires in Oregon. Here are some tips and reminders about preventing kitchen fires.

Many families gather in the kitchen to spend time together, but it can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the house if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. Cooking equipment, most often a range or stovetop, is the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries in Oregon as well as the United States. Cooking equipment is also the leading cause of unreported fires and associated injuries.

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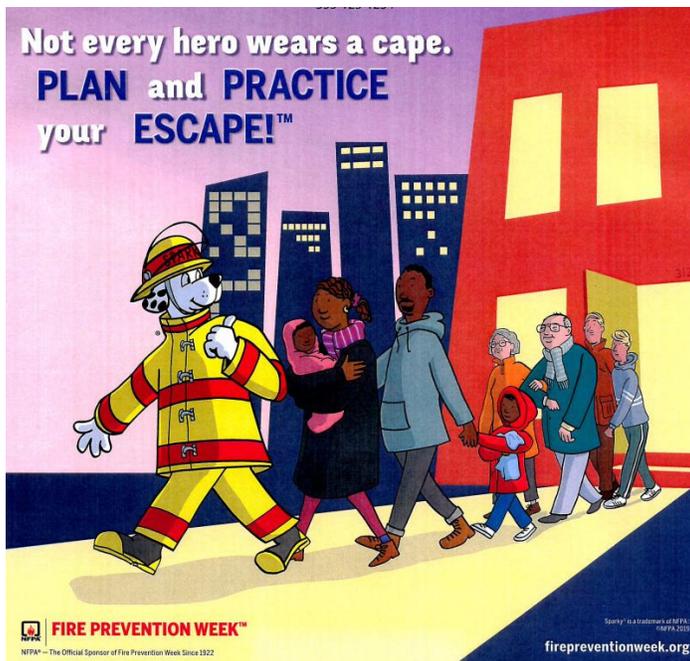
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LOWELL SCHOOLS: We're on the *Move*...

Dear Community,

School is underway and it is so nice seeing all the students back and ready to go. Fall is here and we can officially put summer behind us. Although it's been an extremely busy summer, I don't sense slowing down anytime soon. The contractors at Bridgeway and Bineham have done an amazing job to ensure that our students would be reporting to their classrooms for the first day of school. Even though there is still some work to do, you can already see some impressive changes throughout both buildings.

The classrooms have a fresh coat of paint, dropped ceilings, teaching walls, air conditioning as well as new electrical and plumbing throughout. I see a new resurgence of pride and energy as students and staff walk through the halls on a daily basis. The new gymnasium has the concrete slabs poured and the steel walls should be going up very soon. It's really impressive all that has taken place and will take place in the coming months. We will be sending out some information in the coming months regarding an open house to the community so you can see the great strides that have been taken.

As I say every time in the Bridge, I am so lucky to be part of this amazing community and I can't wait to be part of even more transformation going forward. Thanks for allowing me to be part of this amazing place that and I'm looking forward to our dynamic future.

Respectfully, Johnie Matthews

Lowell School District Active Shooter Drill — October 18th

On Friday, October 18th, all Lowell School District Staff will participate in training that will further enhance and refresh our previous training in ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) active threat protocols. Most staff received initial training in ALICE over the last few years and we are working toward making the protocols a part of our emergency drills. The training will be conducted by our partners at the Lane County Sheriff's Office and the ALICE training team.

In short, using the above ALICE method, we will teach our staff and eventually students that in the event an armed intruder/active shooter evades their secure area they:

1. Listen carefully to the location and type of event.
2. Get to and/or remain in a secure area until it is safe to evacuate.
3. Should an armed intruder/active shooter enter their immediate area, apply skills to Distract, Confuse and Gain Control.
4. As soon as it is safe to do so, Evacuate.

During the training on October 18th, as a part of increasing our understanding of how to recognize threats and respond accordingly to them, the community may hear external public address announcements or periodic sounds of **blank gunfire** exhibited by law enforcement in a safe environment. A reminder, these are drills conducted in a controlled environment with safety at the forefront of the operation.



LHS Drama presents...

The SEVENTH ANNUAL

“An Hour of Improv Comedy!”

Three FREE 7PM shows: Thursday, October 17th; Friday, October 18th; Saturday, October 19th

Now performing in the LHS Gym

Donations will be accepted to support the development of the LHS Drama Program

Please contact Mr. Klatt (mklatt@lowell.k12.or.us) if you would like to support LHS Drama.

Lowell Cross Country

Lowell’s team is doing well so far and working on getting even better. Team members are junior Katie Chapman, sophomore Faith Cabrera, freshman Aric Coleman, 8th graders Caden Durfee and Hayden Graham, and, 6th grader Callum Plahn. Head coach Jill Chapman is assisted by Brandon Chittim and Cody Brooks. Come on out and root for these hard working student-athletes!



Lowell Junior High Volleyball

Team members are: 8th graders Elizabeth Able, Amerika Baszler, Kameron Baszler, Brooke Davis, Kenadee Hermansen, Cassidy Matthews, Lily Neet, Annabelle Pickett, Kelly Scharff and Lindy VonDoloski; 7th graders Eily Asher, Kiahna Baszler, Jada Cantrell, Aviana Carlsen, Ali Curry and Julia VonDoloski; and, 6th graders McKenna Fassbender, Piper Fisher, Skylar Kordon, Lily Savio, Ellie Bell Smith, Maddy Thurman, Nevaeh Neet, Kaylee and Kelsey VonDoloski. Head coach is Rachel Thurman.

Mountain View Academy Students Embrace the Community

The students, staff and families of Mountain View Academy participated in their annual Embrace the Community Day. They partnered with the Lowell Food Pantry and the City of Lowell to complete service projects around town. This day of service is how Mountain View Academy demonstrates our values and solidifies our character education.



GEAR UP College Visit

Sixty 7th and 8th graders attended the first GEAR UP college visit to OSU. Students were accompanied by six adults. The students experienced a wind power demonstration, a campus tour, and a Q & A exchange with current OSU students. Overall the college visit was a success.

Many thanks to food and transportation services, and the six chaperones, all of whom made the trip possible.



Box Top\$ for Education

Be sure to download the new app for Box Tops. It’s quick and easy. Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning your receipt. If you still have traditional Box Tops at home, make sure to send them to school. We can still earn cash from them until they all become digital. Thanks for helping our School earn \$!



City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Lowell Beautification Day October 5th

The City of Lowell Parks and Recreation Committee will be hosting their annual Lowell Beautification Day on Saturday, October 5 from 9:00-12:00. Interested volunteers should meet at the Maggie Osgood Library, located at 70 North Pioneer Street.

This year's project is the cleanup and restoration of the landscaping at the Lowell Post Office. We will also have containers for residents to dispose of household items, yard waste, and will collect cans and bottles for the Lowell School District in the Library parking lot.

Volunteers are asked to wear work clothes and gloves. Light refreshments will be available in the morning, and lunch will be served at the end of the event at the Library.

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

Local Social October 10th

Come join the newly established Highway 58 Business Association for a casual business-themed happy hour with wine and appetizers!

If you run or work for a business in the Lowell, Dexter, Fall Creek, or Pleasant Hill area, this event is for you. The goal of the Association is to help create a stronger local business community, and nothing does that better than drinks and food.

These events will be hosted on the second Tuesday of the month from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Our good friends at the new Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop in Lowell are hosting this inaugural event. One pound of their delicious coffee will be raffled off to one lucky winner. Hope to catch you there!

Board and Committee Vacancies

The City is accepting applications for the Planning Commission. All interested residents are encouraged to apply. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded online at www.ci.lowell.or.us. *Applications accepted until all positions are filled.*



Lowell City Council Actions

Minutes from the September meetings were not available at press time and will be included in next month's edition.

Monthly Police Log (August 29 - September 26)

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
08/29/19	2:07 PM	Burglary	100 Block North Cannon Street
08/30/19	8:30 PM	Intoxicated Subject	100 Block East North Shore Drive
08/31/19	4:17 AM	Dispute	100 Block North Cannon Street
09/03/19	6:39 PM	Criminal Trespass	500 Block D Street
09/05/19	3:36 PM	Vicious Animal	300 Block Marina Vista Drive
09/07/19	3:14 AM	Suspicious Conditions	300 Block North Moss Street
09/08/19	11:44 PM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
09/09/19	7:02 PM	Unattended Children	100 Block South Moss Street
09/11/19	2:51 PM	Dispute	100 Block North Cannon Street
09/13/19	7:16 AM	Theft from Vehicle	100 Block Trailblazer Court
09/13/19	5:34 PM	Dispute	100 Block North Cannon Street
09/14/19	5:05 PM	Harassment	100 Block South Moss Street
09/16/19	9:36 AM	Fraud	100 Block North Moss Street
09/19/19	3:35 PM	Dispute	100 Block North Cannon Street
09/22/19	5:18 PM	Unlawful Use of Vehicle	100 Block East Fourth Street
09/22/19	5:32 PM	Theft	100 Block North Everly Street
09/23/19	11:54 AM	Unlawful Use of Vehicle	100 Block East Fourth 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.

Has Your Home Seen Better Days??

We have Limited Funds Available to Repair Homes in Lowell.

Call Christina today:
NMLS 1441426
541-687-5820, ext. 165

If you own or are buying your home & land, you may qualify for a 3% interest, no-monthly-payment loan with the help of

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

- Roofs * Foundations * Dry Rot * Plumbing * Electrical *
- Heating Systems * Windows & Doors * insulation * Siding
- * Paint * Much More!

HUD/Lane County Gross Annual Income Limits as of June 28, 2019

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Income	\$36,350	\$41,550	\$46,750	\$51,900	\$56,100	\$60,250	\$64,440	\$68,550

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Fire Prevention Week Is October 6-12—Continued from cover page

Safe Cooking Behaviors:

- Keep Things Away from Heat
- Keep Kids Away from Cooking Areas
- Prevent Scalds and Burns
- Watch What You Heat
- Know What to Do if There is a Fire

It's a recipe for serious injury or even death if you were to wear loose clothing (especially hanging sleeves) while cooking, walk away from a cooking pot on the stove, or leave items that can catch fire, such as potholders or paper towels, around the stove. Whether you are cooking the family holiday dinner or a snack for the children, practicing safe cooking behaviors will help keep you and your family safe.

Choose the Right Equipment and Use It Properly:

- Always use cooking equipment tested and approved by a recognized testing facility.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions and code requirements when installing and operating cooking equipment.
- Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord for a cooking appliance – it can overload the circuit and cause a fire.

If You Have A Kitchen Fire:

- If the fire starts in a pan, don't pick up the pan and move it.
- Slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames and turn off the burner.
- Let the pan cool down completely before moving it or taking off the lid.
- Never pour water on a grease fire; it can splatter the grease and spread the fire.
- In the event of a fire in the oven or microwave, turn off the appliance and keep the door closed

When in doubt, get out! Close the door behind you when you leave to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 after you leave the house. If your clothes catch fire: Stop, Drop to the floor, Cover your face with your hands and Roll side to side until the fire is out.

Smoke Alarms are a Must:

- Make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level in your home, outside each sleeping area, and in each bedroom. Remember to test them regularly.

For more information about fire and life safety, contact the District Office at 541-937-3393 or go to www.lowellfiredistrict.org.

Outdoor Burn Season Begins in October, Weather Permitting

With the return of our great Oregon rain, the fire danger has been dramatically reduced for our area. And with the coming of fall the Back Yard Burning Season will soon open. The Back Yard Burning season usually begins October 1st, weather permitting.

Back Yard Burning and the smoke that is produced, is regulated by Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA). All fire safety or safe burning practices are regulated through the local Fire District/Department and the burning of logging slash is regulated through Oregon Department of Forestry.

The Lowell Rural Fire District does not required permits to burn authorized materials, however, burning is only allowed on designated burn days as authorized by LRAPA, and in a safe manner as authorized by the Fire District. Burning of tree and shrub trimmings and yard debris generated on the property of the fire are permitted. The burning of building materials, construction or demolition debris, or processed wood and paper is prohibited under LRAPA regulations.

For more information about outdoor burning, contact Lane Regional Air Protection Agency at 541-736-7056 or visit www.lrapa.org. The outdoor burning advisory line is 541-726-3976 Option 3.

In and Around Our Community

Donations Needed for Grange Bell Tower

As you may have noticed, the Grange has been steadily renovating the 100 plus year-old building. Now we want to install a new bell tower like on the original Grange. (See the 1913 photo below.) It will cost almost \$2,000. Ten years ago, our active members were younger and only needed funding for materials. We are aging and need to contract out certain work projects.

We are asking for donations from our entire community to help pay for the erection of the new bell tower. Once the \$2,000 is collected we can start the work. I'm hoping you will want to be part of this momentous happening.

Donations for the 'Bell Tower/Building' can be mailed to: Lowell Grange, PO Box 47, Lowell, OR 97452. Thank you in advance for your donation.



Line Dancing at the Grange!

Line Dance lessons will continue October 2nd, 9th and 16th at the Grange from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person (ages 16 and up) to cover the rental fee. Each week you will learn one new dance and then practice the dances you have already learned. Questions? Call Gary at 541-650-2917.



Craft Show at the Grange—Nov. 9th and 10th

There will be a Craft Show at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street on Saturday, November 9th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday the 10th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Come see all the talent our community has to offer and get a head start on your holiday shopping.

COSTUME

Join us **October 12th** for our annual Halloween Costume Exchange! Bring in your gently used costumes to swap, or feel free to come in without- either way plan to leave with something awesome!

2pm-5pm
Lowell Grange
East 2nd Street in Lowell

Presented by
The Small Town Superheroes

EXCHANGE

Haunted Grange Returns!

Prepare to be scared! The Lowell Grange is sponsoring the 6th Annual Haunted Grange for three nights:

October 26th, 27th and 31st
6:00-9:00 p.m.

The cost to enter is \$3 for ages 10 and under and \$5 for ages 11 and over.

Refreshments will be available for sale. Candy for the kids will be available the 31st. All proceeds go toward the Grange Restoration Fund to support building improvements.



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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: October 2019

- 1—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Oakland, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., M. Osgood Library
 - 2—JH Volleyball v. Fern Ridge, 4:30 p.m.
JH Football @ North Douglas, 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., M. Osgood Library
 - 3—Cross Country @ Regis/Stayton High Invitational, 3:00 p.m.
JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Jefferson, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
JH Football v. Pleasant Hill, 5:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Committee, 7:00 p.m., M. Osgood Library
 - 4—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Football @ Yoncalla, 7:00 p.m.
 - 5—Beautification Day, 9:00-Noon, Maggie Osgood Library
Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Parking lot
Cross Country @ Woahink Lake XC Invitational, 10:00 a.m.
 - 6—Lowell Grange Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m., 51 East 2nd Street
 - 7—JH Volleyball @ Creswell, 4:30 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 p.m., Osgood Library
 - 8—JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Central Linn, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
 - 9—JH Volleyball v. Pleasant Hill, 4:30 p.m.
 - 10—Cross Country @ NW MS XC Showdown, 3:30 p.m.
Highway 58 Business Association, Stomping Grounds, 4-6 pm
Varsity Volleyball @ Monroe, 7:00 p.m.
Varsity Football v. Elkton, 7:00 p.m.
 - 11—**No School!** Grading Day
 - 12—Cross Country @ Celtic Invite (Keizer Rapids), 9:30 a.m.
Costume Exchange, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Lowell Grange
 - 14—JH Volleyball @ Lincoln, 4:30 p.m.
 - 15—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Oakridge, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Maggie Osgood Library
 - 16—JH Football v. Central Linn, 5:00 p.m.
 - 17, 18, 19—An Hour of Improv, 7:00 p.m., LHS Gym
 - 17—Great Oregon Shake Out, Earthquake & Evacuation Drills
JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Regis, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
 - 18—Active Shooter Drill at both schools, afternoon
Varsity Football v. Mapleton, 7:00 p.m., Homecoming
 - 19—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
Cross Country @ Warner Pacific XC Classic, TBD
 - 21—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. East Linn Christian, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
 - 22—Blackberry Jam Festival Committee, 7:00 pm, Osgood Library
 - 23—MS/HS Cross Country @ Richardson Park, 2:30/3:00 p.m.
JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Oakland, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
JH Football v. St. Paul, 5:00 p.m.
 - 25—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
Varsity Football @ Oakridge, 7:00 p.m.
 - 26 & 27—Haunted Grange, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Lowell Grange
 - 28—**School Board Meeting, PDC at Lundy Elem., 7:00 p.m.**
 - 29—Cross Country Special Dist. 4 Championship @ LCC, 12:15
 - 31—Haunted Grange, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Lowell Grange
Halloween Carnival for Lundy Students, 4:00-6:00 p.m., HS
- In November:
1—Varsity Football League Playoffs, TBD