



The Bridge

Making community connections

Mini-Blackberry Jam A Success!

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Leading the way on Saturday morning was a Car Cruise, organized by George Wild and attended by 28 automobile owners. The Volleyball team held a car wash to help those of us with regular cars put a shine on them.

Then the Pine Needlers Quilt group outdid themselves in this Covid-era climate with a fantastic show in the new high school gym with over 100 quilt entries! The winner of this year's raffle quilt was Diana Clark of Pleasant Hill, pictured below.



Winner of a secondary baby quilt was Ann Conklin of Fall Creek. There were raffle basket winners and the Quilts of Valor Foundation honored Gary Smith at the show. Thanks to all the quilters, raffle basket sponsors and patrons of the show!

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

Greetings Lowell/Fall Creek Families,

It feels as though the school year just ended and its already time to start a new one. This last year was the craziest year of my career. I am looking forward to schools getting back to as normal as can be while staying within the framework of the new guidance from Oregon Department of Education. Ready Schools, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework for the 2021-2022 School Year will be the guidance for us and all schools as we approach this next year. In the next couple of weeks, we will be sending out communication outlining what next year will look like from an in-person school standpoint.

We are busy as usual at all schools, redoing bathroom floors, touchup painting, pressure washing, landscaping and making some technology improvements throughout. As it may appear quiet around here, I can assure you that within the walls of the district, there is plenty of hustle and bustle taking place. The staff have been remarkable and their pride in our buildings is second to none.

The Summer Recreation Program has seen record numbers this year as the program continues to blossom. I am very happy with the progression of this program as it is now sustaining itself. The Summer Recreation Program has become just one of the shining examples of the unique programs and offerings of Lowell School District.

As July comes to an end and August is just around the corner, we are working diligently to ensure that everything will be in place for the next school year. While the school year ends for the students in mid-June and another school year starts in early September, for our staff, the year never ends. We will be working our tails off to ensure that we offer the highest quality education as well as making this place look amazing for our students. For our wonderful staff the school year ends on June 30th and the next one begins on July 1st. And we wouldn't have it any other way.

Have a wonderful rest of your summer! Sincerely, Johnie Matthews, Superintendent



Lowell Wrestling Camp and Tournament

This year's Camp is FEATURING Oklahoma State's Travis Wittlake:

- Four-time OSAA STATE CHAMPION at Marshfield High School
- 2020 BIG 12 CHAMPION
- 2021 ALL AMERICAN

Where: Lowell High School
65 Pioneer Street
Lowell Oregon

When : August 1st
Camp Check-in 7-8am
Camp 8-11
Tournament Check-in 11:30
Tournament Starts at 12:30

Cost: Camp, Lunch and Tournament \$70
Tournament ONLY \$20

Cross Country
Middle School and High School
(Grades 5-12)

Preseason August 2-13:
M, W: 7:00-8:30 PM at LHS
F: 5:30-7:00 PM at Elijah Bristow

Regular season starts August 16th:
Practices M-F time TBD

First Meet:
Ultimook Mud Run, September 4th

The memorial service/celebration of life for Cameron Slaven-Bohanan will be on Saturday, August 21st, in the High School Gym from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Afterwards there is going to be a basketball game that his friends are going to play in his honor.



GEAR UP Ends after Seven Years and \$330,000 in Grant Funding

As of August 31, GEAR UP will successfully conclude its valuable work with the Lowell School District. As coordinator, I want to thank the administration, teachers, school staff, and community volunteers for making the grant so successful over these past seven years. We have worked tirelessly to create a college-going climate, which includes any training or education post-secondary, to raise the graduation rates, and to increase the number of scholarships awarded.



GEAR UP has also provided teachers with numerous opportunities for professional development so that they might continue their high standards of teaching. We have also provided the district with technology to better reach students during the COVID crisis, and we have also purchased more chrome books for student use in future years.

Many of these programs will continue with the help of the Aspire team, the staff and administration and the district sustaining these programs. It has been my pleasure to work and to help the students at Lowell. Thank you for your support, Jeanie May

Activity Kits Available for Families!

Connected Lane County is headed to Lundy on Tuesday, August 3rd, from 11:30am-12:30pm to hand out some amazing kits! Power of Plants Kit - Pre-assembled activity kits are ready to hand out. Each kit contains a printed activity packet, poster, materials for multiple hands-on activities, and ideas for continued learning and exploration that families can do from home. All activity kits are Spanish/English bilingual. Check out the Power of Plants Video at the following address: <https://vimeo.com/558411503/dc89c04fa0>



Lowell Football Camp Coming up in August

Lowell football is hosting a football skills camp August 9, 10, 11, 12. Little kids from 5pm to 6pm. HS kids 6pm to 8pm. Cost is just 10 dollars and comes with either Lowell football shorts or T-shirt.



Lowell Community Preschool is enrolling for Fall 2021!

Don't miss your chance to begin the school year with them! Limited spots available NOW!

Class Details:

- Morning Pre-K (T/W/Th 8-11:30am) is offered to children who are 4 years old by September 1st 2021. The Pre-k curriculum focuses on building a strong foundation of early literacy, social/emotional, science and math concepts. Teachers work closely with families to ensure a smooth transition to Kindergarten.
- Afternoon Preschool (T/W/Th 11:45-3pm) is offered to potty trained children who are 3 years old by September 1st 2021. The Preschool curriculum focuses on building a love of learning through reading, offering opportunities for hands on activities with math and science. Teachers create a safe, fun and comfortable space where children will begin a lifetime of learning.

Space is limited for both classes and are being offered to families in a first come, first served basis. Once the registration form and fee (\$75) is received, your child's spot will be secured. Print forms at lowell.k12.or.us/preschool. Both classes will begin Tuesday, September 14th. Please contact Jessica at 541-953-9200 (text OK) for more information on where to send payments and registration forms.

City Beat by City Administrator Jeremy Caudle

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The City of Lowell is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the Lowell City Council for Position No. 3. The term of office will begin immediately upon appointment and expire after the November 2022 election.

Qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the City of Lowell for at least 12 months prior to appointment.

To apply: Send a completed and signed “Volunteer Boards & Commission Application” in person or by mail to City of Lowell, Attn: City Administrator, PO Box 490, Lowell, OR 97452. The application is available at City Hall or on the city website at the following link (scroll down to the bottom): <<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/forms>>.

Closing date: All applications must be received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Applications received after that time will not be considered. (Postmark is NOT acceptable.)

Questions? Feel free to reach out to us with any questions. You can contact us by telephone at (541) 937-2157, by email at jcaudle@ci.lowell.or.us, or by stopping by City Hall in person.

NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCIES

The City of Lowell is accepting applications to fill two vacancies on the Lowell Planning Commission. The term of office will begin immediately. Planning Commissioners are appointed by City Council and serve two-year terms.

Qualifications: Must be a resident of either the City of Lowell or the Rural Lowell Fire Protection District.

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Other information: These vacancies remain open until filled. We will review applications on an on-going basis.

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Green waste drop-off program is ended for the year. Saturday July 24 was the last scheduled Green Waste Drop-off of the year. The Public Works Department will no longer receive green waste through the rest of 2021. The Public Works Department will be using the area for scheduled bio-solids removal from the wastewater treatment plant. Staff will evaluate the Green Waste program and decide the best option moving forward in 2022.

Information on utility assistance program. The City Council renewed the “Utility Assistance Program” through June 30, 2022. Eligible water and sewer customers can receive a 25% reduction in their utility bills through the program.

Eligibility. To be eligible for the reduction, your annual household income must be less than or equal to the income limits in the following table. Proof of income is required with your application.

To apply. Contact City Hall in person or via telephone at (541) 937-2157 to receive an application.

Utility fee increase. Effective July 1, 2021, water and sewer fees will increase 3%. This is part of a scheduled increase to keep up with the cost of doing business for the water and wastewater treatment plants.

Annual Household Income Limits (before taxes)	
Household Size*	Maximum Income Level (Per Year)
1	\$27,806
2	\$36,361
3	\$44,917
4	\$53,472
5	\$62,028
6	\$70,584
7	\$72,188
8	\$73,792

For households with more than eight people, add \$1,604 per additional person.

How the Discount Works:
 Once approved by the City of Lowell, staff will process your application and you should see a 25% reduction in your water and sewer base charges on the next billing cycle. Forms turned in after the 15th of the month will be processed the following month. If you are renting, the reduced rates should be reflected on the bill from your rental company. If not, please contact them.

City Council and other committee/commission actions:

At its June 17 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Committee discussed holiday decorations and hanging baskets.

On July 1, City Council held a second visioning workshop with Wilson Architecture on the Maggie Osgood Library renovation project.

On July 6, City Council held a work session and special meeting on the following items:

- Update on Lowell development code amendment project from Lane Council of Governments.
- Reviewed an archaeological proposal for Rolling Rock Park renovation.
- Discussed debt financing for Rolling Rock Park renovations and the Maggie Osgood Library project.
- Approved a motion to hire the new City Clerk at step 4 in the pay plan.

On July 13, City Council held a special meeting to hear proposals from commercial real estate professionals. At the meeting, City Council authorized the City Administrator to sign a listing agreement with Campbell Commercial Real Estate to market and sell the vacant E. Main Street property. Also at this meeting, Samantha Dragt resigned from City Council to accept the City Clerk position.

On July 20, City Council held a regular meeting and took the following action:

- Approved an extension of the Utility Assistance Program.

Monthly Police Log (June 24—July 26)

Call type	Date	Time	Street
DISTURBANCE	7/10/2021	10:02 AM	N MOSS ST
SUSPICIOUS CONDITIONS	7/10/2021	11:50 AM	N CANNON ST
ACCIDENT	7/11/2021	3:21 PM	N MOSS ST
ELECTRICAL PROBLEM	7/11/2021	4:25 PM	S MOSS ST
CHECK WELFARE	7/11/2021	7:17 PM	D ST
CHECK WELFARE	7/11/2021	10:26 PM	D ST
ALARM	7/12/2021	6:19 AM	S PIONEER ST
TRESPASSING	7/12/2021	7:09 PM	N CANNON ST
SUSPICIOUS CONDITIONS	7/12/2021	8:16 PM	N CANNON ST
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	7/13/2021	4:17 PM	W 2ND ST
SUSPICIOUS CONDITIONS	7/13/2021	9:56 PM	W 2ND ST
WARRANT SERVICE	7/15/2021	2:15 AM	N CANNON ST
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	7/15/2021	1:06 PM	E 1ST ST
ALARM	7/16/2021	6:04 AM	S PIONEER ST
CITIZEN CONTACT	7/16/2021	10:06 PM	WETLEAU DR
RECKLESS DRIVING	7/19/2021	12:12 AM	E 3RD ST
ALARM	7/20/2021	5:44 AM	S PIONEER ST
ALARM	7/21/2021	6:37 AM	S PIONEER ST
DISTURBANCE	7/21/2021	4:56 PM	N EVERLY ST
ALARM	7/22/2021	6:17 AM	S PIONEER ST
LOUD NOISE	7/22/2021	11:16 PM	N SHORE DR
VEHICLE STOP	7/22/2021	11:35 PM	S PIONEER ST
ALARM	7/23/2021	6:05 AM	S PIONEER ST
UNLAWFUL USE OF VEHICLE	7/25/2021	2:28 PM	N EVERLY ST
SUSPICIOUS SUBJECT	7/25/2021	7:41 PM	HYLAND LN

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

AlertSense

AlertSense (also called AlertMe!) from Konexus allows fire, police, and other emergency response agencies to issue alerts to residents in the event of severe weather, fire, flooding, hazardous materials, need for immediate evacuation, civil danger, local area emergencies, and missing persons.

In the event of an emergency, alerts will be delivered to you at the contact information you provided, including telephone, text messages and email.

Emergency voice alerts sent from the County will come through as telephone number (541) 972-3177 on CallerID. You can dial that number if you would like to hear the last message repeated.

"Reverse 911"

Emergency response officials throughout Lane County have access to a public alerting system. The system can deliver alerts and warnings, and provide emergency instructions to the general public by automatically calling the land-line phone numbers in an affected area. Once a public safety official determines that there is a need to alert at-risk residents, he or she can request activation of the public alerting system through their dispatching agency.

Emergency Alert System (EAS)

The Emergency Alert System (EAS) warns us of imminent danger to life and property. The EAS broadcasts over various media such as radio, television, cable television, satellite radio and satellite television when there is an emergency. It does not currently interrupt streaming services such as Netflix.

The Communications Center of the Lane County Sheriff's Office is the agency that operates the Emergency Alert System for Lane County. If there is an impending emergency then a local public safety official can request through the Sheriff's Office that an emergency message be sent (broadcast) using the Emergency Alert System.

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)

Wireless Emergency Alerts are messages sent to your mobile phone during an emergency. No sign-up is required. WEA are sent only during an emergency by authorized government alerting authorities. Types of alerts include extreme weather warnings, local emergencies requiring evacuation or immediate action, AMBER Alerts, and Presidential Alerts. You only receive WEA messages when your cell phone is in the area of the emergency. If you visit another city, you will only receive alerts for that location and not your hometown.

Mini-Blackberry Jam—continued

Additional activities offered during this year's Jam included a barbeque to support the Lowell Softball Team, sales of Vallie's famous Blackberry Cobbler, ice cream, and special Ice Cream Sandwiches, and spaces provided by Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop for local vendors. This community knows how to adapt to special circumstances. Thanks to Stomping Grounds and all those who supported the causes!



August Community News & Events

Osgood Park

Fall Creek Park on Jasper Lowell Rd. has been renamed Osgood Park. The new sign made by Don and Sandi Mathes is up and an inset made by Barbara Anheluk depicts that the spirit of Maggie and Ike Osgood is watching over the park.

Stop by and view the new sign and attend the annual picnic on August 21. Bring a dish to share. The picnic starts at noon and runs until all the food is gone!



	<p style="text-align: center;">Service for Gerry Burr: Saturday, Aug., 14th 1pm to 4pm The Lowell Grange 51 East 2nd St. Lowell, OR 97452</p>
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First Annual Chili Cookoff at the Lowell Grange

An estimated 75 people chose these top winners in Saturday's chili cookoff sponsored by the Lowell Grange. Maibel Brigido and Steve Hern, center, won the top prize of \$50 and a Chef's Hat. Patty Trimper, left, placed second, and Pat Woodhurst, at right, third.

Guests spent the early afternoon tasting the chili prepared by 11 entrants and picked the winners. Hern said his team "focused on variety" in preparing for the first cookoff sponsored by the Grange. The Chili Chef's are ready to sign up for next year's Chili Cookoff.



Lowell Grange Breakfast returns September 5th

The Lowell Grange will have their first Breakfast, since the pandemic, on Sept. 5th from 8-11. Donations will be accepted. *We can't wait to see you!*

Texas Hold 'em Tournaments at the Lowell Grange - 6 pm

Feeling lucky join the fun on the first Friday and Third Saturday of the month

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*The Bridge is a cooperative effort of Lowell School District #71,
City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: August 2021

- 1—Lowell Wrestling Camp, High School Gym
- 3—City Council Work Session, 7:00 pm
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- 6—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 9-12—Lowell Football Camp, Football practice field
- 11—Lowell Fire District Board meeting; 7:00 p.m., Main Station
- 13—Free Movie in the Park, 8:00 p.m., Rolling Rock Park
- 16—Cross Country Middle School and High School—Season starts
- 17—City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 21—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 21—Memorial Service for Cameron Slaven-Bohanan, 2-4pm
- 23—School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., PDC at Lundy Elem.

FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK



August 13– Aladdin

Rolling Rock Park
101 North Shore Drive at 8 PM