

Class of 2024 Graduation June 7th

Graduation ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gym. But first, be sure to line the streets of Lowell to congratulate all the graduates as they pass by during the Senior Parade. The parade will start at 6:15 pm. from Tumac and travel down Moss Street to West Main, ending at the high school parking lot — rain or shine.



This year's graduating seniors include (front row left to right) Paige Middleton, Layla Bachman, Kassidy Matthews, Annabelle Pickett, Elizabeth Able, Kameron Baszler, Jenelle Kalmbach, Brooke Davis; (middle row) Vicki Skordahl, Amerika Baszler, Zane Pearson, Justus Thurman, Dani Evans, Emma Barnes; (back row) Caden Durfee, Brody Thurman, Rowan Files, Ryder Greco, Luis Estrada, Justin Hern, and Landon Stephens. Not pictured are Josh Bedilion, Justin Brooks, Cayden Erlei, Jaden Jalof, Kaili Kirkhart, Sawyer Kordon, and Tyler Yearous.

Please join us in celebrating this latest outstanding class of Lowell High School graduates!

The Bridge

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Another Solid Finish, Exciting Opportunities for Lowell Music

As usual, it's been a busy and successful spring for the musicians of Lowell High School! After sailing through qualifiers in March and April, the LHS Band and Choir both entered May with big aspirations and some well-earned fun on their docket. This especially came to fruition during the Music in the Parks competition in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on May 4th. Competing with groups from around the Pacific Northwest, the Band took first place in Division (1A-4A), while the Choir placed first in Division *and* was named "Best Overall" for all schools, regardless of size.

The kids were treated to a day at Silverwood Theme Park for their efforts, with much fun had by all. On May 2nd, the LHS Choir once again competed in the OSAA Choir State Finals, hosted by Oregon State University. In a division long dominated by private schools, Lowell gave a confident, memorable performance and placed a respectable 8th overall (1st place for public schools).

The LHS Band took their turn at State Finals a week later, on May 10th, and proffered their best overall performance of the year on stage. "It was definitely worthy of a top tier finish," says Music Director Paul Burch. "Unfortunately, the judges chose to score things very unconventionally, with groups we outscored handily in qualifying placing unexpectedly above us. It was a heartbreaking development, but I'm just so proud of this group of kids -- definitely one of the finest



bands (and set of individuals) I've ever had the honor to lead." Even with the 6th-place finish, the combined results with Choir make Lowell the best overall public small schools program in Oregon for the 8th year in a row!

Lowell Music also has some amazing opportunities for individuals this spring and summer. Four students were accepted in the all-star Music in May Festival: seniors Elizabeth Able, Kameron Baszler, and Justin Hern, and junior Lizzy Green-Jolley were all selected to play and sing with the "best of the Northwest" over Memorial Day weekend. This long-running festival, hosted by Pacific University in Forest Grove, culminated in an amazing concert on May 25th. Not to be outdone, another five Lowell Music kids were selected this year to be part of the Oregon Ambassadors of Music. This elite program brings together kids from around the state into all-star ensembles (Band, Choir, and Orchestra), which then commence on a two-week performance tour of Europe! Juniors Sophie Anderson, Emma Cobiskey, and Ryan Pelroy, and sophomores Amelia Cushman and Alex Sotomayor were all selected for this amazing opportunity. From July 8th through the 21st, our own Red Devils will be singing their way through Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic. Best of luck and *bon voyage*!

As for local performances, our annual spring concert is fast approaching: the final show for all Band and Choir students grades 6-12 will take place on Tuesday, June 4th, at 7:00pm in the LHS Cafetorium. Call time for all band students is 6:30 (when doors open to the public); for students in choir only, 6:45 will do. We hope to see you there!

A big thank you to our LHS ASPIRE Team!!!

They go the extra mile helping our students plan for their future after high school, whether it be college, trade school, apprenticeship, military, or entering the workforce. Volunteer mentors assist with career and education options, applications, essays, scholarships, internships, job shadows, field trips, guest speakers, career and community service opportunities, letters of recommendation, and many other activities.

Community Members include: Dionne Plahn and Kerry Anderson. Staff members include: Colette Ullrich, Cindy Neet, Toni Beckett, Mark Kintzley, Jeanie May, Rachel Thurman, Jesse Vaughn, Jason Patterson, Sally Miller, Ray Yarbrough, and Shannon Fassbender. We thank you very much — your efforts are appreciated!

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RED DEVIL REPORT





SPRING SPORT WRAP-UP

High school baseball finished 3rd in the Central Valley Conference (7-8 league, 7-16 overall) and earned Academic All-State honors led by league Coach of the Year Boone Casarez. Team captains Louie Estrada and Camden Alexander, along with several of their teammates, received all-conference honors as well;

Louie Estrada (sr) — 2nd Team First Baseman Carter Harris (so) — Honorable Mention Infield Henry Coiner (fr) — Honorable Mention Outfield Zak Hermansen (fr) — 2nd Team Pitcher Camden Alexander (jr) — 2nd Team Catcher Barrett Straight (so) — 1st Team Outfield Adam Davis (fr) — Honorable Mention Infield Wyatt McNamee (fr) — 2nd Team Pitcher

High school softball finished 2nd place in league play (10-4 league, 16-7 overall) and had a top 16 finish in state. Senior Amerika Baszler was named Player of the Year and was a team captain alongside Annabelle Pickett, Brooke Davis, Elizabeth Able, Kaili Kirkhart, and Kassidy Matthews. The team earned Academic All-State and individual league recognition;

Amerika Baszler (sr) — 1st Team Outfield, Player of the Year Kaili Kirkhart (sr) — 1st Team Catcher Cheyanne McNamee (jr) — 2nd Team Infield

Brooke Davis (sr) — 2nd Team Outfield Kassidy Matthews (sr) — 1st Team Pitcher Madison Thurman (so) — 1st Team Infield

High school track & field had a tremendous season. On top of earning Academic All-State honors, the team earned many podium finishes at the District meet;

Jade Clark (fr) — 5th 400m, 6th 4x100m, 4th long jump Aubrey Gastelo (fr) — 6th 4x100m, 8th long jump Isabella Peterson (jr) — 6th 100m hurdles Madeline Peterson (so) — 6th 4x100m Matti Skordahl (so) — 6th 4x100m Aniah Watson (fr) — 7th 100m, 5th 200m Rowan Files (sr) — 1st 100m, 4th 4x100m, 3rd javelin Bryson Hoffman (jr) — 4th 4x100m Jax Norcutt (fr) — 4th 4x100m, 5th long jump, 4th triple jump Colten Wendt (jr) — 4th 4x100m

On top of that, **Rowan Files** broke both the 100m and 200m school records this season. He and **Jax Norcutt** earned spots at the State Championships where Rowan placed 3rd in the 100m and Jax finished 8th in the long jump.

Middle school track & field continued the success with many District placers;

Elisa Montes-Castro (8) — 7th 400m, 8th 4x100m Mya Arciga (7) — 8th 4x100m Tayler Griffin (7) — 8th 4x100m Zayah Isley (7) — 8th 4x100m

Zuzana Murray (7) — 7th 200m hurdles

Ashlyn Baszler (6) — 7th 400m

Kinsley Bazzani (6) - 8th 100m hurdles,

4th 200m hurdles

Yaraileth Islas (6) — 7th shot put Olivia Pelroy (6) — 8th shot put Alauna Young (6) — 9th 400m Ryder Ortiz (8) — 8th 400m, 5th 4x100m

Eric Sotomayor (8) — 7th 100m, 7th 200m, 5th 4x100m

Nate Waters (8) - 5th 4x100m

Brenten Davies (7) — 3rd 100m hurdles,

3rd 200m hurdles, 5th 4x100m

Banyan Jalof (6) - 4th 100m, 2nd 100m hurdles,

2nd 200m hurdles, 2nd long jump

Joseph Webb (6) — 4th javelin Theo Waters (5) — 4th 800m

PUTTING "STUDENT" FIRST FOR OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Our high school baseball, softball, track, band, and choir teams all earned Academic All-State honors this season! With this achievement, our hard working athletes and musicians have now earned OSAA academic recognition in all eleven eligible activities this year. Huge congrats to our exceptional students, coaches, teachers, and supportive families!



Interested in Volleyball?

Lowell High School Volleyball will be having a player/parent meeting on June 10th at 3:15pm in the Lowell Jr/Sr High School gym. This meeting is to go over summer workouts and fundraiser activities during the summer months. Eligible Lowell students will be grades 9th-12th for the 2024/2025 school year. If you have any questions please contact Rachel Thurman or Shannon Fassbender at Lowell Jr/Sr High School, 541-937-2124.

FORM OR-LB-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Lowell City Council will be held on June 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District meeting room, 389 N. Pioneer St., Lowell, Oregon 97452. An option to view and participate in the meeting electronically is available. For instructions on how to join electronically, visit the city website at www.ci.lowell.or.us or call (541) 937-2157. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 as approved by the Lowell Budget Committee. Public comments will be taken in written format as well as in person at the meeting location. Written comments received by 4:00 pm on June 4, 2024 will be read during the public hearing section of the meeting on June 4, 2024. Written comments may be mailed to PO Box 490, Lowell, OR 97452, emailed to admin@ci.lowell.or.us, or delivered in person to City Hall at 70 N. Pioneer St., Lowell, OR 97452. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 70 N. Pioneer St., Lowell, OR 97452 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or online at www.ci.lowell.or.us or. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: City Administrator Jeremy Caudle Telephone: (541) 937-2157 Email: admin@ci.lowell.or.us

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES						
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget			
	2022-2023	This Year 2023-2024	Next Year 2024-2025			
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	1,463,365	1,172,379	1,563,567			
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service						
Charges	1,272,643	1,241,326	1,328,505			
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	380,680	460,175	1,205,596			
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	230,224	660,224	0			
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	0	197,090	0			
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	476,404	479,962	353,889			
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	187,987	182,370	205,095			
Total Resources	4,011,303	4,393,526	4,656,652			

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION					
Personnel Services	553,872	671,790	700,296		
Materials and Services	846,268	944,479	978,498		
Capital Outlay	502,252	1,597,603	2,255,158		
Debt Service	472,635	420,713	280,505		
Interfund Transfers	0	131,542	0		
Contingencies	0	380,007	360,309		
Special Payments	0	0	0		
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Ex-					
penditure	1,636,282	247,392	81,886		
Total Requirements	4,011,309	4,393,526	4,656,652		

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME	IE EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES GRAM	(FTE) BY ORGANIZATION	AL UNIT OR PRO-
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FTE for that unit or program			
Administration	257,361	241,903	290,691
FTE	0.28000	0.36250	0.41300
Code Enforcement	6,974	9,394	10,139
FTE	0.04000	0.05000	0.05000
Community Development	123,427	80,088	61,216
FTE	0.06000	0.08000	0.08000
Library	372,897	70,093	90,592
FTE	0.92000	0.58750	0.81300
Municipal Court	14,040	16,893	12,748
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Parks & Recreation	188,121	206,513	240,537
FTE	1.28000	0.73750	0.46500
Police	33,663	36,231	10,426
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Tourism	1,223	10,586	35,578
FTE	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Blackberry Jam Festival	26,996	18,123	13,770
FTE	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Building Inspections	153,392	153,088	57,522
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Sewer	832,283	915,903	920,455
FTE	1.61000	2.04375	2.31000
Water	1,022,990	1,424,986	2,258,358
FTE	1.61000	2.04375	2.31000
Streets & Stormwater	378,122	636,801	400,128
FTE	0.43000	0.25000	0.33000
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	599,820	572,924	254,492
FTE	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
Total Requirements	4,011,309	4,393,526	4,656,652
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING

Changes in activities and sources of financing compared to the adopted 2023-2024 budget include: (1) STAFFING AND PERSONNEL. Adding a new full-time employee in the Public Works Department with a starting salary of \$34,445. Funding 3.5% pay raises for city employees. (2) WATER TREATMENT GRANT. Planning for grants up to \$1 million to pay for water treatment retrofit. If funded, the water treatment plant retrofit will make it easier to process high turbidity in Dexter Reservoir during the Lookout Point dam drawdowns. (3) WATER AND SEWER RATES. Water rates remain at current levels. Sewer rates increase from \$68.51 per month per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) to \$72.00 per month per EDU. (4) REDUCTION IN POLICING CONTRACT. As a cost savings measure, the current law enforcement services contract with the City of Oakridge is reduced. The current contract provides 40 hours of random patrol per month at an estimated cost of \$36,356. The Budget Committee approved budget funds \$10,000 for police services to be provided on an as-needed basis only. (5) SALES OF SURPLUS REAL ESTATE. This budget projects net sales revenues of \$302,459 for the sale of surplus city real estate. That real estate comprises the old City Hall property, as well as a portion of Rolling Rock Park, as contemplated in the 2019 "Downtown Master Plan." INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE? See the Budget Committee adopted budget, available at City Hall and online via the following link: https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/bo-budget/page/budget-normittee meeting.)

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES				
	Actual Amount 2022-2023	Adopted Budget This Year 2023-2024	Approved Budget Next Year 2024-2025	
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$2.1613 per \$1,000)	\$2.1613	\$2.1613	\$2.1613	
Local Option Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS				
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1		
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0		
Other Bonds	\$1,066,306	\$0		
Other Borrowings	\$1,070,001	\$0		
Total	\$2,136,307	\$0		

Update on e-permitting program. The city has begun with the Oregon Building Codes Division (BCD) on joining their e-permitting program. Due to new requirements in state law, the city must have an e-permitting system online by January 2025. BCD estimates that the city should be able to go live with the new system in October 2024. During that timeframe, City Hall offices will be closed every Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm while staff work with BCD to build the new system.

We understand this may pose an inconvenience. The efficiencies that this program will bring are expected to significantly benefit our community in the long run. The e-permitting system aims to streamline the permitting process, reduce wait times, and improve overall accessibility for residents and businesses. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we transition to this modernized system, and we are committed to making the process as smooth as possible for everyone involved.

Upcoming meetings – Meeting details available here:

https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2024-06

June 4 @ 7:00 pm. City Council – includes budget public hearing.

June 6 @ 7:00 pm. Parks and Recreation Committee.

June 11 @ 6:00 pm. Blackberry Jam Festival Committee.

June 18 @ 4:30 pm. Library Committee. (City Hall conference room.)

June 18 @ 7:00 pm. City Council.

Meetings will take place at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District station unless otherwise noted.

Summer Reading Program at the Maggie Osgood Library

June 22—August 17

Join us Saturday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m. for our kickoff event with The Oregon Reptile Man!

Children from birth through teens are invited to join us for activities and to earn prizes.

Reading logs will be available beginning June 17th.

For more information stop by the library, email Peggy at pokane@ci.lowell.or.us or call 541-937-2157.

The Library is located at 70 N. Pioneer Street.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

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In and Around the Community

Lane County Veterans Stand Down

The Lowell Grange will be collecting donations that may be dropped off at the Grange hall during the monthly breakfasts on August 4th and September 1st, from 8am until 11am, or text/phone Ruth at 541-510-5608 or phone Lonna at 541-937-2312.

The purpose of a Stand Down is to reach out to local veterans and their families. The term Stand Down is a military one that is used when combat troops are pulled out of action and sent to an area of relative safety to get medical attention, clothing, and other supplies.

Locally we will be collecting various food and clothing items to be combined with the Lane County distribution to be held on September 27th at the Lane Events Center.

For a full list of items needed, please check out the Lowell Grange Facebook page or go to lanecountystanddown.org. Thank you!!









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Making community connections

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Upcoming Meetings and Events: June 2024

- 2—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 am, 51 E. 2nd Street
- 4—Spring Band/Choir Concert, LHS Cafetorium, 7:00 p.m. City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St. Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 6—Kinder/Senior Walk, 1:00 p.m., Lundy Elementary Parks and Recreation Committee, 7:00 p.m. 389 N. Pioneer Street
- 7—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m. Lowell Senior Parade, 6:15 p.m. Lowell High School Graduation, 7:00 p.m., HS Gym
- 11—Blackberry Jam Committee, 6:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer
- 12—Lowell Fire District Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Main Station Kinder Graduation, 6:00 p.m. Lundy Elementary Gym
- 13—Last day of school!!
- 15—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 18—Lowell Library Committee (City Hall Conf. Room), 4:30 p.m. City Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 389 N. Pioneer St. Clothing Bank/Food Pantry; 2-5 pm; Hake Center on Lakeview
- 22—Summer Reading Program Kickoff, 10:30 am, 70 N. Pioneer
- 24—School Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m., PDC 45 S. Moss Street
- 28—Senior Potluck, Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church

Summer Meal Service

From July 8 through August 16, meals will be available at No Charge to anyone 18 years and younger.

Meals will be provided in the Lundy Cafeteria, 45 S. Moss Street Monday - Friday.

Breakfast will be served 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Lunch will be served 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

