



The Bridge

Making community connections

Lowell is on the *move*...

In a momentous 5-0 vote at the August 28, board meeting, the Lowell School Board approved Resolution 2017-18-1, allowing the district to seek voter approval to issue bonds to finance capital costs. Should the bonds be approved, the State will provide a matching guaranteed \$3 million grant, with the possibility of an additional \$1 million grant towards the cost of the projects!

If the voters choose not to approve the bond, these State funds will be given to another District. Additionally, the District received a \$1 million State seismic grant to help defray costs, for a total of \$4 million in State grants. This results in receiving \$2 of value for the cost of \$1 of local funding, if the bond is approved. Proceeds would be used to:

- ◆ Modernize and renovate the interior of both school buildings, including upgraded mechanical, plumbing, lighting, and technology systems;
- ◆ Make safety and security upgrades in both school buildings, including secured entrances to the schools; and,
- ◆ Build a new gym and wrestling room and convert the existing high school gym into a multipurpose center/performing arts venue.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the Lowell School District and the Lowell/Fall Creek Community!

The School Board has taken an assertive approach to bring funds to our community which are sorely needed. Our future is our youth and this is our opportunity to make significant improvements to the two schools for both our students and the community as a whole.

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September 6th

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

School Bond Informational Meetings Scheduled

The Superintendent and Board members will host informational meetings on the proposed school bond at Lundy Elementary School in the Professional Development Center, 45 South Moss Street. These meetings are open to the public and are to provide information only. Please bring your questions!

- September 5 at 5:00 pm
- September 13 at 7:00 pm
- September 22 at 1:00 pm
- October 17 at 8:30 am
- October 17 at 6:30 pm

There will be a special Dinner and Informational meeting at Fall Creek Christian Church on October 4, at 6:00 pm.

If you have any questions regarding these meetings, please feel free to call the district office at 541-937-2105 ext. 303.

The Lowell School District Proposed Bond proceeds would:

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- Make safety and security upgrades in both school buildings; and,
- Build a new gym and wrestling room and convert the existing high school gym into a multipurpose center/ performing arts venue,

The Lowell School District tax rate presently ranks 19th out of 20 comparison districts. If a local \$4 million bond is approved it will increase the local tax rate by \$1.06 per \$1,000 assessed value, and will be matched by \$4 million of State Matching Funds. The bond would increase the total tax rate from \$5.0409 to \$6.1009, which will place Lowell 13th of the 20 comparable districts. With the passage of the bond, and with the matching \$4 million of funding from the State, the District will be able to double the classroom capacity at Lundy Elementary and Lowell high School without the need to return to the voters.



School board members from left to right are: Suzanne Kintzley, Dennis McCallum, Jim Chapman, Joyce Donnell & Mike Galvin.

TAG Robotics Fundraiser

The TAG Robotics Club will be holding a silent auction on Sunday, October 22nd from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street. A featured item is a signed Marcus Mariota jersey from when he played for the Ducks.



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!

VFW School Supplies Donation

A very generous donation of school supplies was received from Springfield VFW Post 3965. Post Commander (and former Lowell School Board member) Jim Matthews brought lots of much needed school supplies and calculators to Lundy Elementary. Lundy staff is teaming up with other local charities to distribute the supplies in backpacks as needed.



If you or someone you know in the area has a need for school supplies, please contact Colette at 541-937-2105.

The Lowell School District greatly appreciates the Springfield VFW for their generous donation!

Varsity Volleyball Looking Tough



The Lady Devils return many seasoned athletes this year while welcoming in a large class of freshmen and plan to “swat” down the competition. Competing this year are seniors Lily Lane and Michaela Smith; juniors Mikayla Curry, Morgan Lysiak, McKenzie Smith and Raelynn Trimble; sophomores Alanna Beyer, Monica Guzman-Fields, Shaylynn Howard, Kaitlynn Sinnett and Melina Winters; and, freshmen Audra Chapman, Kalie Folch, Kylee Johnson, Kaelyn Matthews, Mahayla McFadden, Lucy Plahn, Shyann Pocholec, Kelsie Smith and Beth VonDoloski. Head coach Kristen Prenevost is assisted by Mollie Garcia-Cash and team manager Bryce Pickett.



Varsity Football Underway

This year’s squad includes seniors Zach Smith, John Clarke, Nate Roat, Devin Maughan and Thomas T-Ward; juniors Kent McIntosh, Symon Thurman, Ian Sotomayor, Kasey Erwin, Justin Corp, Mason Wendt, Sebastian Garcin and Kody Jenks; sophomores Cliff Silver, AJ Devereaux, Owen Chapman, Taysian Williamson, Josiah VonDoloski, Brian Lemon, Dustin Astbury, Kyle Byrne and Andy Kintzley; and, freshmen Irik Hymer, Tristan Garcin, Tyler Astbury, Nicky Sotomayor and Duane Cunningham. Head coach Pat Todd is assisted by Ryan Maher, Clark Wozich, Mark Kintzley, Jesse Funez and Sam Thurman.



VB Shirts on Sale!

The Lowell Volleyball Team is selling tee shirts for \$10. They will be for sale at home games while supplies last or you can contact Coach at

Kristen.Prenevost@yahoo.com or via the Lowell Red Devils Volleyball Facebook page if you are interested in purchasing yours.

Back-to-School Community Dinner — September 5th

Lowell/Fall Creek community members are invited to a very special back-to-school night on Tuesday, September 5th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. A **no-cost** taco bar dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the high school gym by our own Chef Billy.

Following dinner, attendees will be able to check out the renovations as part of the seismic upgrades completed with a grant award in 2015. Parents and students can also visit their classrooms and meet teachers at both schools. Please join us for this special event! For more information, please call 541-937-2124.

City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days can bring congestion, even in the small town of Lowell: buses are picking up children, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school, parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school. The National Safety Council provides the following guidance to help keep kids safe this school year:

If You're Dropping Off

Schools often have very specific drop-off procedures for the school year. Make sure you know them for the safety of all kids. According to the National Safe Routes to School program, more children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location. The following apply to all school zones:

- Don't double park; it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Don't load or unload children across the street from the school
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus, while walking to school. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you, as this could put them in the path of traffic
- Stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way



Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and tend to ignore hazards and take risks

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

For more information, please contact Lowell City Hall at 541-937-2157.

Jones Fire Update

On Thursday, August 10, a fire started from a lightning strike approximately ten miles northeast of Lowell in the Willamette National Forest. As of August 25, the fire covered 5,579 acres with a mobilized response team of 722 personnel. The fire has resulted in the closure of campgrounds in the vicinity, however there have been no evacuations or structures destroyed. For daily updates on the fire, please visit the incident command website at the following address: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5494/>.

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.

At the August 1st study session, the following topics were addressed:

- Reviewed Quarterly Financial Report
- Reviewed Annual Lane County Maintenance Contract
- Received an Update on City Website Project
- Received an Update on Orchard Park Dock Proposal
- Discussed an Alley Maintenance Program
- Discussed a Business Registration Program
- Discussed a Citizen Advisory committee

Study sessions are held for the City Council to receive background information on City business and to give Council members an opportunity to ask questions and express their individual views. No decisions are made, and no votes are taken on any agenda item. The public is invited to attend, however, there is generally no public comment period.

From the August 15th regular meeting:

- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lane County for Annual Street Maintenance
- Authorized the Purchase of Website Development and Hosting Services from Municode (\$6,500 for implementation and \$2,700 hosting/support per year)
- Approved Resolution 681—Annual Update of System Development Charges
- Approved Resolution 682—Establishing a Temporary Greywater Disposal Fee in the amount of \$0.15 per gallon.

Motions were approved 5-0. In support: Bennett, Burford, Harris, Angelini and Osgood.

Monthly Police Log (July 31 – August 25)

The Lane County Sheriff's Office Online Mapping application was down at the time of publication. Staff has reached out to the Lane County Sheriff's Office to receive the police log data and will publish on the City's website at www.ci.lowell.or.us once it is received.

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.

Lowell Community Library presents:

"Fables with Mr. Ben" every fourth Wednesday of the month from 3:30 until 4:15 p.m.

After School Puppets Show by Liisa every second Wednesday of the month from 3:30 until 4:15 p.m.

The Lowell Community Library is located at City Hall, 107 East 3rd Street. Everyone is welcome!



Lowell Food Pantry Gives Thanks

The Food Pantry extends a heartfelt "thank you" to Lane Electric for the donation of beef and a \$2,000 check to the Pantry. This generous donation will allow us to continue to serve many households in our area.

The Food Pantry is open on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the corner of Lakeview and Moss Streets.

Contact Shawn Brady for more information at 541-912-1538.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

Training Update

The past few months your firefighters have been busy training, working hard and preparing to help the community in its time of need. Since January our firefighters have earned certifications ranging from Hazmat Incident Commander to Fire Apparatus Operator Equipped with a Fire Pump.

In June Lowell hosted a Multi-District Water Supply Drill. Our neighboring districts of Dexter, Pleasant Hill and Goshen participated. This drill went very well as each department found ways to work better together. This type of ongoing training allowed us to prepare to fight fires outside the hydranted areas of our district also.

In August five new firefighters began their initial training with the fire district. This initial training is designed to prepare new personnel for a career in the fire service. Recruits will be in academy learning about various subjects ranging from how to extinguish fires to search and rescue. Following academy, the recruits will begin pulling duty shifts and running calls with the district. Academy is scheduled to be completed on October 1st.

The district will also have the opportunity to train with the Department of Public Safety Standards and Trainings Firefighter Self-rescue prop in August and the Flammable Liquids and Gases prop in October. These training sessions allow District Firefighters the opportunity to train on props that the district normally does not have access to.

Meet Your Firefighters

This month we are introducing Training Officer Lloyd Hall. Lloyd began his firefighting career here in Lowell in 2008. Lloyd has risen through the ranks from intern firefighter to Lieutenant and in 2016 Lloyd accepted the position as the full-time training officer.

Lloyd served as a resident firefighter for five years from 2009 to 2014. During this time he earned his Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, and Engineer certifications. Lloyd attended school at Lane Community College attaining his EMT certification. In 2016 he returned to Lane to acquire his EMT-Intermediate certification so he could better serve the community. He has also received a few awards over his career with the fire district, the highlight was being voted volunteer of the year three times by his fellow firefighters.

In the summer of 2016 Lloyd bought a house in Lowell. He loves living in this area and frequently goes to the lake or Paul Fischer Park with his family. Lloyd hopes he can be a member of this community for many years to come.



Fire Support Causes Temporary Recreation Area Closures

Three recreation areas at Dexter and Lookout Point Reservoirs have been closed to the public to support firefighting efforts at the Jones Fire, located in the Little Fall Creek watershed in the Willamette National Forest.

The following areas are closed for life support, storage and equipment use:

- Lowell State Park at the north shore of Dexter Reservoir
- Meridian Park at Lookout Point Reservoir near the north end of the dam
- Lookout Point Dam Overlook Area at the north end of the dam

The closures are expected to last about two weeks, but may vary. Lowell State Park will be re-opened to the public before the drag boat races scheduled for September 16-17. For more details about recreational impacts, please contact the Willamette Valley Project, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ranger office at 541-942-5631. To view more information about the Jones Fire, visit <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5494/> or call 541-937-5219.

Portland District actively works with other federal, state and local agencies to provide support during emergency situations. The District values these interagency partnerships.

In and Around Our Community

8th Annual Block Party September 2nd

This event has been cancelled due to the weather forecast of high temperatures.

Farmers' Market Runs through September

The market will be open each Sunday in September, wrapping up the season on September 24th. Located in Rolling Rock Park at the corner of North Shore Drive and Moss Street, the market is open from Noon until 4:00 p.m. Enjoy food, crafts and entertainment while supporting local farmers.

Rummage Sale September 23rd and 24th

The Lowell Grange will be holding a Rummage Sale on Friday, September 23rd from 3:00-8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, September 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To reserve a table to sell your items, please call Maggie at 541-937-3759. The Grange is located at 51 East 2nd Street.



Proceeds go towards continuing renovations and improvements to the Grange Hall. Thanks!

Dinner Theater Tickets on Sale!

The Lowell Grange Building Restoration Committee presents "Little Nell and the Mortgage Foreclosure". Four performances will be held in October. Dates and times are:

Saturday, October 7, 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday, October 8, 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday, October 15, 4:00 p.m.

Cost is just \$15 for a nice chicken dinner and the play. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time and are of limited quantity. Don't miss out — contact any Grange member or call Gerry at 541-937-2190.



Proceeds help restore the historic Grange Hall Building. We appreciate your support of this effort.

Other Grange Events in September

Breakfast on September 3rd
 Texas Hold 'em Poker on September 1st and 16th
 Bingo! on September 20th

*The Alumni and Friends of Lowell High School
 request the honor of your presence at our
 3rd Annual Hall of Fame Banquet, Raffle and Silent Auction*

*Saturday, September 23rd—Lowell High School Gymnasium
 5:00 p.m. Auction bidding and socializing
 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Honors*

*Space is limited to the first 240 guests; reserve your seat by September 15th.
 Tickets are available at the high school office or call 541-937-2124.
 There will be no ticket sales at the door.*

Special Reception for the Classes of 1967 and 1992

The reception for the Class of 1967 (50th reunion) and Class of 1992 (25th reunion) will be held in the Lowell High School Library from 4:00-5:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 23rd, prior to the Hall of Fame banquet. Class members will be seated together at the dinner and will be able to continue visiting throughout the evening. You may attend the reception without going to the dinner. However, please note there will be no ticket sales at the door that evening, so purchase your tickets now. If you did not receive an invitation in the mail, call the district office at 541-937-2124 or email aaf@lowell.k12.or.us. See you there!



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Upcoming Meetings and Events: September 2017

- 1—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 2—PTO Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Parking Lot
Block Party, — CANCELLED due to weather forecast
- 3—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 p.m., Rolling Rock Park
- 4—Labor Day — City Hall Closed
- 5—Back-to-School Community Dinner, 5:30 p.m., High School
City Council Study Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 6—**First day of school! 8:00 a.m.**
Economic Development Committee, 1:00 p.m., City Hall
Varsity Volleyball v. Mohawk, 6:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 7—JH Football v. North Douglas, 5:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
Varsity Volleyball @ Mapleton, 6:00 p.m.
- 8—Varsity Football @ Perrydale, 7:00 p.m.
- 9—JH Football Jamboree, time TBD
- 10—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 p.m., Rolling Rock Park
- 11—Varsity Volleyball @ Yoncalla, 6:00 p.m.
- 12—**Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station**
Blackberry Jam Committee — no meeting
- 13—Liisa's Puppet Show, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
JH Football v. Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.
- 14—Kids Club, Fall Creek Events Center, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball @ Siletz Valley, 6:00 p.m.
- 15—Varsity Football v. North Douglas, 7:00 p.m.
- 16—Varsity Volleyball @ Oakridge, 9:00 a.m.
Harriers Challenge (Cross Country) 10:00 a.m., Cottage Grove
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 16-17—Columbia Drag Boat Races, Lowell Marina
- 17—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 p.m., Rolling Rock Park
- 19—Varsity Volleyball v. Alsea, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 20—JH Football @ Triangle Lake, 5:00 p.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 21—Varsity Volleyball @ Triangle Lake, 6:00 p.m.
- 22—Varsity Football v. Falls City, 7:00 p.m.
- 23—Rock N River (Cross Country) TBD, Elijah Bristow State Park
Rummage Sale, 3:00-8:00 p.m., Lowell Grange
Hall of Fame Celebration, 5:00 p.m., High School Gym
- 24—Rummage Sale, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Lowell Grange
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Rolling Rock Park
- 25—Varsity Volleyball v. Yoncalla, 6:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.
- 26—Varsity Volleyball @ McKenzie, 6:00 p.m.
- 27—Ben's Fables, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
JH Football v. Crow, 4:30 p.m.
- 28—Varsity Volleyball @ Oak Hill, 6:00 p.m.
- 29—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
Varsity Football @ Yoncalla, 7:00 p.m.