



The Bridge

Making community connections

Open House at the Lowell Grange

51 East Second Street

Saturday, April 29, Noon—3:00 p.m.

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Be our guest for lunch and join us for a fun day at the Grange on Saturday, April 29th from Noon until 3:00 p.m. Enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, salads and ice cream. The Lowell Grange is located at the corner of 2nd and Moss Streets. All are welcome! Our friendly Grange members will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about the Grange.

This year's open house will feature games and prizes throughout the day and Don Bennett will be on hand with the **Traveling Trunk**, a collection of local artifacts with an interesting story about each one.

Use of the Lowell Grange for community and family activities has continued to increase as members and other volunteers have made many improvements to the building. Members are especially proud of the improvements over the last several years. Once the great hall and dining rooms are finished, construction of a storage addition is planned to provide safe, secure storage and make the hall even more accessible to additional fundraising and community events.



Thanks to all of you for your continued support!



Saturday, April 22nd

City Beat

By City Administrator Jared Cobb

Pet Licensing

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 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.

Pet License Fee Schedule				
Dogs				
	1 YR	2 YR	3 YR	
Sterilized	\$18	\$30	\$42	
Fertile	\$42	\$66	\$84	
Sr. Citizen	\$14	\$24	\$34	
Cats				
	1 YR	2 YR	3 YR	
Sterilized	\$5	\$10	\$15	
Fertile	\$10	\$20	\$30	

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.

Animal Control 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 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 at-large may be subject to a citation.

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

Public Notice of Intent to Abate

In April of each year, the City is required to provide the public with a copy of LRC 5.122 regarding the abatement of noxious vegetation. Noxious vegetation is defined as poison oak; poison ivy; blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line; vegetation that is a health hazard, fire hazard, or traffic hazard; weeds or grass more than 12 inches high; weeds or grass going to seed; and noxious vegetation does not include agricultural crops unless that crop is a health, traffic, or fire hazard. Prior to any citation or abatement action, the property owner or person in charge of property will be provided with a minimum 10 days' notice to abate the vegetation. A copy of LRC 5.122 is provided below for your reference:

“5.122 Owner Responsibility. No owner or person in charge of property may allow noxious vegetation to be on his property or on the public right-of-way abutting his property. It shall be the duty of an owner or person in charge of the property to cut down or to destroy noxious vegetation. Exception: For parcels one acre or larger in size, noxious vegetation need only be controlled for a distance of 20 feet from an adjoining property where development has occurred and is not required to be controlled adjoining undeveloped property unless specifically requested by the owner of the undeveloped property.”

Monthly Police Log (February 24 – March 26)

02/24/17	9:21	AM	Suspicious Conditions	100 Block N Cannon St
02/25/17	8:27	AM	Civil Enforcement	100 Block E 6th St
02/25/17	8:37	AM	Civil Service	100 Block N Pioneer St
02/25/17	8:17	AM	Subpoena Service	100 Block W Lakeview Ave
02/27/17	10:11	AM	Theft from Vehicle	100 Block W 4th St
03/04/17	12:51	PM	Lost Animal	500 Block Carol St
03/04/17	12:58	PM	Reposessed Vehicle	200 Block N Cannon St
03/11/17	9:45	PM	Assault	100 Block N Shore Dr
03/13/17	9:53	AM	Suspicious Conditions	400 Block E 1st St
03/15/17	11:52	PM	In Possession of Narcotics	100 Block S Pioneer St
03/16/17	4:39	PM	Fraud	100 Block E 6th St
03/16/17	12:28	PM	Reckless Endangering	N Moss St and E 3rd St
03/16/17	10:20	AM	Follow Up	300 Block E 1st St
03/17/17	1:26	PM	Civil Enforcement	500 Block N Moss St
03/20/17	7:48	AM	Welfare Check	300 Block N Damon St
03/20/17	8:50	AM	Drunk Driver	100 Block N Moss St
03/24/17	1:43	PM	Recover Stolen Vehicle	100 Block N Everly St
03/24/17	8:56	PM	Suspicious Conditions	100 Block S Pioneer St

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.

Parks Clean Up

Join your neighbors and friends for our annual Parks Clean Up and help beautify Lowell from the ground up. The event will be held on Saturday, May 6, from 9:00-12:00 and starts at Paul Fisher Park, located next to City Hall at 107 E. 3rd Street. Volunteers are asked to wear work clothes and gloves to pull weeds, plant flowers, and spread mulch. Juice and donuts will be available in the morning and lunch will be served at the end of the event. An alternate date for bad weather will be scheduled if there is a rain out.



Lowell City Council Actions

This report of discussions held and 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.

From the March 7th Study Session:

- Discussed Draft Open Burning Ordinance, Budget Transfers and Appropriation Changes Resolution, Report on the Replacement or Improvement of the City Website, List of Proposed Surplus Equipment, and Tourism Funding Recommendation. No council actions are made at Study Sessions.

From the March 21st Regular Meeting:

- Approved Resolution 669—Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.
- Approved Resolution 670—Budget Transfers and Appropriations Changes.
- Approved Resolution 671—Citizen Advisory Committee.
- Approved First Reading of Ordinance 295—Regulating Open Burning.
- Approved the Sale of Surplus Equipment.
- Approved the Tourism Budget Recommendation.

All actions were unanimous: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Angelini, Harris.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Time To Think About Summer Wildfire Prevention

Although it seems like summer is still a long way off, with all this rain, but now is the perfect time to start thinking about what you can do to help make you home and property wildfire safe this summer. Try the “Ignition Zone” method of making your home wildfire safe.

The concept of the home ignition zone was developed by USDA Forest Service fire scientist Jack Cohen in the late 1990s, following some breakthrough experimental research into how homes ignite due to the effects of radiant heat. For more than 15 years, NFPA’s wildfire safety recommendations have been shaped by this fire science and because of it, is able to provide actionable guidance for homeowners to help them prepare homes/home landscapes to resist wildfire.

Using the Zone Concept

The primary goal for Firewise landscaping is fuel reduction — limiting the amount of flammable vegetation and materials surrounding the home and increasing the moisture content of remaining vegetation. The home itself and everything around it up to 100 – 200 feet is known as the “home ignition zone.” In areas across the country where the risk of wildfire is high, the home ignition zone can extend up to 200 feet beyond the actual home structure. Within this 200 foot area, there are three zones:

Zone 1 encircles the structure and all its attachments (wooden decks, fences, and boardwalks) for at least 30 feet on all sides. *Note:* the 30-foot number comes from the very minimum distance, on flat ground, that a wood wall can be separated from the radiant heat of large flames without igniting. In this area:

Plants should be carefully spaced, low-growing and free of resins, oils and waxes that burn easily.

Mow the lawn regularly. Prune trees up six to ten feet from the ground.

Space conifer trees 30 feet between crowns. Trim back trees that overhang the house.

Create a ‘fire-free’ area within five feet of the home, using non-flammable landscaping materials and/or high-moisture-content annuals and perennials.

Remove dead vegetation from under deck and within 10 feet of house.

Consider fire-resistant material for patio furniture, swing sets, etc.

Remove firewood stacks and propane tanks; they should not be located in this zone.

Water plants, trees and mulch regularly.

Consider xeriscaping if you are affected by water-use restrictions.

Zone 2 is 30 to 100 feet from the home, and plants in this zone should be low-growing, well irrigated and less flammable. In this area:

Leave 30 feet between clusters of two to three trees, or 20 feet between individual trees.

Encourage a mixture of deciduous and coniferous trees.

Create ‘fuel breaks’, like driveways, gravel walkways and lawns.

Prune trees up six to ten feet from the ground.

Zone 3 is 100 to 200 feet from the home and this area should be thinned, although less space is required than in Zone 2. **NOTE:** Because of other factors such as topography, the recommended distances to mitigate for radiant heat exposure actually extend between 100 to 200 feet from the home – on a site-specific basis. In this area:

Remove smaller conifers that are growing between taller trees. Remove heavy accumulation of woody debris.

Reduce the density of tall trees so canopies are not touching.

Download the Firewise Landscaping and Construction Guide which provides a more in-depth look at each zone and the applicable actions steps (within that zone) that homeowners can take to reduce the risk of wildfire damage to their home and property.

Go to www.firewise.org to download the guide, or contact the fire district office for more information and materials to help make you home wildfire safe this summer.

On the web:
www.lowellfiredistrict.org

Safety Messages About Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly. SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.

-Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.

-It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.

-Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.

-There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use of both types of alarms in the home.

-A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.

-People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.

-Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

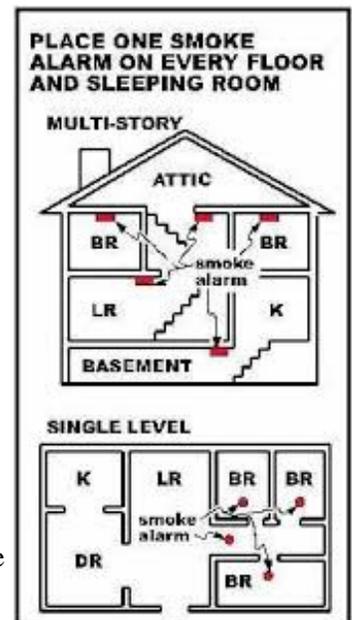
-Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.

Plan your escape

Your ability to get out of your house during a fire depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and get everyone in your household together and make a [home escape plan](#). Walk through your home and look for two ways out of every room. Make sure escape routes are clear of debris and doors and windows open easily. Windows with security bars or grills should have an emergency release device.

Plan an outside meeting place where everyone will meet once they have escaped. A good meeting place is something permanent, like a tree, light pole, or mailbox a safe distance in front of the home. If there are infants, older adults, family members with mobility limitations or children who do not wake to the sound of the smoke alarm, make sure that someone is assigned to assist them in the event of an emergency. If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Respond quickly – get up and go, remember to know two ways out of every room, get yourself outside quickly, and go to your outside meeting place with your family.

[Learn more about home escape planning](#) go to NFPA.org or contact the District office or check out www.lowellfiredistrict.org. Visit us on Facebook also.



NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District, Lane County, Oregon, to discuss the budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, will be held at the Main Fire Station located at 389 N. Pioneer St., Lowell, Oregon, 97452. The meeting will take place on April 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the proposed budget.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

A copy of the proposed budget may be inspected or obtained on or after April 7, 2017 at the Main Station located at 389 N. Pioneer St., Lowell, Oregon, 97452, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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

Junior High Oregon Battle of the Books

Lowell School District sent their Junior High team to the tournament March 11th. Oregon Battle of the Books (or OBOB) is a competition where five team members, grades 6th to 8th, read 16 books chosen by a state-wide committee. At the tournament they answer questions in a competition about the books and the book authors.

Our team, consisting of Kaitlyn Watson, Priscilla Thurman, Ashley Woodhurst, Cecilia Lysiak, and, Shaylinn Howard, did very well. Though they did not move on to the next round, they scored well, keeping up with the four teams (out of 33) they competed with in the pool play, three of which went on to the next round. Coach Heather Woodhurst was proud of the girls for their hard work.



Busy Spring Starts with Big Success for Lowell Music

On March 17th, the LHS Concert Band participated in the OMEA District 12 festival at Willamette High School, along with 19 other bands -- primarily 5A and 6A in size -- from all of southwest Oregon. Despite being one of the only small schools in attendance, Lowell was able to capture the highest scores (unanimous "Superior" ratings) for all classifications to become District 12 champions! They also received qualifying scores at the Willamette Valley Concert Band Festival at LCC on March 23rd, and will be competing for an OSAA State Championship on May 12th.

The LHS Concert Choir will try to repeat the feat at their own District 12 festival at South Eugene High School on April 11th. Most importantly for parents and supporters of Lowell Music, please plan on seeing our Choir perform on the stage of the Hult Center at the Metropolitan Choral Festival on April 18th. The concert is at 7 pm; tickets are \$6 through the Hult Center box office.

Closing out a busy month will be the annual Mtn. West Music Festival, hosted this year by Oakridge High School on April 28th. All Band and Choir students grades 7-12 will be participating in this all-day affair, and all parents and supporters are encouraged to attend our culminating concert at 6:30pm in the OHS Auditorium. Admission is \$3 at the door; seniors and 12 & under are free.

Kindergarten Registration Continues

A special Kindergarten registration event will be held at Lundy Elementary on Wednesday, April 26th from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Parents will be able to learn information about the Kindergarten program and incoming students will have the chance to visit the Kindergarten classroom. If you are unable to attend, please call Colette Ullrich at 541-937-2105 to get the proper forms and information to get your student enrolled.



Junior High Students of the Month



Emilee Smith is the daughter of Kris and Lacy Smith of Little Fall Creek. Emilee is a very easy going 8th grade student and is a great addition to our Jr. High choir. In her free time she enjoys playing volleyball and hanging out with friends. Emilee is a dedicated student who keeps her grades up and her attendance near perfect.

Anthony Smith is the son of Jasmine and Dan Smith of Lowell. Anthony is a hard working 7th grade student and a huge asset to our Jr. High band. He is also a great asset to our basketball and football teams. In his free time he enjoys playing football and basketball with friends.



Congratulations Emilee and Anthony for being selected as students of the month for Lowell Jr. High!!



Sunrise Service Easter Sunday

April 16th, 8:00 a.m.
Lowell Marina

Easter Sunday Breakfast

When: Sunday, April 16th, 8:30 a.m.
Where: 72 E. 2nd Street
East Valley Church



EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, April 15th
Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street
Starts at 10:00 a.m.
Ages toddlers to 12

Join us for a fun Easter Egg Hunt and special prizes.
Don't forget your basket!



Girl Scouts Say Thanks!

The Lowell Girl Scouts thank the community for their support of the cookie sale. Thanks to Bridge Town Market for providing a place to sell all remaining cookies and help send the girls to camp!

Lowell Grange Rummage/Garage Sale

Mark your calendars!

Friday, June 9th and Saturday, June 10th

Table fee \$10 or 1/2 table \$5
Contact Maggie at 541-937-3759

2017 Covered Bridge Regattas

Sat., April 15th — Collegiate
Sat/Sun, April 22/23—Masters & Juniors

Info: regatta@oarowing.org



The "New" Dexter Lake Farmers and Craft Market is Coming to Downtown Lowell

Yes, there will be local farm produce. Yes, there will be quality crafts. Yes, there will be food. Yes, there will be music! The Market will be held every Sunday in Rolling Rock Park from 12 noon to 4pm, June 4th through September.

Vendors will pay a modest membership fee and weekly set-up fee that will help to offset the market expenses. Local farmers are encouraged to contact the market regarding membership. Crafters should also contact the market regarding the jurying process to assure a spot to sell! As always the DLFM needs volunteers. If you have a skill or some time to help us grow, don't hesitate to let us know. The Farmers Market needs you!

For additional information, contact Jef Jalof, board member at jj.bestfriends@gmail.com or Pam Driscoll, board member at pamelacypress@yahoo.com.



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

Our wait list for Home of Your Own is NOT full!

If you've wanted a **Home of Your Own**, St. Vincent de Paul may be able to help!

You still have an opportunity to see about a home of your own here in Lowell.

Check it out at

[http://www.svdp.us/what-we-do/affordable-housing/
home-of-your-own-program/](http://www.svdp.us/what-we-do/affordable-housing/home-of-your-own-program/)

Inquire with Andy Clay at: andy.clay@svdp.us or call 541-504-0894

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: April 2017

- 1—PTO Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Parking lot
Varsity Baseball @ Creswell JV Double header, Noon & 2 pm
- 2—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
- 4—Varsity Baseball v. Crow, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Softball v. Pleasant Hill JV, 5:00 p.m.
City Council Study Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 5—Economic Development Committee, 1:00 p.m. City Hall
Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 6—Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
- 7—Varsity Track @ McKenzie, 1:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Monroe Dbl Header, 2:00 & 4:00pm
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 10—Varsity Softball @ Pleasant Hill JV, 5:00 p.m.
- 11—Varsity Softball @ Yoncalla, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Baseball @ Elkton, 4:30 p.m.
Concert Choir District 12 Festival, So. Eugene High,
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 12—Liisa's Puppet Show, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Varsity Softball v. Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.
- 13—Varsity Track @ St. Paul, TBA
Kids Club, Fall Creek Events Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 14—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Oakridge Dbl Hdr, 3:00 & 5:00 pm
- 15—Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m., Lowell Grange
Varsity Softball v. Waldport, 2:00 p.m.
- 16—Sunrise Service Easter Sunday at the Lowell Marina, 8:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday Free Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., East Valley Church
- 17—Varsity Softball @ Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.
- 18—LHS Choir Performance, Hult Center, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
- 19—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. No. Douglas, 4:30 p.m.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
- 20—Varsity Track @ Reedsport, 4:00 p.m.
- 21—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Oakland Dbl Hdr, 3:00 & 5:00 pm
Varsity Track @ McKenzie, 4:00 p.m.
- 22—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 24—**School Board Meeting, Lundy PDC, 7:00 p.m.**
- 25—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Monroe, 4:30 p.m.
- 26—Half-day of School, Release at Noon
Kindergarten Registration 12:30-2:00 p.m., Lundy Elem.
Ben's Fables, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
- 27—Varsity Baseball @ Crow Double header, 3:00 & 5:00 p.m.
Varsity Track @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
- 28—Mtn. West Music Festival, Oakridge High School, All day
Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 29—Varsity Track @ Salem Meet of Champions, TBA

Blackberry Jam Festival Planning Underway!

Enter your quilt in the Quilt Show: 541-937-2343
Sign up as a Craft Vendor: 541-937-1978
Donate Kidz Korner prizes: 541-852-5011
Advertise in the BBJ Program: 541-937-2664
Volunteer at the Jam: 866-516-5534