



# The Bridge

Making community connections

## April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Will you play your part to build a nurturing community for all families? Everyone can play a part, here are some ideas:

- Reach out to get to know your neighbors
- Offer help to a new parent without judgment – bring a meal, offer to babysit, offer specific help
- Accept help when it is offered – the strongest people are those who use the resources around them
- Support an organization helping families in your community, such as the Good Samaritan Clothes Closet
- Encourage a child in your life to teach you something, like how to play a game
- Build or contribute books to a Little Free Library in your neighborhood
- Organize a neighborhood activity, like a park clean up or neighborhood block party
- Seek out new information about parenting – subscribe to a parenting magazine, contact your child’s doctor or teacher with questions, take a child development class in high school or college
- Host a Pinwheel making party or a Pinwheel Garden during Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Attend 90by30’s Regional Leadership Team events and meetings: see 90by30.com for all dates.

Contact Brandy Stewart at 541-530-0123 to get involved with child abuse prevention in and around Lowell, Dexter, and Pleasant Hill.

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Protecting Children is Everyone's Business...  
GetInvolvedLaneCounty.org



Monday, April 22nd

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

Dear Community,

“We have almost survived another winter in Lowell. Knock on wood, we have been very blessed to have had only one delay and no closures yet this year. I realize that kids and staff alike love the “snow day” phone call in the morning but with the groundbreaking for the bond happening at the end of school, we need to ensure that our school year stays on schedule.”

The above quote is how I initially started my letter to you all in February.... As you now know, that backfired enormously! I am sorry about that and will take full responsibility for Snowmageddon 2019! However, we made it through the storm with minimal damage in the district and we are so thankful to all the staff and community members that stepped up and helped during the time of need.

As the storm took place, it became even more apparent what a great place this is to be. Whether it be community members and staff plowing streets, parking lots and driveways, supplying residents with warm meals during the day and the fire station opening their doors to allow the community to get warm and charge their devices – Lowell/Fall Creek is truly a remarkable community with even more remarkable people.

Currently, we are in the process of creating the budget for next school year. The governor proposed an \$8.97 billion budget to the Ways and Means Committee which countered with an \$8.87 billion budget. Although the \$100 million seems like a huge gap, this is the closest they have been in years during this initial budgeting process. We will continue to keep our eyes on this very closely as we are building our budget based on these numbers. On another note, the board has approved the school calendar for next year. You can find it on our district website.

As far as the building projects are concerned, we had a pre-bid mandatory walkthrough which was very well attended. We will be opening bids in early April and awarding them shortly thereafter. Once this takes place, contracts need to be signed and the building renovation can finally begin. This has been an amazing learning experience to me, seeing all of the pre-building work that needs to take place before construction can begin. We are working diligently to ensure all i's are dotted and t's are crossed in order to be prepared for the construction to get underway. This will surely be a VERY busy year in the District. I would say looking back over the last five years, the staff and community have embraced the many changes that have taken place and everyone is excited to continue to make this district a desired destination for education.

On another note, I had the great pleasure to attend the College and Career Readiness night at the High School on March 20<sup>th</sup>. It was amazing to see all of the very talented students we have in this district. The students were in peak form during the performances courtesy of the drama and music department. Their performances were incredible and it fills me with joy knowing that I get to watch each student grow on a daily basis. Well done Lowell Jr/Sr High students and staff. Truth be told....I may have shed a tear or two during the powerful performances!

Vince Lombardi once said, “Perfection is not attainable. But, if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.” As a school district, we will continue to strive for perfection, knowing full well that if we continue to do so we will reach excellence. Not only are we on the move, we are well on our way!

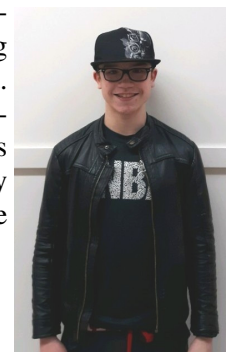
Sincerely, Johnie Matthews, Superintendent, Lowell School District

### Junior High Students of the Month

**Amerika Baszler** was chosen for 7th Grade Student of the Month. Her parents are Stephanie and Brandon Baszler. Her favorite activities are riding horses, playing basketball, volleyball and softball. She also enjoys band. The things she likes to do in her free time are hanging out with friends, playing outside and reading.

**Sasha Farrington** was chosen for 8th Grade Student of the Month. His parents are Dan and Holly Silver. His favorite activities are basketball, football and golf. The things he likes to do in his free time are eat and play video games.

Congratulations to Amerika and Sasha on being selected as students of the month for Lowell Junior High!



### Lowell Varsity Softball

Lowell Softball sports 10 players who must be very tough this season. Even with the small turnout, we are showing signs of improvement early. League play begins after spring break and should be very interesting.

Team members include: seniors Raelynn Trimble and Dayce Riberal; juniors Keara Miller and Kaitlyn Sinnett; sophomores Kylee Johnson, Mahayla McFadden, Lucy Plahn and Kaelyn Matthews; and, freshmen Ashlee Brooks and Alexis Curry. Head coach Pat Todd is assisted by Gary Riberal.



### MVA Students Mind Their Manners

Mountain View Academy’s 2019 manners dinner was a great success. Students displayed the manners they had learned in class and had a fun time doing so. A huge THANK YOU to Billy Reid and his staff for putting together a delicious dinner.

Mountain View Academy is a K-8 charter school sponsored by the Lowell School District — believing in options for parents!

### GEAR Up Showcase a success!

Thanks to all who attended the GEAR Up Student Showcase and Financial Aid night. Parents and students who attended were treated to a Pizza dinner with drama and music performances. Student showcase work included college fair and science fair displays. Student photography and art work was also displayed. Parents also had the option of attending a financial aid workshop.



### Mt. West Music Festival in Lowell

Students from local area schools will participate in this special, all day event on April 12th. Individual groups and large massed ensembles will learn under the direction of visiting master teachers. The day culminates in a special evening concert at 6:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School gym. Cost is \$3.

### So you think you can act?

Auditions for this year’s Grange play, “Dinner at Eight, Dead by Nine” will be held on Thursday, April 25th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street. Contact Drama instructor Micah Klatt at the high school for more information.



## City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

### Outdoor Burning Season Open

The outdoor burning season opened in the City of Lowell on March 1 and runs through May 31. City regulations for burning are provided below. All outdoor burning is also subject to the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) and residents should check their advisory hotline at 541-726-3976 or [www.lrapa.org](http://www.lrapa.org) prior to burning.

#### Prohibited:

- The burning of any refuse, garbage, or other waste products
- The burning of any construction or demolition waste
- Field, ditch or weed burning
- Commercial or industrial burning as defined by LRAPA
- The burning of wet woody yard trimmings, leaves, and grass clippings

#### Allowable:

- Fires initiated for firefighting training purposes
- Recreational fires used for cooking with fire in a fireplace, barbecue set; or an outdoor fireplace, fire ring, or pit fueled with cut and split firewood
- Bonfires or religious ceremonial fires as approved in writing by LRAPA and the LRFPD
- The burning of clean woody yard trimmings on LRAPA approved burn days in October, March, April and May



Whenever possible, choose other ways to dispose of yard debris. Chipping, composting and hauling are healthy alternatives. The City of Lowell maintains a green waste drop-off site at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 240 South Moss Street. The facility is open the last Saturday of every month from 10:00- 12:00. Residents may drop off acceptable materials at no charge. Proof of residency is required, and may be confirmed with a recent water, electric, cable or telephone utility bill.

#### Acceptable Materials

- Tree limbs
- Leaves
- Soft, pliable vines
- Twigs, branches, and woody vines up to 6" diameter and 10' long
- Similar garden waste

#### Unacceptable Materials

- Dirt or sod waste
- Animal waste
- Herbicides, Fertilizers, or Insecticides
- Treated Logs or lumber
- Stumps or stump grindings
- Material from contractors or commercial firms

### 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 on the next page 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.”

**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 March 5th special meeting, the following action was taken:**

- Authorized the purchase of a Dump Trailer in an amount not to exceed \$8,000

**At the March 5th work session, the following topics were discussed:**

- Debriefing of the winter storm
- Reviewed the Proposed Fiscal Year 2018/19 Supplemental Budget
- Reviewed the City Council Guiding Principles
- Discussed the purchase of 70 North Pioneer Street for the Library and City Hall

**At the March 19th regular meeting, the following actions were taken:**

- Approved Resolution 713—Authorizing a loan in an amount not to exceed \$530,000 for Library, City Hall and Rolling Rock Park Property Acquisitions
- Approved the purchase of Map & Tax Lots 1901142306000 and 1901142305900 in the amount of \$125,000 for Rolling Rock Park
- Approved the purchase of Map & Tax Lot 1901142305700 in the amount of \$100,000 for Rolling Rock Park
- Approved Resolution 714—City Council Guiding Principles
- Approved Resolution 715—Authorizing the City Administrator to submit a Grant Application for Rolling Rock Park Improvements
- Approved Professional Services Contract Amendment with The Urban Collaborative

All motions were approved 5-0.

**Monthly Police Log (March 1—March 22)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Call Type</b>	<b>Location</b>
03/01/19	9:38 PM	Alarm	200 Block South Pioneer Street
03/02/19	6:05 PM	Subpoena Service	100 Block North Cannon Street
03/02/19	8:19 PM	Subpoena Service	100 Block North Cannon Street
03/02/19	11:01 PM	Subpoena Service	100 Block North Cannon Street
03/02/19	12:31 PM	Incomplete 911 Call	300 Block Marina Vista Drive
03/05/19	12:56 PM	Vehicle Stop	North Cannon Street and East 2nd Street
03/06/19	4:17 PM	Assault	100 Block West 4th Street
03/09/19	2:12 AM	Vehicle Stop	100 Block North Moss Street
03/17/19	1:21 PM	Theft from Vehicle	100 Block Wetleau Drive
03/17/19	11:53 PM	Vehicle Fire	400 Block East 1st Street
03/19/19	2:46 PM	Dispute	500 Block North Moss 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.**

# FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

## 2018 Honorees

This year at the 2018 Annual Awards banquet we recognized the years of service of Board Members Jason Prenevost, June Walker, Ron Ballenger, Mike Ballenger and Bob Burr. For our members, the following were recognized for one year of service: Jodie Bloxham, Wyatt Bruckner, Johnnie David, Billy Priser, Melanie Seaholm, Ben Silva, Luke Sitts, Brandon Stevens, Sarah Susman and Cooper Thompson. Members with five years of service in 2018 were: Regina Bell and Chris Zammarelli. We had one member that celebrated 10 years of service: Lloyd Hall.

The Members of the District also recognized Retired Chief Keith Hoehn with a plaque that hangs at the main station recognizing Keith’s years of service. Rookie of the Year went to Sarah Susman. Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Billy Priser. Lloyd Hall recognized Billy Priser and Morgan Stevenson for all the hard work that they did for training over the last year. The Chief’s Award was presented to Wyatt Bruckner for his improvement over the last year. All in all, we had about 70 attendees at the banquet that showed their support for all the members of the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District. I thank all of you for what you do and what you give to this community.



Volunteer of the Year Billy Priser

## NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Lowell Rural Fire Protection, Lane, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, will be held at Lowell Fire Main Station 389 N. Pioneer Street. The meeting will take place on April 16, 2019 at 6:00  a.m.  p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the 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 budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 1, 2019 at 389 N. Pioneer Street between the hours of 9:00  a.m.  p.m. and 4:00  a.m.  p.m.

The **Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council** and OSU Extension Services are partnering to help share first hand information from local experts about invasive species in our watershed, and what to do if you find them. Up-coming events are:

- Thursday, April 11th, we will help host a workshop at Pleasant Hill Student Center to share more in-depth information and hands-on advice about how to treat invasive weeds. To help us cover costs, this event will be \$10 per person and \$5 per additional family members.
- Saturday, April 13th we will be getting our hands dirty and taking on some invasive species at Elijah Bristow State Park for our “Love Your Middle Fork Volunteer Day”. We will be pulling weeds to help oak habitat in the park and then coming back to our office for a community potluck afterwards. This is a free event.

For info: go to [middleforkwillamette.org/events](http://middleforkwillamette.org/events), email [gale@middleforkwillamette.org](mailto:gale@middleforkwillamette.org) or call 458-215-8200.

## In and Around Our Community



### Sunrise Service Easter Sunday

April 21st, 8:00 a.m.  
Lowell Marina

### Free Easter Sunday Breakfast

When: Sunday, April 21st, 8:30 a.m.  
Where: 72 E. 2nd Street  
East Valley Church  
Regular Sunday service follows at 10:00 a.m.



### Mountain View Academy Says “Thanks”

Thank you to the Lowell/Fall Creek community for your support of the MVA Washington D.C. trip! Twenty students and five staff members head to our



nation’s capital this spring to learn about our country’s history and tour the monuments and memorials.

We couldn’t do this without your generous support!

### Master Gardeners Are Coming to Dexter Lake Farmers Market

Master Gardeners from OSU Extension’s Mobile Plant Clinic will pay four visits to our farmers market in Rolling Rock Park this summer, to help home gardeners solve their plant and pest problems. They can help you with diagnosing plant and insect problems and identifying plants and good soil management and fertilizer practices. They will also assist you in picking out appropriate vegetables and ornamentals for your garden. Bring your problem plants and your questions to Dexter Lake Farmers Market on opening day, June 2. The Mobile Plant Clinic will also be at our farmers market on June 16, July 7, and July 21.

The Master Gardeners program is also offering a workshop on identifying and controlling invasive weeds at the Pleasant Hill Community Center on April 11. \$10 fee, \$5 for second member of a family. Go to the Lane County Master Gardeners OSU Extension website to register.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20th

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!



### 2019 Covered Bridge Regattas

Sat., April 6th — Collegiate  
Sat/Sun, April 13/14—Masters  
& Juniors

Info: [regatta@oarowing.org](mailto:regatta@oarowing.org)



### Dexter Lake Farmers Market Joins the South Willamette Food Trail

Dexter Lake Farmers Market will be listed on the South Willamette Food Trail, a promotional program of Travel Oregon. You can find an online interactive map at [EugeneCascadesCoast.org](http://EugeneCascadesCoast.org) or pick up a brochure at the Eugene, Cascades & Coast Visitor Center at 3312 Gateway Street in Springfield. This listing will help put Lowell on the radar of tourists exploring Lane County, and will offer a real market opportunity to anyone considering starting up a business selling prepared foods at our farmers market.

All you need is a Food Handler’s permit and a \$100 Temporary Restaurant License from Lane County.



### Farmers Market Kids’ Booth

Last year Dexter Lake Farmers Market had a lot of fun offering a kids’ booth, with art and game supplies for little ones to enjoy while their family visits the market. We’d love to hear from you if you’re interested in volunteering to help us carry on our Kids’ Booth project for a second year. For more information call 541-579-2995.

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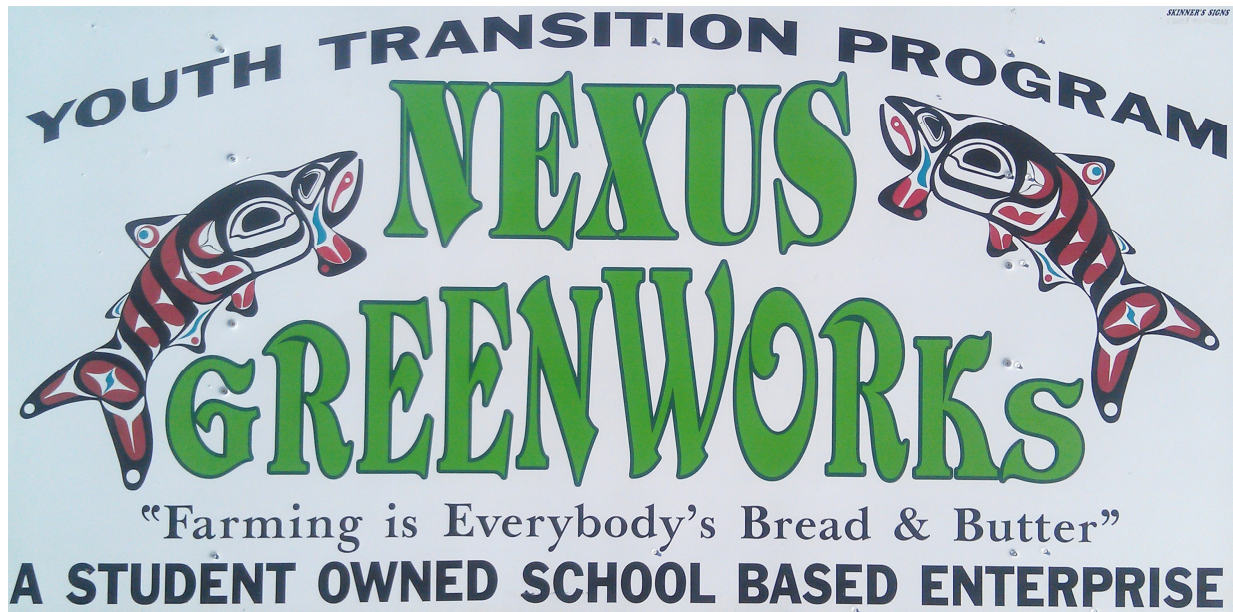
## Postal Customer Lowell/Fall Creek

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events: April 2019

- 2—Baseball v. Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.  
**City Council Special Mtg/Work Session, 7:00 p.m., Fire Hall**
  - 3—Umpqua Choir Festival, 9:45 am, Milo Adventist Academy  
JH Track/Field, North South Classic, Junction City, 3:15/4:00  
Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Fire Hall
  - 4—Varsity Track/Field @ Buckaroo Round Up, St. Paul, 4:00/3:30
  - 5—Baseball v. Monroe, 4:30 p.m.  
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 6—Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Parking lot  
Softball Double Header @ Yoncalla, Noon/2:00 p.m.
  - 7—Lowell Grange Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m., 51 East 2nd Street
  - 8—Softball v. Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.  
Baseball @ Regis, 4:30 p.m.
  - 9—OMEA District 12 Choir Festival, So. Eugene HS, time TBD  
**Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station**  
Blackberry Jam Committee, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Grange
  - 10—MWL JH Track/Field, Mapleton, 4:30/4:00 p.m.  
Softball @ Monroe, 4:30 p.m.
  - 11—Varsity Track/Field @ Glide, 4:00 track, 3:30 field
  - 12—**No School, Grading Day!**  
Mt. West Music Festival, Lowell Gym, 6:30 pm performance
  - 13—Softball Double Header v. Days Creek, 1:00/3:00 p.m.  
Baseball @ Central Linn, Noon
  - 15—MWL Middle School Meet, Monroe HS, 4:15/3:45 p.m.  
Baseball @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
  - 16—PTO Meeting, 3:30, Lundy PDC  
Softball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.  
**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lundy Elem. PDC**
  - 17—Kindergarten Registration, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Lundy PDC  
Baseball v. East Linn Christian, 4:30 p.m.
  - 18—Varsity Track/Field @ Oakland, 5:15/4:30 p.m.
  - 19—Baseball @ Jefferson, 4:30 p.m.
  - 20—Easter Egg Hunt, Lowell Grange, 10:00 a.m.  
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
  - 22—Baseball v. Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.  
Softball @ Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.  
Varsity Track @ Waldport, 4:00 p.m.  
**School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.**
  - 23—MWL Middle School Meet, Blue River 5:00/4:00 p.m.  
Metropolitan Choir Festival, Hult Center, 7 pm performance
  - 24—Softball @ Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.  
Varsity Track/Field @ Creswell, 4:30/4:00 p.m.  
JH Track Cinder Classic, Crow HS, 5:15/4:00 p.m.
  - 25—Baseball @ Monroe, 4:30 p.m.
  - 26—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church  
OMEA Ensemble State Finals, Pacific Univ., time TBD
  - 27—Softball Double Header v. North Douglas, Noon/2:00 p.m.  
Varsity Track Meet of Champions, Sweet Home, 1:00/11:30
  - 29—OSAA Choir State Finals, OSU, time TBD  
Baseball v. Regis, 4:30 p.m.
  - 30—Softball v. Monroe, 4:30 p.m.
- Coming in May:
- 1—Baseball v. Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.  
Varsity Track @ Oakridge, 4:00 p.m.
  - 4—JH Track District Meet, Blue River, 11:00 field, 1:00 track





## SPRING PLANT SALE OPEN HOUSE

**Friday, May 17th 3:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, May 18th 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

The Greenhouse is located on the Lowell High School Campus next to the bus barn. We have all your garden starts, tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, cauliflower and more, healthy and vigorous, ready to be planted. We have Blueberry plants that were generously donated by Fall Creek Farm and Nursery. We are environmentally sensitive to our bee populations and use only organic soil and fertilizers. Please stop by and visit and start your gardening early.

The Nexus Program is student owned and all proceeds from the sale are returned to school programs that continue to enhance life-long learning to better understand the world around us.

Due to SnowMageddon we are having our sale a few weeks later to give our plants time to grow. Thank you for your patience!