

# Rockin' Lowell Back-to-School Dinner and Open House

The Bridge

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All members of the Lowell and Fall Creek communities are invited to a fun Back-to-School event **Tuesday, September 3rd beginning at 5:00 p.m.** at the Covered Playground Area at Lundy Elementary located at 45 S. Moss Street.

Parking will be available on South Moss Street in front of the elementary school, then proceed through the gym.

A delicious dinner will be served from 5:00 until 6:00 p.m. at no cost to families.

Superintendent Johnie Matthews will provide welcoming remarks and introductions at 5:15 p.m.

Both schools will have open houses with teachers in their classrooms from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The Fire Department will have their kid-friendly Crawl, Drag and Squirt course to help entertain your young ones.

With so much new construction, you won't want to miss this event! Questions? Call Colette at 541-937-2105.



As Mr. Matthews is known to say, "Not only are we on the *move*, we are well on our way." Thank you for your continued support of Lowell Schools!

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

#### **New Teachers in Lowell Schools**

**Amanda Goodwin** is joining the District as the new second grade teacher at Lundy Elementary. She graduated from Junction City High School and received her bachelor's degree in education from Northwest Christian University last May. She is now working on her Masters in Education with an endorsement in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Amanda enjoys hiking and reading and playing with her 100# yellow lab, Ryder. Originally an accounting major, Amanda had an epiphany that teaching was

what she really wanted to do and loved her first internship so much she changed her major to education.

Josh Cardwell will be the new math teacher at the high school.

No stranger to Lowell, he graduated from here in 2014. Josh
earned his bachelor's degree in education with a focus in math. He did some substitute
teaching and travelled in Europe and is now ready to be a part of Lowell School District's
continuing success. In addition to junior high and high school math, he will also be teaching an Introduction to Natural Resources in Oregon class. Josh loves all things outdoors

Please welcome these great new employees to Lowell School District!



#### Attendance: The "Every Day Matters" Campaign to Reduce Chronic Absenteeism

Last year our high school set attendance goals to improve daily attendance. I am happy to report that we improved our "regular attenders" rate by 9%. But, we can do even better! This year we want to improve our attendance rate by another 10% and with your help, we can accomplish this. Please help our students get to school on time and community members...if you have a chance to talk to school age students, stress to them that "Every Day Matters"!

Research shows that after 10 days of absence from a school year, students begin to fall behind their peers academically. Additionally, if students miss more than 10% of their school year they are considered chronically absent. When you chat with your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and neighborhood students, take time to ask the students in your life how they are doing with their attendance. Your interest in the topic will go a long way to help them understand that "every day matters"!

#### Good Sportsmanship and HB 3409

Sadly, over the last few years, there has been an uptick of really inappropriate spectator behavior during sporting events around the nation and even in our own state. Racial slurs, name calling, and verbal and physical aggression in sporting events have led to the state requiring OSAA (Oregon Student Activities Association) to mandate some acceptable behavior policies at sporting events and stiffen up complaint processes and sanctions when spectators and teams become abusive and derogatory.

I wish I could say our teams and spectators are always polite and non-abusive but... we too occasionally have less than stellar moments! We, like nearly every school,

do have some work to do in this area. I think we can all agree that we support the basic notion that competitions should be held in supportive environments so all can enjoy the games. Poor spectator behavior likely will result in removal from the sporting event. In the coming weeks, school staff and student leaders will be working to help our student fans become shining examples of great sportsmanship! We ask for the community to lend a hand in this effort by setting a good tone and a good example of sportsmanship at our school athletic events. Thank you in advance for your help in this area.

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# Football

## **Lowell Varsity Football**

Lowell's first home game is Friday, September 6th so come on out and root them on! Team members are seniors AJ Devereaux, Andy Kintzley, Brian Lemon, Desmond Able, Josh Cantwell, Josiah Von-Doloski, Owen Chapman and Taysian Williamson; juniors Bernie Anderson, Carter Wendt, Dillon Biggs and Nicky Sotomayor; sopho-



mores Andrew Bardis, Anthony Smith, Austin Smith, Deacon Savio, Dylan Simon, Odin Sinnett and Raymond Fassbender; and, freshmen Beauden Asher, Hayden Vaughn, Jesse Neet, Levi VonDoloski, Sasha Silver and Trapper Roat. Head coach Pat Todd is assisted by Ryan Maher, Mark Kintzley, Mark Gonzales and Clark Wozich.

## **Lowell Varsity Volleyball**

After a dip in the lake, these girls are ready for a fun volleyball season. Team members are: seniors Alanna Beyer, Kaitlyn Sinnett, Monica Guzman-Fields, Shyann Pocholec and Keara Miller; juniors Kylee Johnson, Lucy Plahn, Kaelyn Matthews, Kelsie Smith and Chyanne Edwards; sophomores Alexis Curry and Ashlee Brooks; and, freshmen Esperanza Guzman-Fields, Amadalla Plagmann and Lydia Plahn. Head coach Kristen Prenevost is assisted by Mollie Garcia-Cash and Maddie Maher.



## **Preschool Openings!**

Lowell Community Preschool has been proudly serving families in this community for over 11 years and is looking forward to another great year. Join us this fall and enroll your 3-5 year-old and potty-trained child by September 1st.

\*Children must be at least three-years-old and potty-trained prior to September 1st. Contact us for more information or look us up on Facebook!

For more information, please call Jessica Pelroy at 541-953-9200.

#### **Lowell PTO Wants YOU!**

The Lowell PTO is looking for volunteers! You don't have to have a kid in school to help out. Join The PTO We'd love to see our retired or empty-nesters community participate in some of our events. Please contact Miranda Plagmann at 541-619-4479 for more information.

## **Donated School Supplies Are Available!**

Through a partnership with Dollar Tree, the Springfield VFW post generously donated boxes of school supplies. Post Commander (and former Lowell School Board member) Jim Matthews brought lots of much needed school supplies to Lundy Elementary. The supplies were shared with East Valley Church who was able to help 39 families this year through their backpack giveaway program.



Jim Matthews & East Valley staff

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!

# City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

## **FEMA Grant Application**

This past month staff attended a half-day scoping meeting with our FEMA representative to start the process of applying for disaster relief funds as a result of the February snow storm. Our FEMA representative explained the types of cleanup and damages that are eligible for funding, which includes debris removal, emergency protective measures (i.e. generators), building and equipment repair. Notably, snow removal is ineligible because the disaster was not declared as a snow event (yes, we know, if the snowpocalypse wasn't a snow event...then

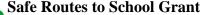


what is?). Staff is working on a grant request for tree and debris removal, electrical repairs, rental equipment, generator fuel, replacement of the lift station generator, and the purchase of the dump trailer used at the Green Waste Facility. FEMA will reimburse up to 75% of eligible project costs.

#### **Code Assistance Grant Awarded**

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) has awarded the City of Lowell a Code Assistance Grant. This grant will be used to implement the recently adopted Downtown Master Plan and update the Land Development Code. The Lane Council of Governments will serve as the consultant and will be paid directly from DLCD for their work.

# ateRoutes Safe Routes to School Grant







Earlier this year Lane County, the City of Lowell and Lowell School District partnered Oregon Safe Routes To School to apply for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding to make significant streetscape and safety improvements to North Shore Drive and Moss Street. Unfortunately, the grant project was not funded. Staff was recently informed, however, that non-infrastructure SRTS funds have been secured for a coordinator dedicated to providing bicycle and pe-

destrian safety in rural Lane County. This is a new program and both the Lowell School District Superintendent and I are proud that our District was selected to serve as the pilot. The pilot program also significantly improves our chances at future SRTS infrastructure funding for downtown streetscape, pedestrian, and bicycle improvements. More information will be provided in the next few months as the program is rolled out. Stay tuned!

## Reminder! You have many options to pay your next Utility Bill...

Online at www.xpressbillpay.com or www.ci.lowell.or.us

Phone 24/7 at 866-785-8380 (interactive voice response) or 800-720-6847 (live operator)

Mail to City of Lowell, P.O. Box 490, Lowell, OR 97452

Drop box next door the front door of City Hall, 107 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

In person at City Hall, 107 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Monday – Thursday 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:30

#### **Board and Committee Vacancies**

The City is accepting applications for the Planning Commission and Blackberry Jam Festival Committee. All interested residents (Planning) and nonresidents (BBJ) are encouraged to apply. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded online at www.ci.lowell.or.us. Applications accepted until all positions are filled.



#### **Lowell City Council Actions**

#### At the August 6th study session, the following topics were discussed:

- SDC Deferral Program
- Rental Housing Ordinance
- Movies in the Park
- Non-Motorized Recreation Dock recommendations
- Reports: Public Safety Service and Projects, FEMA Application, Update of System Development Charges, Sanipac Franchise Agreement
- Blackberry Jam Festival Recap

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#### At the August 20th regular meeting:

- The Yard of the Month was awarded to Lori Ann Kernutt of 465 D Street
- Approved Resolution 726—Deferral of System Development Charges extension
- Approved Mr. Cobb as primary and Ms. Dragt as alternate voting delegate at the League of Oregon Cities Annual Membership Meeting.

All motions were approved 5-0.

#### Monthly Police Log (July 30 - August 28)

Date	Time		Call Type	Location
07/31/19	11:09	AM	Location of Wanted Subject	100 Block North Cannon Street
08/04/19	10:11	PM	Dispute	100 Block North Cannon Street
08/05/19	10:26	AM	Criminal Trespass	100 Block North Cannon Street
08/11/19	7:09	PM	Dispute	500 Block North Hyland Lane
08/11/19	8:10	PM	Criminal Trespass	76100 Block Hyland Lane
08/12/19	3:00	AM	Alarm	40100 Block East First Street
08/12/19	5:08	PM	Dispute	500 Block North Hyland Lane
08/14/19	12:32	AM	Disorderly Subject	100 Block North Pioneer Street
08/15/19	8:14	PM	Location of Wanted Subject	100 Block North Cannon Street
08/16/19	2:18	PM	Theft of Identity	300 Block North Damon Street
08/16/19	2:45	PM	Harassment	100 Block North Cannon Street
08/17/19	2:21	PM	Overdue Subject	100 Block North Moss Street
08/17/19	5:38	PM	Overdue Subject	100 Block North Moss Street
08/19/19	9:11	AM	Location of Runaway	100 Block East Third Street
08/19/19	9:11	AM	Criminal Mischief	76100 Block Hyland Lane
08/21/19	10:38	AM	Fraud	100 Block East Summit Street
08/23/19	11:47	AM	Unlawful Entry Motor Vehicle	100 Block West Lakeview Avenue
08/26/19	5:15	PM	Theft	76100 Block Hyland Lane
08/26/19	5:24	PM	Dog Bite	200 Block North Cannon 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.

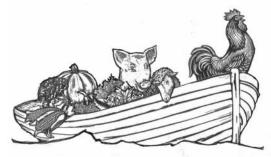
#### September at Dexter Lake Farmers Market, Rolling Rock Park in Lowell

Dexter Lake Farmers Market has had a lovely season since opening in June. We feature a steady supply of vegetables, a variety of berries, and other fruits as they ripen. The first fall grapes came in on Sunday August 25! Great for eating fresh or juicing. A steam juicer makes it easier with seeded varieties.

Food for Lane County will have a booth on Sunday Sept. 1 and Sunday Sept. 15. They represent a network of 157 programs and social service agencies, including our local food banks in Dexter and Lowell. According to their website, Food for Lane County is dedicated to eliminating hunger by creating access to food. The Oregon Food Bank website, (one of the Food for Lane County partners), states that Oregon has a "food insecurity" rate of 14.6%. Food insecurity is defined as being without access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. An estimated 260,000 Oregonians attend a food pantry monthly. Come discuss this issue with the Food for Lane County representatives at Dexter Lake Farmers Market.

Also present at the farmers market on Sept. 1 and 15 will be the Lane County Master Gardeners mobile food clinic. These folks are valuable information sources for any plant related problems. They have been at the market twice a month all summer, and on some Sundays they have not been well utilized. Make a note of your plant problem and plan to discuss it with them. They can help create access to healthy local food in your own back yard!

We at Dexter Lake Farmers Market also work to make local food and handcrafts more available! We are open from noon until 4 PM through the last Sunday in September. We appreciate those who



have purchased our products and who have brought their own products in to sell during the 2019 season. Thank you all very much.

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# FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

### Fire District Reminds Everyone to Be "Wildfire Safe"

Yes, Fire Season is once again upon us and the Lowell Fire District would like to remind everyone that there are a number of ways property owners and tenants can reduce the likelihood of wildfires. There are also a number of ways to reduce the chance of your home or out buildings falling victim to a spreading wildfire should one occur.

To help prevent wildfire damage create a "DEFENSIBLE SPACE" around your home by keeping grass and shrubs cut to a height of less than six inches around your structures. Keep grass and shrubs well irrigated and green to make them less susceptible to fire. Keep combustibles away from structures, keep fir needles and branches clear of roofs and gutters. And remember, outdoor burning is prohibited this time of year due to fire danger.

For more information about preventing wildfires and making your structures wildfire safe, visit the district website or go to www.firewise.org. An additional resource is the Oregon Department of Forestry for property owners living in forestlands. Keep your home wildfire safe.

#### **Summer Water Safety Reminder**

Whether at home or enjoying our local waterways, it is always important to keep safety in mind when in or near water. Drowning can happen at any time of year, but be especially cautious during the summer months when drowning incidents can increase by as much as 89% as compared to the rest of the year.

When the weather turns warm, as it is now, everyone naturally wants to be in or around the water to help stay cool. Hanging out at the pool or the lake on a hot day is a great way to beat the heat. For people between the ages of 5 and 24, drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death.

It doesn't have to be that way, though. Most water-related accidents could be avoided by knowing how to stay safe and following a few simple guidelines. Learning how to swim is essential if you plan on being on or near water. Many organizations provide swim instruction to folks of all ages, check to see what classes are available in our area.

Here are some Swim Smart Ideas:

- Alcohol and Water DO NOT MIX. Anytime you are on or near the water, stay sober. A leading cause of boating accidents is due to alcohol being on board. And I don't mean just on board the boat. Just like driving a car, drinking alcohol and driving a boat can cause disaster, as well as land you in jail.
- "Buddy up!" Always swim with a partner, every time whether you're swimming in a backyard pool or in a lake. Even experienced swimmers can become tired or get muscle cramps, which might make it difficult to get out of the water. When people swim together, they can help each other or go for help in case of an emergency.
- Get skilled and be prepared. Learning some life-saving skills, such as CPR and rescue techniques, can help you save a life. Many organizations offer free classes for both beginning and experienced swimmers and boaters.
- Know your limits. Swimming can be a lot of fun but if you're not a good swimmer or you're just learning to swim, don't go in water that's so deep you can't touch the bottom and don't try to keep up with skilled swimmers. That can be hard, especially when your friends are challenging you but it's a pretty sure bet they'd rather have you safe and alive.
- Swim in safe areas only. It's a good idea to swim only in places that are supervised by a lifeguard. No one can anticipate changing currents, sudden storms, or hidden underwater dangers. In the event that something does go wrong, lifeguards are trained in rescue techniques. Recognize that swimming in an open body of water (like a river, lake, or ocean) is a lot different than swimming in a pool. You need more energy to handle the currents and other changing conditions in the open water. Some areas with extremely strong currents are off limits when it comes to swimming. Do your research so you know where not to swim, and pay attention to any warning signs posted in the area.

Contact the District office at 541-937-3393 or check our web site at www.lowellfiredistrict.org for more information on water safety and boater safety.

**Interested in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter?** Looking for a way to give back to your community? Contact the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District at 541-937-3393 or stop by for a visit. See how you can help your neighbors and see how the District can help you. Check us out today! Visit www.lowellfiredistrict.org for info.

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# In and Around Our Community

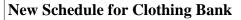
#### **Annual Watershed Celebration**

Join the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council on Wednesday, September 11th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in celebrating our watershed and all the great work you have helped us with this year at our offices in Dexter. We will be having a backyard BBQ with delicious food, live music, lawn games and good people. Bring the family and enjoy the kids' activity corner with our stream table, coloring, and a special appearance by a US Forest service fire truck! For the adults we will have beer, lawn games, and music by the Eugene Barnstormers. Middle Fork Willamette

For more information and to RSVP please visit middleforkwillamette.org/events

WATERSHED Questions? Call or email us! 458-215-8200 or gale@middleforkwillamette.org

We can't wait to see you!



The Clothing Bank will be closed for the month of September, then will re-open in October on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Clothing donations are welcome on days that the clothing bank is open, or contact Brandy Stewart at 541-530-0123 or Stewartsx6@fastmail.fm to make other arrangements. The clothing bank provides free items to anyone in need and all sizes are available. It's located in



the food pantry building at 4 East Lakeview Street (behind the football field). Thank you to our community for being so generous with their donations, they are appreciated very much!

#### Sweet Salvage & Yellow Cottage Life presents...

8th Annual Harvest Fair located at Oak Knoll Acres, 36348 E Enterprise Road, Pleasant Hill Oregon \*1 mile behind Pleasant Hill High School

Friday October 4, 4:00-9:00 (First Dibs Friday) \$8.00 Saturday October 5, 10:00-5:00 \$5.00 Kids 12 under FREE

This event will offer farmhouse finds, rusty junk, vintage signs, handmade jewelry, clothing, painted furniture, repurposed & salvage, industrial and lots of holiday decor; just in time for Christmas!! These amazing vendors come from all over the Northwest! Save your appetite, there will be food trucks, coffee, and some wonderful treats from some local businesses! Hope you can come out and support some truly talented vendors. Mark your calendars!!

#### **Mystery Dinner Theater Tickets on Sale!**

The Lowell Grange Building Restoration Committee presents "Dinner at Eight, Dead by Nine", a comedy mystery by Michael Druce. Four performances will be held in September. Dates/times are:

> Saturday, September 21st, 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 22nd, 4:00 p.m. Saturday, September 28th, 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 29th, 4:00 p.m.

Cost is just \$15 for a chicken dinner and the show! Tickets must be purchased ahead of time and are of limited quantity. Don't miss out — call Gerry at 541-937-2190 or stop by Bridge Town Market to get yours.

Proceeds help restore the his- DINNER AT EIGHT. toric Grange Hall Building. We appreciate your support of this effort!



### Line Dancing at the Grange!

Line Dance lessons will be held at the Grange on September 4th, 11th and 18th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (and hopefully pick up again in October). The cost is \$2 per

person (ages 16 and up) to cover the rental fee. Each week you will learn one new dance and then practice the dances you have already learned. Questions? Call Gary at 541-650-2917.



#### Craft Show at the Grange—Nov. 9th and 10th

There will be a Craft Show at the Lowell Grange, 51 East 2nd Street on Saturday, November 9th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday the 10th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Come see all the talent our community has to offer and get a head start on your holiday shopping.

#### Hall of Fame Celebration - Save the Date!

Due to the extensive construction projects at the school, we are moving the Hall of Fame banquet to Saturday, April 18, 2020. If you haven't attended but would like an invitation, please email aaf@lowell.k12.or.us or call Maureen at 541-954-5765 to get on the list.

The classes of 1994 and 1995 will also be celebrating their 25th reunions and the classes of 1969 and 1970 will be celebrating their 50th reunions.

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# Postal Customer Lowell/Fall Creek

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

# **Upcoming Meetings and Events: September 2019**

- 1—Lowell Grange Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m., 51 East 2nd Street Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
- 3—Back-to-School Dinner/Open House, 5:00/7:00, Lundy Elem. City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., M. Osgood Library
- 4—First day of school please drive safely!
  Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., M. Osgood Library
- 5—Parks & Recreation Committee, 6:00 p.m., M. Osgood Library
- 6—JV/Varsity Football v. Siletz, 5:00/7:00 p.m. Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 7—Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Parking lot Cross Country @ Tillamook Invitational, 8:15 a.m.
- 8—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
- 10—JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Jefferson, 4:30/6:00 p.m. Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 11—Cross Country @ Silver Falls Invitational, 3:30 p.m. JH Football @ Oakridge, 5:00 p.m.
- 12—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Central Linn, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
- 13—Varsity Football @ Nestucca, 7:00 p.m. **No School!** Teacher In-service day
- 14—Varsity Volleyball @ Umpqua Valley Tourney, 9:00 a.m. Cross Country @ LCC Northwest Classic, 10:00 a.m. Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 14/15—Columbia Drag Boat Races, Lowell Marina, all day
- 15—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell

- 16—JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Pleasant Hill, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
- 17—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Monroe, 4:30/6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Maggie Osgood Library
- 18—JH Football @ Central Linn, 5:00 p.m.
- 19—JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Oakridge, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
- 20—Varsity Football @ St. Paul, 7:00 p.m.
- 21—Cross Country @ Cottage Grove Harrier's Challenge, TBD Varsity Volleyball @ Salem Academy, TBD
- 22—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell
- 23—School Board Meeting, PDC at Lundy Elem., 7:00 p.m.
- 24—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Regis, 4:30/6:00 p.m. Jr. Varsity Football v. Triangle Lake, 6:00 p.m. Blackberry Jam Festival Committee, 7:00 pm, Osgood Library
- 25—Half day of school, release at 11:50 a.m. JH Football @ St. Paul, 5:00 p.m.
- 26—JV/Varsity Volleyball @ East Linn Christian, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
- 27—Varsity Football v. North Douglas, 7:00 p.m. Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 28—Cross Country @ Springfield Invitational, TBD
- 29—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell

#### In October:

- 1—JV/Varsity Volleyball v. Oakland, 4:30/6:00 p.m.
- 2—JH Football @ North Douglas, 5:00 p.m.
- 3—Cross Country @ Stayton Invitational, 3:00 p.m.