



The Bridge

Making community connections

Open House at the Lowell Grange

51 East Second Street

Saturday, April 11, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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Join us for a fun day at the Grange on Saturday, April 11th from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Enjoy hamburgers, hot-dogs, salads and ice cream. The Lowell Grange is located at the corner of 2nd and Moss Streets. All are welcome! Our friendly Grangers will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about the Grange.

This year's open house will feature several activities and presentations including **Cake Walks** throughout the day, music by Carol Chapman, and Don Bennett will be on hand with the **Traveling Trunk**. Our feature presenter, Grange member **Jef Jalof**, will talk about the **Nexus Greenworks** program at the school and will answer questions about planting and gardening.

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 to have replaced the roof and insulated the building recently. Grants from Oregon Parks & Recreation Department and Lane Electric plus money earned from the many monthly fundraising



activities have made these improvements possible.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support!

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

“Shout Out” to our wonderful volunteers:

As the school year progresses and begins to “wind down” it is important to take some time to thank the community for their school help and volunteerism. In our schools we have had volunteers of all ages doing jobs such as helping to maintain our school grounds, coaching, tutoring, helping with school projects, and helping within the classroom. When individuals volunteer, they give up their own time to support activities that benefit and inspire others. Volunteering is a very selfless gift and is so appreciated by our staff. The staff at Lowell and Lundy express gratitude to all of the school parent and community volunteers. You inspire us and our students!



Also a special thanks to all who attended three important events in March. On March 3rd Lundy celebrated “**Read Across America**” Day. Many parents celebrated with us during the “**Green Eggs and Ham**” Breakfast and the school-wide assembly. At the end of the day, the entire Jr./Sr. High School came to the elementary school and read with the younger students. On March 12th, many families and students participated in the grades 7-10 **GEAR UP Parent Night** which included entertainment from the 7th and 8th grade band and choir and informational presentations by staff. Finally, on March 13th the Lundy/Lowell Site Council sponsored a **Lundy Movie Night**. This was a fundraiser with proceeds going to pay for the Lundy Yearbook. Thank you again to all who participated and attended!



Kindergarten Registration

In April, Lundy will begin welcoming the 2015-2016 Kindergarten students, the newest Lowell School District students. A special Kindergarten registration event will be held at Lundy Elementary on April 10th from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. Parents will be able to learn information about the Kindergarten program and incoming students will have the chance to visit the Kindergarten classroom.

The incoming students will participate in an art project, take a school tour, and finally, along with their parents, take a bus ride around the community of Lowell. The registration presentation will include a recap of the new upgrades to the building, Kindergarten curriculum, teaching philosophy and highlights of the benefits of small class sizes. Lundy offers incoming Kindergarten students and their parents an expert and responsive staff, all day Kindergarten, classes five days a week, volunteerism, Title I support services, and Lundy as a public school with a “private school” feel. Light refreshments will be served.

If you are unable to attend the Kindergarten Registration event, or know of anyone who is not able to attend, please call Kay Graham or Colette Ullrich at Lundy Elementary at 541-937-2105 to get the proper forms and information to get your student enrolled.

We are very excited about the new school year and can't wait to meet all of the new students!

In Memoriam: Brad Barnett

Our community lost a wonderful man on March 24th. Born in Chelan, Washington in 1956, Brad graduated from Lebanon High School then earned a degree in Industrial Arts Education from University of Wisconsin—Stout. He began teaching at Lowell in January 1981 and spent 30+ years at Lowell High School before retiring in 2012.

Brad is survived by his wife, Mary, two daughters Tiffanie (Eric) Day and Jennifer (Chad) Kordon, grandson Sawyer and granddaughter Skylar and Baby Day due in May. A memorial service will be held on **Saturday, April 4th at 2:00 p.m.** in the Lowell High School gym.

A scholarship is being set up to honor Brad. Please visit GoFundMe.com/q745zw or mail your donation to Mary Barnett, P. O. Box 455, Lowell, OR 97452.



State Wrestling Champions!!

Lowell added three championship trophies for wrestling at the State finals this year. Senior Josh Conner (not pictured) won at 132#. Sophomore Tommy Harvey won his first place award at 152# by decisions of 8-0 and 3-2 before pinning his opponent in the final in 5 minutes 15 seconds. His brother, senior Tanner Harvey, won his third straight championship at 182#. He pinned all three of his opponents, wrestling for only 5 minutes 30 seconds for all three!

The Harvey brothers credit their father, Heath, for their success. Not only was Heath a four-time championship wrestler at Lowell, he also helps with coaching. While Tommy has two years left, Tanner will graduate and join his father in the family business, Harvey Selective Logging.

Congratulations Tanner, Josh and Tommy!!



Tanner Harvey and Tommy Harvey

Volleyball Clean-up on Saturday, April 11th, 8:00 a.m. at PK Park

Head coach Kristen Prenevost invites community members to join the volleyball team at a team fundraiser on April 11th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at PK Park, University of Oregon's baseball field on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. A few more adults are needed to help clean and/or transport students to and from the event. It only takes a couple hours and is a great way to support our volleyball team! Call or text Kristen at 541-729-3256 or email her at Kristen.prenvost@yahoo.com if you can help.

University of Oregon Clean-ups: Great Fundraising Opportunities for our Kids!

Thanks to Suzanne Kintzley, we have an ongoing relationship with U of O to raise funds for many different efforts by cleaning up after collegiate events. Over the years, Lowell has earned thousands of dollars for sports teams, the music program, academics, community member support and more. The beauty of these events is all you need to do is put your work clothes on, get a little exercise, then feel great about the support you've given. So, when you get that next text, email or phone call to help, please consider this opportunity. The students earn required community service hours and they appreciate your help very much!

Lowell School District Position Openings

School Secretary I

This is a permanent, part-time position, typically less than four hours per day through the end of the 2014-15 school year, then restarting in September for the 2015-16 school year in September. This staff member will assist the office staff in the daily operation of Lundy Elementary School and Lowell Jr./Sr. High School. Additionally, this staff member will assist with student supervision. The classified salary range for this position is \$12.27-\$15.20 per hour.

Part-Time Custodian/Substitute Bus Driver

This permanent, part-time position will begin June 15, 2015 and run through the 2015-16 school year. The custodian work schedule is typically weekdays (late afternoon/evening), approximately six hours per day, 260 days per year. Substitute bus driving can be scheduled at any time during the day. Future work days and hours may vary as needed. Additional hours may be required as needed. The classified salary range for this custodian position is \$12.84-\$15.91 depending on experience, plus benefits. The substitute bus driver wage is \$14.19 per hour.

For detailed job descriptions and to apply online, go to the Employment Opportunities page on the District's website at www.lowell.k12.or.us. Applications are also available in the High School Office at 65 S. Pioneer Street, Lowell.

The Lowell School District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender or disability.

City Beat

You are invited to...

LOWELL PUBLIC WORKS

OPEN HOUSE

Water Reclamation Facility, 240 S. Moss St.

Water Treatment Plant, 60 Parker Lane

Wednesday, **April 22**, from **1:00-3:00** p.m.

Tours will begin every 15 minutes at each facility.

****CLOSED TOE SHOES ARE REQUIRED.****

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.

From the March 3rd regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 617—an ordinance Amending the Personnel Policies Manual Relating to Paid Holidays (floating holiday for the Friday after Thanksgiving is no longer needed with a five day a week schedule). In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson and Rennert; Opposed: none.
- Approved Resolution 618—an ordinance Amending the Personnel Policies Manual Relating to Performance Management Review and Compensation (changes evaluations to be done on the employee's anniversary of hire and not fiscal calendar year). In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood; Opposed: Paulson and Rennert.
- Approved Resolution 619—Donation to the Oregon Rowing Association. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson and Rennert; Opposed: none.

From the March 17th regular meeting:

- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 291—an ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 286 and reinstate Ordinance 242 which describes the duties of the City Administrator. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood and Paulson; Opposed: Rennert. Also approved bringing the ordinance back for second reading and possible adoption at the next meeting. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood and Paulson; Opposed: Rennert.
- Approved amending the proposed Ordinance 290—an ordinance Amending LRC Section 2.062 and 2.063 Relating to Responsibilities/Duties of the City Attorney by deleting the original parts of 290 and replacing it with "All contact with the City Attorney will be coordinated with the City Administrator". In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood and Paulson; Opposed: Rennert. Approved bringing this amended ordinance back to the next meeting for discussion and possible 1st reading. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson and Rennert; Opposed: none.
- Auditor Recommendation—Authorized staff to enter into negotiations with Emerald CPA Group and enter into a contract for three years of audit services for an amount not to exceed \$11,000 per year. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson and Rennert; Opposed: none.
- Approved Resolution 620—a resolution Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. In support: Bennett, Burford, Osgood, Paulson and Rennert; Opposed: none.

Important City Council Events for April

April will be a busy month for the City Council with some very important topics to be discussed.

April 7th

- The U.S. Forest Service will give a presentation to the Council on Successional Reserve Density Management Project Environmental Assessment.
- The Council will be reading a couple proposed ordinances relating to the City Administrator and City Attorney duties.
- The Council will possibly be hearing public comments for a proposed Animal Control Ordinance.

April 21st

- The Lane County Board of Commissioners will be giving a presentation to the Council and public on vehicle licensing tax.
- A Public Hearing will be conducted to hear public comments for a proposed land use ordinance that will regulate medical marijuana dispensaries and/or stores. This is a joint session with the City Council and Planning Commission.

April 22nd

- The Council will be touring the water treatment and water reclamation facilities.

Prior to each council meeting, an agenda will be posted at the Lowell Post Office and on the web at www.ci.lowell.or.us. After meetings the minutes are also posted on the website.

Donations to Kidz Korner

Getting started on your Spring Cleaning? The Blackberry Jam is seeking donations for the prize tent at the festival. Any new or gently used toys or monetary donations to purchase toys would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your toys and donations to Joyce at City Hall or you can call 541-937-5544. Thank you for your help!



Library Volunteers Wanted

The Lowell Library is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and is staffed totally by volunteers. A few days need more volunteers so if you have a few hours or more, please consider helping out at the library.

We have openings on Mondays from 1:00-5:30 p.m., Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Hours are very flexible so if you are interested, please call Maggie at 541-937-3759 or stop by the Library at City Hall, 107 East 3rd Street.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month Here's How You Can Help

It is reasonable to assume that without additional prevention strategies and efforts, the incidence of child abuse and neglect in Lane County will not be any lower in 10 years than it is today.

We believe that to make it possible to dramatically reduce child abuse and neglect, **we need more people**. To that end, 90by30 is asking individuals and groups all over Lane County, who are not currently involved in child abuse prevention efforts, to join in and 'play your part'. An individual or group could help to select the community-based strategies to implement in their own area, assist in implementing the chosen strategies, be a part of the web-based communication system, or join the group that evaluates the effectiveness of the strategies chosen.

Social support and connection *is* prevention. Every person, group and entity has a role. To learn more about how you and your group can contribute to reducing child abuse and neglect in Lane County, please visit: <http://90by30.com>. You are also invited to attend the 90by30 conference — open to everyone — on Saturday, April 25th. Go to the website for conference registration. Learn about how Australia is working to reduce child abuse and ensure that your voice will help us create a safe and nurturing community for all Lane County children.



REDUCE CHILD ABUSE
90% BY 2030 IN LANE COUNTY

Community involvement is the single most important factor in preventing child abuse and neglect.

FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Take Action Now To Protect Your Home

According to the National Association of State Foresters, nearly 70,000 communities nationwide are at risk from wildfire and our communities are no exception. Embers from a wildfire travel great distances, often causing new wildfires more than a mile from their origin. It can take years for communities like ours to recover from a devastating wildfire. In addition, wildfires cost government, businesses and individuals billions of dollars each year in suppression costs and damage to homes, infrastructure, the economy and resources.

Now is the time for homeowners and communities to safeguard their homes and property from a wildfire threat. As the old saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. With some fairly simple steps, every property owner can help protect their home and families as well as their neighbors if a wildfire was to strike.

Wildfire is an inevitable fact of life. Awareness and prevention of those living in fire-prone communities must prepare in advance to mitigate wildfire damage when it occurs. The more proactive actions a community takes, the more *fire adapted* it becomes.

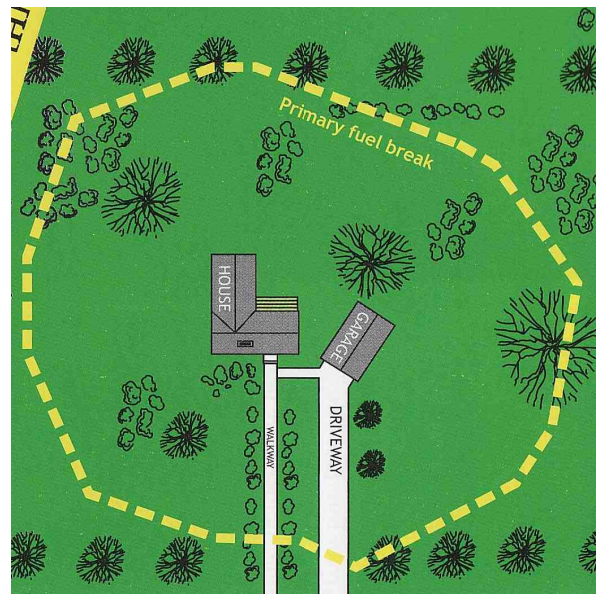
The Wildfire threat is a reality throughout Lane County. With a minimal amount of work around your home and property, you can greatly reduce the chance of a wildfire.

The Lowell Fire District is committed to help provide the tools, information and encouragement to prepare for wildfire and reduce the risk of wildfire in our community. Here are some steps to take around your home:

- 1) Remove dead or overhanging branches. During the windy conditions that exist during a wildland fire, flames, sparks and firebrands could travel from the tree to the roof of a structure.
- 2) Remove leaf, moss and needle accumulation from your yard. Leaf and needle accumulation provides fuel for a wildland fire.
- 3) Remove leaf, needle and moss clutter from your roof and gutters. During a wildland fire, flying embers could ignite this material on the roof and/or in the gutters.
- 4) Remove tall, dry grasses. Tall, dry grasses provide a path for fire that can lead directly to your house.
- 5) Remove "ladder fuels". Prune tree limbs so the lowest is between 6' - 10' from the ground. Fire burning through tall, dry grass could ignite these limbs and climb to the top of the tree with relative ease.

- 6) If you have one, check your generator, water system and hoses to be sure they are in good repair. A wildfire could affect electrical power to homes. Refuel garden equipment carefully. Yard equipment needs annual maintenance and proper fueling. Hoses develop leaks and deteriorate with age and exposure. During wildland fire season, fuel your lawn mower properly--away from dry, flammable grasses.
- 7) Prune bushes and shrubs regularly. Remove excess growth as well as dead leaves and branches to decrease their flammability, and the threat they could pose during a wildland fire. Dispose of cuttings and debris promptly, according to local regulations.

For more tips and advice on making your home and property "WILDFIRE SAFE", contact the District office at 541-937-3393 or go to www.lowellfiredistrict.org for more information.



Lowell Fire District Appoints Budget Committee

At the March 18th meeting of the Lowell Fire District Board of Directors, the Budget Committee for fiscal year 2015/2016 was appointed. The Budget Committee members include Jef Jalof, Lisa Wilson, Maureen Weathers, Pam Baumann and Donna McCallum. The first budget committee meeting is scheduled for April 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Station in Lowell. For more information about the Fire District budget contact Chief Hoehn at 541-937-3393 or go to the District web page at www.lowellfiredistrict.org.

In and Around Our Community

Free Breakfast Easter Sunday, April 5th

The East Valley Church invites anyone and everyone to join them for a Free Breakfast Easter Sunday, April 5th, 8:00 a.m. East Valley is located across from the Grange at 72 East 2nd Street.

PLEASE NOTE: The Lowell Grange will NOT be serving breakfast Easter Sunday, but will serve their monthly Free Breakfast the following week on **Sunday, April 12th.**

Regattas in April

The 2015 Covered Bridge Regatta will span two weekends this year. First up is the Collegiate Regatta on Saturday, April 11th. Then the following weekend will be the 21st Annual Juniors and Masters Regatta all day Saturday the 18th and Sunday morning the 19th. In addition to some spectacular racing, there will be food and coffee booths, raffle prizes and more!



Please go to oarowing.org or to the CBR15 Facebook page for more information or to volunteer at either event.

2nd Annual EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4th!

Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street

Starts at 10:00 a.m.

Ages toddlers to 13

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

Coloring Contest: School children will receive a page to color. Bring your colored page to the Easter Egg Hunt for a chance to win a prize. Additional copies will be available at City Hall and the Post Office.



Grange Events in April

Breakfast on April 12th

Texas Hold 'em Poker on April 3rd and 18th

Bingo! on April 1st and 15th

Karaoke with Bill & Linda Lee, April 10th, 6:00 p.m.

Your support of these events help restore the historic Grange Hall Building. Thank you very much!

SPILLWAY GATE REHAB WILL LOWER LOOKOUT POINT RESERVOIR SUMMER WATER LEVELS

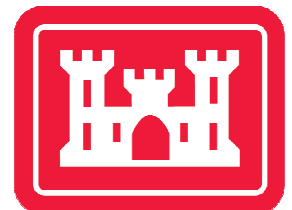
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says that Lookout Point Reservoir's water level will be kept at least 60 feet below its usual maximum elevation this summer, affecting recreational access.

The Corps will rehabilitate the dam's five spillway gates from July 2015 through November 2018 – two spillway gates from July through November 2015, and one additional gate from September through November each year after.

“Lookout Point Dam does not have stop logs (metal wall segments that can be placed between the reservoir and spillway gates) to keep the work area unwatered,” said Jerry Otto, Corps rehabilitation project manager. “Instead, we will manage the reservoir's elevation to keep it at least 20 feet below the spillway crest whenever possible.”

The Corps expects to fill Lookout Point Reservoir to no higher than 900 feet above sea level this spring, in order to draw it back down to the needed work elevation by July. The lower water levels will make the Black Canyon (ramp toe at 900 feet), and Meridian Park (908 feet) and Hampton Landing (911 feet) boat ramps unusable throughout the spring and summer. The Signal Point boat ramp is usable down to elevation 821 feet.

“We understand the impact of this drawdown on reservoir users, but our highest priority is improving Lookout Point Dam's ability to reduce flood damage,” Otto said.



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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

Upcoming Meetings and Events: April 2015

- 1—Varsity Softball v. Waldport, 4:30 pm.
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
 - 2—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 3—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Monroe, 4:30 p.m.
Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 4—Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m., Lowell Grange, 51 E. 2nd Street
Varsity Track @ North Douglas, 10:30 a.m. — cancelled
Brad Barnett Memorial Service, 2:00 p.m., High School Gym
 - 5—Breakfast at East Valley Church, 8:00 a.m., 72 E. 2nd Street
 - 7—District 12 Choir Competition, South Eugene HS, 11:20 a.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 8—Varsity Baseball @ Creswell JV, 4:30 p.m.
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
 - 9—Varsity Track @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
 - 10—Grading Day — No School!
Kindergarten Registration, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Lundy Elementary
Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Oakland, 4:30 p.m.
Karaoke at the Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m., 51 E. 2nd Street
 - 11—Lowell Grange Open House, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Varsity Track @ Cascade, 11:30 a.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Waldport, 2:00 p.m.
Covered Bridge Collegiate Regatta, Lowell Marina
 - 12—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m., 51 E. 2nd
 - 14—Varsity Softball v. Mohawk, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Baseball v. McKenzie, 4:30 p.m.
Jr. High Track @ McKenzie Mtn. West Meet, TBA
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Fire Hall
 - 15—Curriculum Day — 1/2 day of school
Lowell School District Budget Mtg, 4:30-6:00, Lundy PDC
BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
Fire District Budget/Board Meeting, 6:30/7:00pm, Lowell
 - 16—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Pleasant Hill JV, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Track @ Pleasant Hill, 4:00 p.m.
 - 17—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. N. Douglas, 4:30 p.m.
Mtn. West Music Festival Performance, Oakridge HS, 7:00 pm
 - 18—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
 - 18-19—Covered Bridge Juniors/Masters Regatta, Lowell Marina
 - 20—Varsity Softball/Baseball v. Yoncalla, 4:30 p.m.
 - 21—Metropolitan Choir Festival, Hult Center, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
 - 22—Lowell Public Works Open House, 1:00-3:00 pm, 240 S. Moss
Jr. High Track @ Creswell, 3:30 p.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Crow, 4:30 p.m.
 - 24—Varsity Track @ McKenzie, 4:30 p.m.
 - 27—Varsity Softball v. Thurston JV, 4:30 p.m.
School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.
 - 28—Jr. High Track @ Crow Mt. West Meet, 4:00 p.m.
Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
 - 29—Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Monroe, 4:30 p.m.
- In May:
1—Varsity Track @ Reedsport, 2:00 p.m.
Varsity Softball/Baseball @ Oakridge, 4:30 p.m.
- Changes to sports events because of weather will be posted as soon as possible on the reader board and school website.