



The Bridge

Making community connections

Class of 2016 Graduation June 17th

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Graduation ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Lowell High School.

Valedictorian is Christopher Chapman. He is the son of Jill and Greg Chapman of Lowell. Christopher has attended Lowell schools since the 6th grade and has been very active in band and sports activities. He will graduate with a GPA of 4.0 and will attend Oregon Institute of Technology to major in Mechanical Engineering and has been accepted into the ME-COP internship program. He enjoys using creative thinking required for design engineering projects.

Salutatorian is Mitchell Riberal. Mitchell's parents are Lisa and Gary Riberal of Lowell. Mitchell has attended Lowell since Kindergarten and has also been an active participant in band and sports. He will graduate with a GPA of 3.81 and plans to attend the University of Oregon's sports marketing program with the goal of working for a large sports oriented company or professional team to utilize his love of sports.

Congratulations to these outstanding seniors and all of the graduating class of 2016!



Christopher Chapman and Mitchell Riberal

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FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Keith Hoehn

Firefighters Attend Special Training

Three of our Volunteer Firefighters had the opportunity to attend some special training offered by Union Pacific Railroad. The three-day course was designed to provide training in the mitigation of an incident involving crude oil in a rail transportation environment. The course consisted of classroom instruction and hands on exercises including live fire training. The training was held at the Security and Emergency Response Training Center located in Pueblo Colorado. Union Pacific provided the training, transportation to and from Pueblo and lodging at no cost to the Fire District.

As shipments of crude oil increase on our local rail line, this training is invaluable in helping small organizations such as ours, learn and practice techniques to safely mitigate emergencies involving rail transportation. Members of the Lowell Fire District as well as the Dexter Fire District have taken advantage of this excellent training opportunity. Members will be passing on lessons learned to all the agencies along the Highway 58 corridor.



Fire District Budget Committee Approved Budget

The Fire District Budget Committee held a meeting on May 17th to review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. The Budget includes \$726,782 in revenue, with expenditures of equal value. The current tax rate of \$2.697 per \$1,000 is sufficient to fund the district at current levels. A copy of the budget can be viewed at www.lowellfiredistrict.org or copies can be obtained by stopping by the main station in Lowell.

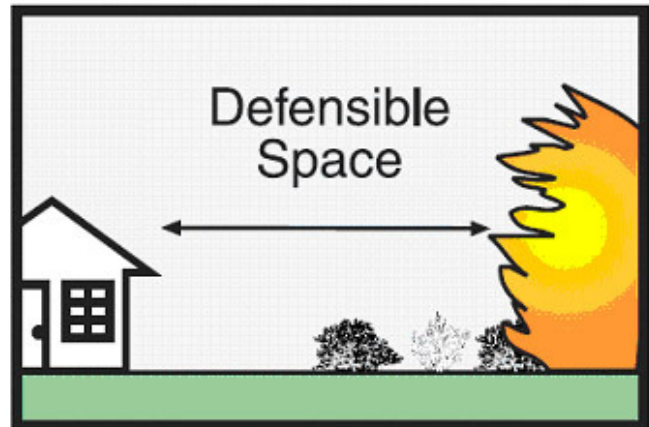
The District Budget Hearing will be held June 14th prior to the regular meeting of the Board of Directors. The public is welcome and can present comment on the proposed budget for board deliberation. For more information contact the district office at 541-937-3393.

Burn Season Reminder

Remember that you only have until June 15th to get all your tree, shrub and yard trimmings burned. The outdoor burn season typically ends June 15th, dependent on weather conditions. For the outdoor burning advisory call Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA), burn advisory line at 541-726-3976 Option 3. Outdoor burning is allowed on days designated by LRAPA. Make sure it is a burn day and you are burning authorized material. For more information on outdoor burning call LRAPA at 541-736-1056 or go to www.LRAPA.org.

Use the “Zone Concept” to Help Protect Your Home From Wildfire

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 extends 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.

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

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.

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. GOTO www.firewise.org, or www.lowellfiredistrict.org or stop by the Main Fire Station in Lowell for more information.

More from the City of Lowell: Monthly Police Log (April 23 – May 24)

05/17 10:01 a.m. | Civil Service at 100 Block West Fourth Street
 05/02 05:07 p.m. | Violation of Restraining Order at 100 Block West Fourth Street
 05/14 11:33 p.m. | Vehicle Stop at North Moss Street and East Fourth Street
 05/10 09:22 a.m. | Theft at 100 Block West Second Street
 05/16 01:55 a.m. | Loud Noise at North Cannon Street and East Second Street
 05/05 01:17 a.m. | Criminal Trespass at 100 Block North Cannon Street
 05/09 03:25 p.m. | Menacing at 300 Block East First Street
 04/25 09:08 p.m. | Location of Wanted Subject at 500 Block East First Street
 05/17 07:24 p.m. | Harassment at 100 Block North Moss Street
 05/03 09:23 p.m. | Check Welfare at 100 Block North Alder Street
 05/07 07:35 p.m. | Criminal Trespass at 100 Block West Main Street
 05/13 12:41 a.m. | Suspicious Conditions at 100 Block East Main Street
 04/29 02:05 a.m. | Vehicle Stop at East Main Street and South Pioneer Street
 05/15 12:04 a.m. | Vehicle Stop at South Pioneer Street and East Lakeview Avenue
 05/22 01:44 a.m. | Dispute at 100 Block West Lakeview Avenue

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 call 9-1-1.

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

Summer Camp Offerings in Lowell

As the summer quickly approaches, many families are thinking about summer plans for their children. Lowell School District is excited to announce we will be offering a variety of new summer camps this year, including a Summer Recreation and Fitness Program, Science Camp, Culinary Classes, Multicultural Camp, and Drama Camp. All camps will offer fun and engaging activities to keep children active and learning over the summer.

The **Summer Recreation and Fitness Program** will run Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting July 5 and ending August 26. The program will be open to all children in current grades 3-6. Children attending the program will participate in primarily outdoor activities, with a different theme for each week. Parents can sign their kids up for the program by filling out and submitting a Participant Registration Form, which will be available in the Lundy Elementary Office. Participants may join the program from start to finish, or just the weeks they wish to attend. Responsible high school students interested in volunteering for the program can also join by filling out a Volunteer Application Form, which can be picked up in the Lowell High School office.

Academic Summer School will begin the week of June 20th for Lundy students and the week of June 27th for High school students. The focus of academic summer school is literacy and math for Lundy students and credit recovery, passing local assessments for graduation, and skill building for high school students.

This year we are expanding our summer camp option for Lowell students. The summer camps include: **Iron Chef Cooking** (sponsored by the Oregon State Extension Service and designed for incoming grades 6th - 8th), **Science Camp** (with a focus on coastal ecosystems and including field trips to the coast and classes at the Hatfield Marine Science Center), **Drama Camp** (taught by the high school Drama Teacher, Micah Klatt, and ending with a production for the community), and **Multicultural Camp** (taught by Dr. Rius who teaches Spanish at the UofO and Lowell High School). More information and applications for these camps will be available on Friday, June 3rd in the Lowell and Lundy offices. The camps will have "caps" and will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Waiting lists will be generated. Contact the Lowell and Lundy offices for more information.

www.lowell.k12.or.us

Lowell and Lundy Curriculum Improvements

While a very visible transformation has been happening to the physical appearance of Lowell and Lundy over the past three years, changes and improvements to the student curriculum and teaching methods are also happening.

Curriculum Improvements at Lundy: Lundy has new curriculum in reading, writing, social studies, and most recently, the school board approved updated curriculum in math. This year teachers piloted a math program that incorporates both print material and on-line work. Next year, all students will have access to computers to help facilitate the on-line learning component of the math curriculum. Parents will also be able to access the on-line curriculum to help students improve math skills if necessary. Science will also have an increased focus next year as teachers incorporate the "New Generation Science Standards" within their curriculum.

Curriculum Improvements at Lowell Jr./Sr. High School: The addition of the GEAR UP grant has been instrumental in helping students visit college campuses, go to summer camps, attend summer and Saturday School, and access scholarships and financial aid. At Lundy, all students are welcome to increase their skills through the after school program called "power hour" and at Lowell, academic tutoring is available to all students Monday through Thursday after school. Recently, Lowell has added voluntary "Saturday School" for students wanting help with state exam preparation (as shown below).



Our staff continues to hone their teaching skills and have been able to access multiple professional development opportunities. Indeed this is a great time to be a student in the Lowell School District! Every student is known and valued for what they contribute to our school and community.

Class of 2016

This year's graduating class includes Christopher Chapman, Taylor Clark, Dylan Gehrman, Jeffery Gilliland, Pierce Gossler, Cory Hern, Dillan Jearls, Savannah Kascak, Tyler Morse, Evan Nolan, Marisa Owsley, Mitchell Riberal, Robert Rose, Timothy Sirmons, Cameron Slaven, Samuel Thurman and Laura Young. Congratulations to all the students, their teachers and families!



New Playground Equipment at Lundy

The Lowell Parent, Teacher Organization (PTO) has been hard at work raising funds for new playground equipment. We are happy to announce that we have been able to raise nearly \$14,000 through fundraising, a Lowes Grant, the Lowell, Fall Creek Education Foundation, as well as from private donations. We were able to order our equipment, after receiving Board approval, in April 2016 and are looking forward to our ribbon cutting ceremony in late September/October 2016.

We are currently taking bids from contractors for installation, as the community build we had hoped to do is not possible for liability reasons. This has also left us with the need to raise few thousand dollars more in order to get our equipment professionally installed.

PTO is working hard on recycling cans throughout the summer (see picture at right).

If you would like to help volunteer at one of these events, provide us with cans and bottles, or make a private donation, please contact Aaron Manfrede 503-798-7519 or Jennifer Kordon 541-337-3434. Private donations can be brought or mailed directly to the school, please make checks payable to LOWELL PTO, we would be happy to send you a receipt for your charitable donation.



Lowell Volleyball

The Lowell High School volleyball team will be doing many fun activities over the summer including hiking, open gyms, and scrimmages with other schools. All summer activities (excluding daily doubles) are just for fun, they are not a requirement to play in the fall. Please join the Lowell Red Devils Facebook page to get the most current updates if you haven't already.

Summer activities are for incoming freshmen through seniors. We will be holding our annual kids camp in August. Watch 'The Bridge' and the volleyball team's Facebook page for more details later this summer. Please call Coach Kristen Prenevost at 541-729-3256 with any questions.

After School Cooking Classes A Success!

The after school "Kids in the Kitchen" classes were a big hit this year. Students in 3rd through 5th grades learned about the importance of food safety and kitchen guidelines. Through the program, students gained real cooking skills, while having fun in the kitchen.

Each weekly class focused on a different nutrition theme and included hands-on cooking projects. Students also enjoyed the rewards of their work in the kitchen by eating what they prepared and taking home recipes to share with their families.



City Beat

By Jared Cobb, City Administrator

Mowing Season

Mowing season is now in full swing and the City of Lowell wants to remind residents about our noxious vegetation code. The Lowell Revised Code Section 5.120 Noxious Vegetation identifies the following as noxious vegetation:

- Poison oak and poison ivy
- Blackberry bushes that extend into a public thoroughfare or across a property line
- Vegetation that is a health, fire, or traffic hazard
- Weeds or grass more than 12 inches in height
- Weeds or grass going to seed

Yards with noxious vegetation are subject to civil citation and abatement. This also includes mowing and trimming adjacent public right-of-way in the front, side, or rear yard to the street. For parcels one acre or larger, noxious vegetation is only required to be controlled within 20 feet from adjoining developed property.

To simplify compliance, we are following the same code enforcement process that we use for other common violations, such as accumulations of garbage and inoperable vehicles. This process is as follows:

- Property inspection conducted. Courtesy door hanger reminder will be placed providing 10 days to correct the violation.
- First follow-up inspection. Properties will be mailed a formal warning providing 10 days to correct the violation.
- Second follow-up inspection. Properties may be issued a citation (Class C \$50-250) and a notice of intent to abate the violation. An additional 10 days will be provided to protest the violation.
- Third follow-up inspection. Properties may be abated with the costs of administration and abatement assessed to the property owner and/or renter.

The vast majority of code enforcement complaints are resolved through public education and awareness. Citation and abatement are only intended to be used as a last resort to ensure compliance. Property owners or renters that may be unable to correct the violations due to physical disability should contact City Hall to discuss special arrangements.

A full copy of the Lowell Revised Code Section 5.120 Noxious Vegetation is available on the City's website at www.ci.lowell.or.us under Publications.

Library 10th Anniversary Celebration

This June the Lowell Community Library will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary! To honor this milestone, we are inviting residents to an anniversary celebration. The event will take place in Paul Fisher Park and the Lowell Library, located at 107 East Third Street, on Friday, June 17 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Programming includes door prizes for the kids, 4C Barbershop Quartet (1:30 p.m.), volunteer awards (2:00 p.m.), and Ben's Skits (2:30 p.m.). Light refreshments will be provided.

Summer Concert Series

This summer the City of Lowell is launching a free concert series. The events will be coordinated by volunteers from the Parks Advisory Committee. Our first concert will be held at the Banner Bank Pavilion on Sunday, June 19 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. with two bands scheduled for the event:

- One Smart Feller – Country Rock – Eugene
- ZRockers – Classic Rock – Lowell

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

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 May 3rd regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 645—Authorizing Interfund Loan to the Sewer Fund. Passed 4:1, Paulson opposed.
- Approved Resolution 646—Budget Transfers and Appropriation Changes. Passed 5:0.
- Approved Resolution 647—Transferring Funds. Passed 5:0.
- Approved Res. 640, Budget Transfers. Passed 5:0.

From the May 17th 16th regular meeting:

- Approved Resolution 648—A Resolution Proclaiming Friday, June 3 as “Volunteers in Medicine Day”.
 - Approved Resolution 649—A Resolution Approving the Transfer of a Non-Exclusive Franchise for the Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste.
 - Approved a motion for the City Administrator to pursue a personal service contract for an Accounting Consultant not to exceed \$5,000.
- All three actions passed, five in favor none opposed.

In and Around Our Community

Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

The Lowell Food Pantry is looking for a few volunteers. People who enjoy helping others are encouraged to join the effort. Activities include helping clients through the process of getting their food at the pantry, cleaning up, helping with the produce and being available when we are short staffed.

Food Pantry days are the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the corner of Lakeview and Moss Streets. Please contact Shawn Brady for more information at 541-912-1538.



Monthly Senior Potluck

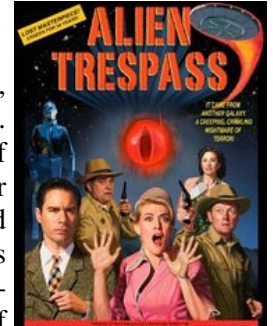
Come join us at Fall Creek Christian Church the last Friday of every month at noon for all seniors. It is a potluck, just bring a dish to share, we supply the rest! Good food and fellowship. We are located at 39025 Jasper-Lowell Road in Fall Creek. See you June 24th at noon. More information call Larry at 541-915-1668.

Kids Club to Meet Monthly

Kids Club is a free community service for children run by Julie Hayden. It is held monthly, every second Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Fall Creek Event Center at the intersection of Place Road and Church Road. All kids ages 3-12 are welcome. The next date is Thursday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m.

It's Time Again for the Annual Cheese Fest!

This year the fest is on Thursday, June 16th, starting at 4:30 p.m. We will have games with lots of cheesy food to go along with our exceptionally cheesy movie called "Alien Trespass." The event is free at the Youth House, 4 Lakeview Street, celebrating the end of another school year. Come one and all for some fun.



Grange Events in June

Breakfast on June 5th
Texas Hold 'em Poker on June 3rd and 18th
Bingo! on June 15th

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

Blackberry Jam Festival Coming Soon!

The Jam will be held July 29, 30 and 31st this year. There's still time to sign up to sell your wares as a vendor, enter the Classic Car Show, enter the Parade, purchase quilt raffle tickets, donate prizes to the Kidz Korner and much more!



See all the details in the July issue of The Bridge. In the meantime, check out the festival website at www.blackberryjamfestival.com to see updates as events and entertainers are finalized.

Dexter Lake Farmers' Market Opening Celebration June 5th

The Dexter Lake Farmers' Market will open its 8th season on Sunday, June 5th from Noon until 3:00 p.m. The Market will run weekly through September 25th. There will be live music throughout the summer, beautiful artwork, photography, pottery, knitting, soaps, candles, and fresh produce as well as eggs, honey, cheese, meat and plant starts. Wood-fired baked pizzas and smoothies made from fresh, local and organic ingredients will be offered. The market takes place at the Dexter State Recreation Site, 39011 Highway 58, on the Dexter side of the lake. The park has an award winning disc golf course, boating, fishing, hiking and horseback riding trails, picnic and swimming areas. Most of the vendors are from the Willamette Cascade Foothills Community. Come on over and join in the fun and help support our local small farmers and artisans. For more information check out DexterLakeFarmersMarket.org or call Pam at 541-937-3007.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events: June 2016

- 2—Parks Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm., City Hall
- 3—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 4—Can Drive for PTO/Playground, HS Parking Lot, 10am-Noon
- 5—Breakfast at the Lowell Grange, 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-3:00 p.m., Dexter Rec. Area
- 7—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 8—Liisa's Puppet Show, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Band Concert, Grades 6-12, 7:00 p.m., High School Gym
Economic Development Committee, 7:00 pm, Lowell Fire Hall
- 9—Kids Club, Fall Creek Event Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 12—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, 12-3:00 p.m., Dexter Rec. Area
- 13—**School Board meeting, PDC Lundy Elementary, 6:00 p.m.**
- 14—Choral Concert, Grades 7-12, 7:00 p.m., High School gym
Blackberry Jam Committee Mtg, 7:00 p.m., Lowell City Hall
Fire District Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station
- 15—BINGO! at the Lowell Grange, 7:00 p.m.
Talent Show, Lowell High School, 7:00 p.m.
Backyard Burn Season Ends
- 16—Cheese Fest, Youth House, 4:30 p.m.
- 17—Library Celebration, 1:00-4:00 p.m., 107 East Third Street
Graduation, Lowell High School Gym, 7:00 p.m.
- 18—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.
- 19—Free Concerts in the Park, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Rolling Rock Park
Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, 12-3:00 p.m., Dexter Rec. Area
- 20—Summer School and Summer Food Service Programs begin!
- 21—**City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall**
- 22—Ben's Fables, Lowell Library, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
- 24—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church
- 27—Summer Reading Program begins with Juggle Mania, TBA
- 28—Lowell Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. City Hall
- 26—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, 12-3:00 p.m., Dexter Rec. Area

July 29-31—Blackberry Jam Festival

Columbia Drag Boat Association Schedule

The race dates are set for 2016 as follows:

- June 18-19
- July 22-24
- September 10-11



Be sure to come out and support the Lowell Fire Department as they cook a great breakfast during these events!