



# The Bridge

Making community connections

## Fall Creek Fire Station Has 24 Hour Staffing

The Lowell Rural Fire Protection District has moved to 24 hour staffing to provide better service to the District. We would like to introduce the three employees who will be providing this staffing.



Nathan Brown started with the District in April of 1992 as a Junior Firefighter. During his time, he has moved up through the ranks to his current rank of Captain. In 2006 he was named Volunteer of the Year along with receiving the Distinguished Service medal. In 2015 he was a member of the group that received a Unit Citation for a particularly difficult response. Nathan is a graduate of Lowell High School and was a long-time resident of the community. He is looking forward to being able to continue serving the

community and its visitors.

Lloyd Hall has been a member of Lowell Fire since August of 2008. He has lived in Lowell off and on since 2009 as a live-in Resident Firefighter. Living at the fire station allowed me to pursue my education in Fire and EMS and at the same time give back to the community. He loves living in this town and purchased a house here in 2016. "My favorite part of living in Lowell is all of the people I get to interact with on a daily basis, whether its talking to people at the store or striking up a conversation while walking around town, it feels like you are part of one big family. I have been given the opportunity by Lowell Fire to continue serving this community as a paid Lieutenant and I look forward to continuing my service to the community for many years to come", said Lloyd.



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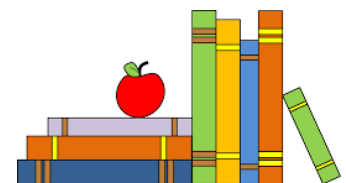
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Back To School

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

Dear Community,

This has been a crazy summer in terms of construction. Seismically upgraded elementary gym, breaking the ground for the new high school gymnasium/wrestling room, upgraded lighting, electrical, plumbing, interiors, etc. As you know, a picture is worth a thousand words so rather than describe the changes, here are some pictures to show you. Have a wonderful August and I'm looking forward to seeing the kiddos soon! Sincerely, Johnie Matthews, Supt.



New high school gymnasium/wrestling room walls are starting to go up!



Seismic work being done in the Lundy gym.



New offices at Lundy Elementary



West wing taken down to the studs for remodeled Mt. View Academy classrooms



Safety fencing being installed at Lundy Elementary



Johnie and Greg on the grill for a workers' BBQ

## Volleyball Camps Coming in August

There will be a parent/player meeting for HS volleyball players on August 18th at the Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop across from the high school at 6:00 p.m. Daily doubles begin on August 13th. \*\*Players MUST have a current sports physical done before they can start practicing.\*\* Check with the school office if you are not sure if your child needs a more current one.

For 6th-8th graders, Volleyball Kids Camp will be August 20th-22nd from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

For 1st-5th graders, Volleyball Kids Camp will be August 20th-22nd from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The cost for both camps is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. The camp is open to boys and girls. Volleyball Camp is always a lot of fun and is a great fundraiser for the high school team. We hope to see your kids there!

Come out and support the Lady Devils at a home tournament on Thursday, August 29th.

For the most up to date information, check out the Lowell Red Devils Volleyball Facebook page. You can email coach at [kristen.prenevost@yahoo.com](mailto:kristen.prenevost@yahoo.com).



## Summer Recreation Program a Success!

Participation is high again this year and the kids are enjoying the great weather and fun activities.



Students learning archery skills.

Thanks again to all those who have generously supported this important program. We appreciate it!

## SAVE THE DATE: September 3rd Rockin' Lowell Back to School BBQ and Open House

Students, parents and community members are invited to a no-cost BBQ on Tuesday, September 3rd from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Lundy Elementary, 45 S. Moss Street. After dinner an open house will be held at both schools from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please come check out our "new" schools. Everyone is welcome!

## Football Activities to Begin

Lowell Football is putting on a football camp for 8th graders and younger from 5:00-6:30 p.m. August 12th-15th.

High School camp is from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for Lowell students only. Cost is \$10. All participants will receive football shorts.

Daily doubles start August 19th through the 23rd. On August 24th there will be a scrimmage at 10:00 a.m. Followed by picture time. If anyone has any sort of relationship with any of our football players, this is a great time to get cool pictures.

Lowell will be hosting a varsity football jamboree on Thursday, August 29th at 6:00 p.m. Teams will include Mohawk, Mapleton and Hosanna Christian.

Our first home game of the season is on Friday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m. versus Siletz.



## 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.

## All District Registration on August 6th & 7th

The 2019-20 school registration will be on August 6th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm and August 7th from 8:00 – Noon. Students must re-register every year to update student records. Student fees at the High School and Junior High can be paid during that time and sports medical records can be updated. There are no student fees for Lundy students.



## City Beat by City Administrator Jared Cobb

### Downtown Master Plan Adopted

The Lowell City Council adopted the Downtown Master Plan at their City Council meeting on July 16. The plan was developed in partnership with residents and stakeholders through fifteen (15) outreach events and opportunities, including a household survey mailed to Lowell residents.

The following vision and goals – crafted from this outreach – guided the development of the Downtown Master Plan.

Vision: A quaint downtown with a central park, multi-story mixed use buildings, a variety of homes, and wide sidewalks connecting to Dexter Lake's recreational opportunities.

#### Goals:

1. Quaint Downtown – Downtown Lowell will be defined by gateways, have its City Hall at the center, and streets will be walkable with slow traffic.
2. Central Park – A central park will be at the heart of downtown and provide a tree-lined, comfortable place for pedestrians.
3. Multi-Story Mixed-Use Buildings – Buildings in the downtown area will be a mix of commercial and residential uses with a diversity of businesses.
4. Variety of Homes – Homes in the downtown will be a mix of sizes and be available to a wide range of income levels.
5. Connected, Wide Sidewalks – Downtown Lowell will incorporate and interconnected system of sidewalks and multi-modal pathways to better connect green spaces and amenities such as Dexter Lake.

The vision and goals were utilized to develop strategies, policy recommendations, and projects to increase walkability, improve connectivity to parks, encourage housing diversity, and link community benefits to all aspects of development. For more information about the Plan, please visit [www.ci.lowell.or.us/downtown-master-plan](http://www.ci.lowell.or.us/downtown-master-plan).

### Community Job Board

Are you looking for a job in the Lowell area? Are you an employer searching for qualified job applicants? Our [community jobs board](http://www.ci.lowell.or.us/jobs) is now live! Local employers can now [post their job openings](http://www.ci.lowell.or.us/jobs) and you can find them.

The [Lowell Community Jobs Board](http://www.ci.lowell.or.us/jobs) is intended to advertise jobs throughout Lowell—both City jobs and jobs with employers throughout the community. Local businesses are encouraged to submit their open positions on our website to hire local talent and to keep dollars earned in Lowell, in Lowell. To find or post a job, please visit the Community Jobs Board at [www.ci.lowell.or.us/jobs](http://www.ci.lowell.or.us/jobs).

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

Online at [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com) or [www.ci.lowell.or.us](http://www.ci.lowell.or.us)

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

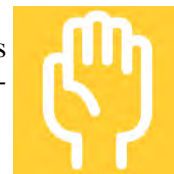
Mail to City of Lowell, P.O. Box 490, Lowell, OR 97452

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. All interested residents. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded online at [www.ci.lowell.or.us](http://www.ci.lowell.or.us). *Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.*



### Lowell City Council Actions

**At the July 2nd work session, the following topics were discussed:**

- Civil West presented information on the Main Street Preservation Project engineering scope of services
- Accounting Services Agreement with Layli Nichols was discussed
- Oakridge Law Enforcement Agreement was discussed



# FROM THE LOWELL FIRE DISTRICT

By Chief Lon Dragt

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My name is Chris Zammarelli and I've been a member of the Lowell fire Protection district since October of 2013. I was born and raised in Eugene and love this area. I currently live in Springfield with my six-year-old dog named Rocky. He enjoys going on hikes and swims at Dexter and Fall Creek lakes. I commute to Lowell for work and absolutely love the community here. I always knew I wanted to be a firefighter and have always had a passion for helping people in need. Lowell Fire has given me a great opportunity to volunteer while I went to school to earn my fire science degree and paramedic certification. I now work as a full-time lieutenant and love it. When I'm not working as a firefighter, I enjoy rock climbing, snowboarding, playing golf with my pops, working out at the gym, and going on new adventures with Rocky. I am excited to continue to be able to work for and serve the community of Lowell.

Lowell Rural Fire Protection District: Proudly serving the citizens of the Lowell Fire District!

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- CA presented a draft City of Lowell Code Enforcement Policy and Procedures Manual
- Employee Pay Scale was presented for the 2019-20 fiscal year with a standard 5% increase only
- Blackberry Jam Festival parade route and Building Permit Report were presented

**At the July 2nd special meeting:**

- Approved the application of an OLCC Special Event License Application for the beer/wine garden at BBJam

**At the July 16th work session, the following topic was discussed:**

- Pavement Preservation Plan was presented by City Engineer, Matt Wadlington of Civil West Engineering

**At the July 16th regular meeting:**

- Adopted Ordinance 298—Blackberry Jam Festival
- Adopted Ordinance 299—Downtown Master Plan
- Approved Resolution 724—FY 2019/20 Employee Pay Scale
- Approved Resolution 725—A Resolution in Support of Applying for the ODOT 2020 Special City Allotment Grant
- Approved the Main Street Paving Project Engineering Scope of Services in an amount not to exceed \$19,820
- Awarded the FY 2019/20 Accounting Services Agreement to Layli Nichols

**Monthly Police Log (June 26 – July 30)**

Date	Time	Call Type	Location
06/28/19	8:32 PM	Information	100 Block Wetleau Drive
07/01/19	10:29 PM	Criminal Mischief	400 Block East First Street
07/02/19	10:24 AM	Towed Vehicle	100 Block North Moss Street
07/02/19	1:41 PM	Criminal Mischief	400 Block East First Street
07/04/19	9:04 AM	Assist Outside Agency	200 Block East Main Street
07/04/19	8:36 PM	Weapon Offense	North Cannon Street and East Third Street
07/05/19	7:27 PM	Criminal Trespass	100 Block West Lakeview Avenue
07/05/19	9:57 PM	Suspicious Vehicle	100 Block East Main Street
07/05/19	10:30 PM	Assist Fire Department	100 Block East North Shore Drive
07/10/19	2:10 AM	Person Stop	Lowell Amphitheater
07/19/19	5:28 PM	Hit and Run	West Boundary Road and Wetleau Drive
07/23/19	1:19 AM	Alarm	100 Block South Pioneer Street
07/25/19	2:04 AM	Criminal Trespass	100 Block Trailblazer Court
07/27/19	10:40 PM	Vehicle Stop	500 Block Carol 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 call 911.

# 25th Blackberry Jam Wrap Up



Grand Marshal, Retired Superintendent Walt Hanline

Thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, vendors, advertisers, donors and attendees, the festival was a huge success! The festival benefits many good local causes and gives families a wholesome event with something for everyone.

Next year's dates are July 24, 25 & 26.



Grand Champion was awarded to Jim and Rainy Bowman of Pleasant Hill with their 1932 Ford three window coupe.



Tim Stratis (above) took first in the Blackberry Pie Baking contest just after winning the 11 and older Pie Eating contest. Caris Gabuya (below) won the 11 and under Pie Eating contest. Dahn Nikitims of Creswell won the Blackberry Dessert contest with a blackberry cheesecake and Cody Brooks received an honorable mention.

The Pine Needlers raffle quilt was won by Brenda Osborn from Maple Valley, Washington. She is the daughter of Pine Needler Gerry Burr. Congratulations!



Top finishers winning \$50 each in the Greased Pole Climb were Paul Clark, (13 and under) and Dima Silver and Dan Nikitims in the 14-18 year age group.



2019 Horseshoe Pitching Champions are Stuart and Steve Bauders. Barry Humphrey and Brad Anderson took second.



Kaden Erlei (at left) scored \$100 bill by catching the most fish from shore (72#) and the team Squaw Commander (at right) also scored \$100 for most fish caught from a boat.

The Longest Fish caught by an adult (23-1/2") was caught by Jacob Neet and the prize for Longest Fish caught by a youth was won with a 16-1/2" by Jesse Tiegen.



## In and Around Our Community

### Clothing Bank Open Weekly in August

The Clothing Bank will be open EVERY Tuesday in August so parents can come get school clothes. Hours are 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the George Hake Center on Lakeview behind the football field. Clothing donations are welcome on days that the clothing bank is open, or contact Brandy Stewart at 541-530-0123 or [Stewartsx6@fastmail.fm](mailto:Stewartsx6@fastmail.fm) to make other arrangements.



The clothing bank will be CLOSED during the month of September so be sure to do your school shopping this August. Thank you to our community for being so generous with your donations!

### Fall Creek Community Potluck Picnic

This fun, annual event will be held at Fall Creek Park on Saturday, August 17th from noon until ?? Bring a dish to share, a chair to sit in, table service and beverage. We will have a raffle with the money going to up-keep of the park. Donations are accepted for the raffle.

If you have something to donate to the raffle, please call Pam at 541-937-1978.

To get to Fall Creek Park, go west on Jasper-Lowell Road past Unity Bridge to milepost 7.5. If you've never visited the park, this would be a great time to stop by!



Did you know that we now have a "Little Library" in our community? Monica Thompson and her 2nd grade neighbor Zoo-Zoo made one and put it up on Wetleau Drive for neighbors (young and old alike) to share books. Stop by and check it out!

### Pine Needlers Offering Community Grants

The Pine Needlers Quilt Group makes and raffles a quilt every year at the Blackberry Jam Festival Quilt Show. The money raised from the sale of raffle tickets goes back to our community in various ways. Past recipients have been the Lowell Fire Department, Lundy Elementary Clothes Closet, Lowell Food Pantry, Lowell Library and Lowell Grange. Grants are available to all Lowell and Fall Creek non-profit organizations serving the community to meet the needs of citizens.

Applications to request money for your non-profit group are available at City Hall and must be returned by September 30th for consideration. Applications will be reviewed and awards will be announced in October.



### Backpack Give Away for Kids

East Valley Church is having their annual backpack give away Saturday, August 17th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. We have 25 backpacks with supplies to give away. If you live in the Lowell area and are in need or know a child in need please call East Valley Church at 541-937-3329. The deadline is Monday, August 12th.



### Returnable Can/Bottle Drive First Saturdays

Please continue to help support local high school groups by bringing your returnable cans and bottles to the high school staff parking lot every first Saturday morning of the month from 10-Noon. Thank you!



### Grange Events in August

Breakfast on August 4th

Texas Hold 'em Poker on August 2nd and 17th

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

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City of Lowell and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District.*

### Upcoming Meetings and Events: August 2019

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| 1—Parks & Recreation Committee, 7:00 p.m., Osgood Library   | 18—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell                         |
| 2—Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m.  | 19—Daily Doubles begin!  |
| 3—Can/Bottle Drive, 10am-Noon, HS Parking lot   | 20-22—Volleyball Kids Camp, grades 6-8, 3:30-5:00 p.m.; grades 1-5, 5:30-6:30 p.m. |
| 4—Lowell Grange Breakfast, 8:00-11:00 a.m., 51 East 2nd Street<br>Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell   | 20— <b>City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall</b>                              |
| 5—Economic Development Committee, 7:00 p.m., Osgood Library   | 25—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell                         |
| 6—School Registration, 5:00-8:00 p.m., High School Breezeway<br><b>City Council Work Session, 7:00 p.m., City Hall</b>  | 26— <b>School Board Meeting, Lundy Comm. Room, 7:00 p.m.</b>                       |
| 7—School Registration, 8:00 a.m.—noon, High School Breezeway<br>Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Osgood Library  | 29—Football and Volleyball Jamborees, 6:00 p.m.                                    |
| 11—Dexter Lake Farmers' Market, Noon-4 pm, Downtown Lowell  | 30—Senior Potluck Luncheon, Noon, Fall Creek Christian Church                      |
| 12-15—Football Camp, grades 8th and younger from 5:00-6:30 p.m.;<br>high school grades from 6:00-7:30 p.m.  |  |
| 13— <b>Fire Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lowell Station</b><br>Blackberry Jam Committee, no meeting  |  |
| 17—Fall Creek Park Potluck Picnic, Noon, Fall Creek Park<br>Backpack Giveaway, 1:00-3:00 p.m., East Valley Church<br>Texas Hold 'em Poker, Lowell Grange, 6:00 p.m. |  |

**The first day of school is Wed., September 4th!**

**School supplies lists are located on the District's website and at most retail stores. If you'd like to contribute, drop off your donations to Lundy Elementary at 45 S. Moss Street.  
Thank you very much!**