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Public Works Director Reaches Ten Year Milestone at City

At the August 20 meeting, City Council recognized Public Works Director Max Baker for 10 years of dedicated service with the City of Lowell.

In his statements recognizing Max, Mayor Bennett observed the universal praise that Baker has received from the community over the years. “You’re always there, and you’re always someone we can be proud of,” stated Mayor Bennett.

“I’m very happy to be part of the community—not just to work here, but to actually live here,” said Max after receiving the award.

The City of Lowell is proud to celebrate Works Director Max Baker’s contributions over the last decade and looks forward to many more years of his exceptional service.

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Pictured left to right: Councilor Maureen Weathers, Council President Gail Harris, Councilor Jimmy Murray, Councilor Tim Stratis, Public Works Director Max Baker, Mayor Don Bennett.



RED DEVIL REPORT

Lowell Athletics Update



ATHLETIC EVENTS

October 4	Homecoming —At halftime of the 7:00 game vs. Culver
October 9	Football 8th Grade Night — At halftime of the 5:00 game vs. Oakridge
October 10	Volleyball Youth Sport Night —During the 4:30/6:00 games vs. Bonanza
October 14	Volleyball 8th Grade Night —In between the 4:30 A/B games vs. Oakridge
October 24	Volleyball Senior Night —In between the 4:30/6:00 games vs Culver
October 25	Football Senior Night — Prior to the start of the 7:00 game vs. Glide
October 26	Volleyball District Tournament — Tournament times TBD at Lowell High School
October 31	Cross Country District Championships — 11:00 at Lane Community College

JUNIOR HIGH FALL SPORTS

Our **cross country team** is led by Jill Chapman. Athletes (pictured right) include 8th graders Zuzana Murray and Kailei Marcus; 6th graders Sutton Ortiz and Theo Waters, and 5th grader Arley Marcus.



Our **football team** is led by Pat Todd and assisted by Daniel Ray, Kory Roberts, and Nick Trullinger. Athletes (pictured above, left) include 8th graders Brenten Davies, Paxton Fassbender, Corven Floyd, Xavier Islas, Landen Omlin, and Taylor Sheridan; 7th graders Will Coiner, Jason Crawford, Isaac Estrada, Jayson Islas, Banyon Jalof, Ben Johnson, Beau Mark, Derryk McNichols, Jayden Murray, Christopher Sheridan, Marshall Thronburg, and Joey Webb; and 6th graders Sevastian Benway, Malaki Fuller, Jacksen Davies, Iber Islas, Casen Gould, Ben Johnson, Elijah Johnston, Blitz Maher, and AJ Trullinger.



Our **volleyball team** is led by Jessica McCart and assisted by Jamie Kenworthy. Athletes (pictured above) include 8th graders Journee Aden, Mya Arciga, Tatum Clark, Yareli Delgado, Zophia Fassbender, Tayler Griffin, Christina Henshall, Summer Howes-Smith, Alexis Owsley, and Izabella Park; 7th graders Madison Anders, Ashlyn Baszler, Kinsley Bazzani, Peyton Courtney, Yaraileth Islas, Samantha Lesch, Bristol Miller, Olivia Pelroy, Elise Skordahl, and Alauna Young; and 6th graders Addy Brooks, Emma Davis, Arianna Delgado, Ella Korstad, Paisley Moncrief, Callie Neet, Lillian Wiley, and Ireland Williamson.

Student Life

Every Fifteen Minutes Program

On October 22nd & 23rd the Lane County Sheriff's Office and Lowell Rural Fire Protection District will be hosting the *Every 15 Minutes* program at Lowell High School.

Every 15 Minutes is a two-day underage impaired driving prevention program. The program challenges teens to think before drinking or using drugs before operating a motor vehicle or riding as a passenger to an impaired driver. The program also focuses on the impacts those decisions have on family, friends, and the people left behind when someone is killed as a result of an alcohol, drug or distracted driving crash.



General Mills Box Tops for Education Program

Lundy Elementary is a Box Tops for Education school. Box Tops have transitioned to a digital format and are remitted by scanning your receipt. It's simple to shop then download on the app and each purchase helps our school earn cash back on your qualifying purchases.

Download the app today by searching "box tops for education" on your device.

School Dates to Note

Oct. 2nd

Vision Screening for K-6 by Lion's Club

Oct. 7th

Cookie Dough Fundraiser orders due today

Oct. 14th

Book Fair Week (watch for flyer with times)

Oct. 29th

Lifetouch Retakes (watch for flyers with codes)

Oct. 30th

Assembly 10:45 in the Lundy gym

Oct. 28-31st

Free Dental Sealant clinic (from returned flyers)



😊 Want to have some fun? 😊

Come Play

IMPROV COMEDY GAMES

at

LHS DRAMA CLUB

Any Lowell School District Students 5th Grade and Up

No Experience Needed.

😊 All are WELCOME 😊

THURSDAYS

3:20PM-4:00PM

In the LHS Cafetorium



E 1st St Temporary Repair Scheduled

Construction crews will conduct excavating and asphalt paving on the section of E. 1st Street that was damaged from the water main rupture. Construction will begin on October 2 and end of October 3. During that time, a portion of the street will remain closed. This repair is intended to be a temporary measure to prevent further damage to the road and to improve accessibility. A permanent repair, to include repairs to the underlying infrastructure, likely won't occur until sometime in 2025.

Parks and Recreation Committee Reaches Swing Set Fundraising Goal

This summer, the Parks and Recreation Committee launched a fundraising campaign to purchase a new swing set for Paul Fisher Park. The committee has exceeded its goal, having raised \$5,500 by the end of August.

At the August 20 meeting, committee members Meesa Anders and Tony Moreci presented swing set options to the City Council. The committee raised enough funds also to purchase a gaga ball pit for Paul Fisher Park. City staff will purchase the recommended swing set and gaga ball equipment soon.

Update on Library Commemorative Brick Program

Library Director Peggy O'Kane has ordered commemorative bricks for installation at the Maggie Os-good Library. Everyone who donated \$100 or more during the previous capital donation campaigns has the option to have an engraved brick placed at the library. The city will begin installing these bricks soon with the assistance of volunteers.

E-Permitting Program and Building Fee Update

Over the spring and summer, city staff worked with the Oregon Building Codes Division to join their electronic permitting system. The city is tentatively scheduled to shift to electronic permitting on

October 19, 2024. This means that building, electrical, mechanical, and related permits will be submitted and processed electronically through the state's online system, Acela. This will significantly streamline operations, making the process more efficient for city staff and building contractors.

An instrumental part of this project has been updating the city's building fees, which have not been updated since 2012. The update was necessary to comply with the state's requirements on the methodology on calculating fees, as well as to keep up with the cost of inflations. The change for building permit fees for a new single-family residential construction is estimated to increase \$1,080, or 34.27%. Electrical permit fees for a single-family home construction are estimated to increase \$167, or 62.97%. The new fees will go into effect on October 3, 2024. More information can be found online:

oregon.gov/bcd/jurisdictions/Documents/2024-lowell-proposed-fees.pdf

Blackberry Jam Festival Update

The Blackberry Jam Festival Committee held another successful festival this year. This marks the third festival in a row since the festival's hiatus during the height of the pandemic. Congratulations and a big “thank you” to all the committee members and volunteers who made this year's festival a success.

The committee will continue its monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the fire station in preparation for next year's festival. They are always looking for volunteers to help with planning the next festival.

Tree Lighting Call for Volunteers

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Dec. 7 at the City Hall Please watch for more details with times and details next month. On Nov. 23 and Nov 30 we will be decorating the City Hall and the

A watercolor illustration of autumn foliage and berries. At the top, there are several orange and yellow leaves, some with green veins. Below the leaves are clusters of small, round, orange berries hanging from thin brown stems. The background is a light cream color.

FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 26 & 27

SATURDAY 9-5

SUNDAY 10-3

Crafts / Sweets/ Pumpkin Painting with the
LHS Senior Fundraiser/ Blackberry Jam

Lowell Grange



51 East 2nd St Lowell, Or 97452

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Rolling Rock Park for Christmas. We are looking for volunteers to assist both days. If you can help on both or one of these days, please call Gail Harris at 541-554-1801 so that we can know how many volunteers we will have.

Upcoming Meetings

Oct. 1 – City Council @ 7:00 pm

Oct. 1 – Library Committee @ 4:30 pm at the Maggie Osgood Library conference room

Oct. 3 – Parks Committee @ 7:00 pm

Oct. 8 – Blackberry Jam Festival Committee @ 7:00 pm

Oct. 15 – City Council @ 7:00 pm

<https://www.ci.lowell.or.us/calendar/month/2024-10>

Meetings will take place at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District station unless otherwise noted.

Maggie Osgood Library

Hours of Operation

Tue 9:30 am - 3:00 pm (10:30 am Lap Sit Story Hour, 1:00 pm Adult Crafting Time)

Wed 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Thu 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Sat 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (10:30 am Crafts and Stories)

Closed Mondays, Fridays & Sundays

Book Sale Thanks

Thank you to everyone who supported the library's book sale. Check out the new titles section of the library to see how it is using some of the money it made.

High School Yearbook Collection

The library has begun collecting Lowell High School yearbooks. After they are digitized, they'll be added to the collection. If you have yearbooks

that you no longer want to shelve, drop them off at 70 N Pioneer St, Lowell, OR 97452. The library will sell any duplicates it happens to get.

Fun Fact

Skulls, hourglasses, clocks, candles, fruit, and flowers depicted on desks and bookshelves in art and literature are examples of 'memento mori,' a Latin phrase that means "remember you must die." They are a symbolic reminder of death and the fleeting nature of life. 'Memento mori' can prompt you to take action, and to avoid needlessly wasting the precious time that you have.

Trunk or Treat

Lowell's annual Trunk or Treat is on Oct. 31st Halloween. It will be a scary good time for all.



Location: Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop
Date: Thursday, October 31st, 2024
Time: 5-8pm

Contact Shannon at sfass321@gmail.com for further information.



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FREE VETERANS DAY *Dinner*

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A homespun honor to our
Veterans with a complimentary
dinner and special program

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Homemade spaghetti dinner for Veteran and guest
Special music and tribute to gold star families
Free drawing for gift basket and gifts

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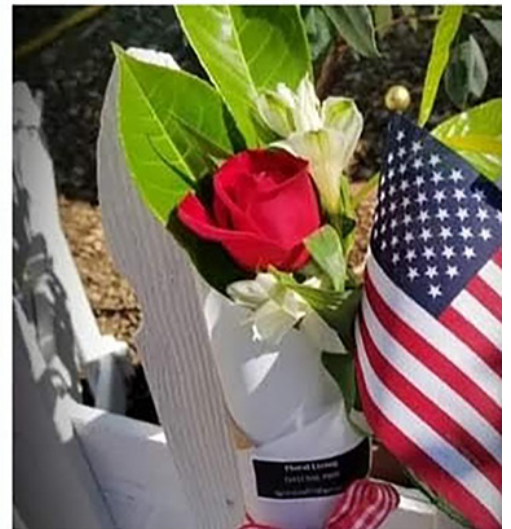
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 9, 2024

5:00PM - 7:00PM
THE LOWELL GRANGE
LOWELL, OREGON

For reservations call
541.556.7905

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Upcoming Meetings & Events — October '24

Oct. 1 – City Council @ 7:00 pm

Oct. 1 – Library Committee @ 4:30 pm

at the Maggie Osgood Library conference room

Oct. 3 – Parks Committee @ 7:00 pm

Oct. 8 – Blackberry Jam Fest Comm @ 7:00 pm

Oct. 15 – City Council @ 7:00 pm

Meetings will take place at the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District station unless otherwise noted.

Complete and up-to-date football schedule, Varsity and JV, can be found online:

<https://www.osaa.org/teams/57934?year=2024>

Complete and up-to-date volleyball schedule, Varsity and JV, can be found online:

<https://www.osaa.org/teams/57212?year=2024>



Tuesday	1-Oct	HS JV Volleyball	Lowell	Trinity Lutheran	4:30 PM
Tuesday	1-Oct	HS V Volleyball	Lowell	Trinity Lutheran	6:00 PM
Wednesday	2-Oct	JH Football	Lowell	Monroe	5:00 PM
Wednesday	2-Oct	JH Volleyball	Lowell	City First Christian	4:30 PM
Wednesday	2-Oct	Cross Country	Glide	JH/HS Meet	4:00 PM
Thursday	3-Oct	HS JV Volleyball	Lowell	Oakridge	4:30 PM
Thursday	3-Oct	HS V Volleyball	Lowell	Oakridge	6:00 PM
Friday	4-Oct	HS V Football	Lowell	Culver	7:00 PM
Saturday	5-Oct	HS JV Volleyball	Harrisburg	JV Tournament	8:30 AM
Saturday	5-Oct	Cross Country	Bryant Park, Albany	JH/HS Meet	8:30 AM
Sunday	6-Oct				
Monday	7-Oct	HS JV Football	Culver	Culver	5:30 PM
Monday	7-Oct	JH Volleyball	Lowell	Eugene Christian	4:30 PM
Tuesday	8-Oct	HS JV Volleyball	Culver	Culver	4:30 PM
Tuesday	8-Oct	HS V Volleyball	Culver	Culver	6:00 PM
Wednesday	9-Oct	JH Football	Lowell	Oakridge	5:00 PM
Wednesday	9-Oct	JH Volleyball	Monroe	Monroe	4:30 PM
Thursday	10-Oct	HS JV Volleyball	Lowell	Bonanza	4:30 PM
Thursday	10-Oct	HS V Volleyball	Lowell	Bonanza	6:00 PM
Thursday	10-Oct	Cross Country	Avery Park, Corvallis	JH Meet	3:30 PM
Friday	11-Oct	HS V Football	Estacada	Stanfield	6:00 PM
Saturday	12-Oct				
Sunday	13-Oct				
Monday	14-Oct	HS JV Football	Lowell	North Valley	5:00 PM
Monday	14-Oct	JH Volleyball	Lowell	Cottage Grove	4:30 PM
Monday	14-Oct	HS JV Volleyball	Lowell	Lost River	4:30 PM
Monday	14-Oct	HS V Volleyball	Lowell	Lost River	6:00 PM
Tuesday	15-Oct				
Wednesday	16-Oct	JH Football	Monroe	Monroe	5:00 PM
Wednesday	16-Oct	JH Volleyball	Oakridge	Oakridge	4:30 PM
Thursday	17-Oct	HS JV Volleyball	Trinity Lutheran	Trinity Lutheran	4:30 PM
Thursday	17-Oct	HS V Volleyball	Trinity Lutheran	Trinity Lutheran	6:00 PM
Friday	18-Oct	HS V Football	Rogue River	Rogue River	7:00 PM
Saturday	19-Oct	Cross Country	Cottage Grove	JH/HS Meet	10:15 AM
Sunday	20-Oct				
Monday	21-Oct	HS JV Football	Lowell	Rogue River	5:00 PM
Tuesday	22-Oct	HS JV Volleyball	Oakridge	Oakridge	4:30 PM
Tuesday	22-Oct	HS V Volleyball	Oakridge	Oakridge	6:00 PM
Thursday	24-Oct	HS JV Volleyball	Lowell	Culver	4:30 PM
Thursday	24-Oct	HS V Volleyball	Lowell	Culver	6:00 PM
Friday	25-Oct	HS V Football	Lowell	Glide	7:00 PM
Saturday	26-Oct	HS V Volleyball	Lowell	District Tournament	TBD
Sunday	27-Oct				
Monday	28-Oct	HS JV Football	Glide	Glide	5:00 PM
Tuesday	29-Oct				
Wednesday	30-Oct				
Thursday	31-Oct	Cross Country	Lane Community College	HS District Championships	2:00 PM