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## Playground Equipment Replaced

New Structure at Stoney Lakeside Park Paid for by Donations & Grant Money

The current playground equipment at Stoney Lakeside Park has served the community since 1983, first at Creekside Park before moving to its current location in 1994. In its final act the equipment was torn down and turned into scrap metal.

One week each summer Impact Church does projects around the community called Love Week. One of this year's endeavors was replacing the playground structure at Stoney Lakeside Park. Over 50 people volunteered during the week-long project putting in over 60 hours of labor. This resulted in saving approximately \$16,500 – the cost for the vendor to install the equipment.

In a Facebook group, members of the community voted for their favorite playground piece. The price of the winning structure determined a fundraising goal.

Community residents Bob and Amanda Rogers worked on securing money for the purchase. The new structure will also have some ADA amenities.



The cost of the equipment did not put a burden on the city budget. The new playground came with a \$57,062.46 price tag. A total of \$58,930 was raised through donations from businesses, organizations, individuals, and a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund. Excess money will be used for concrete and mulch also needed for installation.

A representative from the equipment vendor was on site for a couple of days monitoring construction activity. The Department of Public Works also ensured the structure was installed properly and accepted the final product. DPW will be responsible for maintaining the structure as it does with all of the city parks.

When using the new playground equipment, remember Lowell is a place in which businesses, organizations, and individuals came together to make the community a great place to call home.

**That's Just Ducky!**

It's Riverwalk Festival time. Thursday, July 6 - Saturday, July 8 a lot of activity will be happening along the Riverwalk with a grand finale of fireworks at Stoney Lakeside Park Saturday starting at 10:15pm.

Thursday evening at 5pm things begin with a pig roast and food concessions as sounds from the Summer Concert, beginning at 7pm, fills the air.

Friday at 5pm check out Grilling & Chilling, arts and crafts, the used book sale, and Ninjas on the Move as well as a 7pm concert on the stage.

Saturday kicks off at 8am with classic cars along Avery Street followed by an 8:30am start of the Run the Riverwalk 5k. The kayak and canoe race starts at 10am sharp at the boat launch. Then at 12pm the FROM the Heart parade will take place along Main Street. Throughout the day there will be a Kidz Zone, kayak fun, Ninjas on the Move, and arts and crafts. Duck raffle tickets can be purchased Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The drawing will take place Saturday at 4:30pm.

**Tax Bills Arrive in July**

City of Lowell property tax collections are billed semi-annually on July 1 and December 1. Taxes will be mailed July 1 and are due August 31, 2017. If the due date falls on a weekend or a holiday, payments are due the next business day. Please check your tax statement for accuracy. If you have a mortgage company, please look under your name for the mortgage company to which the tax bill was sent. If the mortgage company is incorrect, please contact City Hall with changes.

Unpaid summer and winter taxes can only be paid to the City of Lowell Treasurer through February 28<sup>th</sup>. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, all unpaid taxes from the previous tax year are returned as delinquent to the Kent County Treasurer who will continue to bill delinquent taxes including a collection fee and interest.

Check and see if your taxes are paid and posted at the city website. For payment make checks payable to: The City of Lowell.

**Pull up a Chair**

Don't be left standing when Chair-A-Tee kicks off July 5. During the month of June artists and crafters used chairs as a canvas. These works of art can now be found at businesses and organizations around the community.

Sold as part of a silent auction, funds raised will be donated to Pink

Arrow Pride. Bids on chairs can be placed between now and August 18 at their various locations. A map of chair placement is available through the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. From August 22-26 all of the chairs can be viewed in a special exhibition at LowellArts.

**Celebrate with a Bang**

The Lowell Police Department would like to remind citizens of Chapter 10 Article 5 Section 10-64 of the city's ordinances states the following.

“Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person may ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks in the city on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday. On any other day, no person may ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks.”

Have fun celebrating! City offices will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Pebble Beach Rules – Stay Safe**

1. Swimming permitted during daylight hours
2. Restrooms 10am-8pm
3. Swim within beach area
4. No boats or fishing allowed within swimming area
5. Glass, cans, and picnicking prohibited on beach
6. Dogs, cats, or other animals prohibited in swimming or beach area
7. Fires in grills only
8. All trash must be placed in designated containers
9. No loud noises permitted such as automobiles, radios, fireworks, etc.
10. Hunting or trapping prohibited
11. No intoxicating beverages permitted
12. All minors under 18 when swimming must be accompanied by an adult
13. No gas motors allowed on lake
14. Swim at your own risk, no lifeguard on duty

**Get Fit Along the Riverwalk**

Yoga and Tai Chi classes are being offered by Lowell Community Wellness on the Riverwalk. Yoga takes place at 7pm on Mondays and Tai Chi classes are Tuesdays at 7pm. There is a suggested donation of \$5 for each class.

These classes are a great way to be active, enjoy the outdoors, and meet others in the community.

July Meetings	
July 1, 8:00 a.m.	Coffee with Council
July 5, 7:00 p.m.	City Council
July 12, 6:00 p.m.	Lowell Area Recreation Authority
7:00 p.m.	Airport Board
7:00 p.m.	Lowell Light & Power Board
July 17, 7:00 p.m.	Lowell City Council
July 18, 6:00 p.m.	Parks & Recreation Commission
July 25, 6:00 p.m.	Lowell Historic District Commission