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## Lowell Light & Power Sends Aid

Three representatives travel to Florida to help restore power

Three representatives from Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) have been working in Florida to help restore power to those who lost it in the wake of Hurricane Irma. Work has been ongoing in areas where residents and businesses have not been able to return on a permanent basis due to loss of power and destruction. Working with other power companies, Lowell is helping to make a difference in a part of the country in need.

Hurricane Irma has been one for the record books. Scenes of destruction continue to come out of Florida a week after the storm hit. While the hurricane came and left quickly, clean-up efforts will take much longer. Some homes and businesses may never be the same. Restoring power to over one million locations without it could take weeks.



The Florida Municipal Electric Association sent out a call for help to electric associations across the country. This electrical bat signal of sorts was received by the Michigan Municipal Electric Association of which LL&P is a member. Mark Droog, Rich Mutschler, and Steve Shade left on Saturday, September 9 to head to Florida representing our local power company. They have been helping with rebuilding distribution systems. This includes, but is not limited to, putting up new poles, hanging cross arms, pulling wire, and energizing transformers.

A bucket truck, pickup truck, and typical equipment used by linemen accompanied the trio on their journey to Florida. These items will be put to use rebuilding the power system where damage or destruction has occurred. Lowell Light & Power General Manager Steve Donkersloot is grateful for the staff representing Lowell. He says, "We are extremely proud of Mark, Rich, and Steve and their willingness to serve other fellow municipals and this country! They are giving up time with their families IN THE SUMMER in beautiful West Michigan...but for the greater good and for a greater cause...which is what being an American and being in the electric industry is all about!"

**LowellArts October Classes**

LowellArts will be offering the following classes in October. Stop in or visit their website to register.

**Beginning Watercolor**

Tuesdays Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 from 7–9 pm  
Class Fee: \$96 (\$86 LowellArts Members).  
Materials Fee: \$15, plus an optional supply list.  
Ages 18+

**Layered Paper and Fiber Collage**

Friday, Oct 6 from 6–9 pm  
Saturday, Oct 7 from 10 am–3:30 pm (bring a sack lunch)  
Class Fee: \$140 (\$125 LowellArts Members).  
Materials Fee: \$15 plus bring a water spray bottle and a notebook.  
Ages 14+

**Paint Like the Masters**

Mondays Oct 2, 9, 16, 23 from 4–6 pm  
Class Fee: \$96 (\$86 LowellArts Members).  
Materials Fee: \$20  
Ages 10–14

**Creative Writing Kickstart - Adults/Teens**

Sunday, Oct 1 from 2–4 pm  
Class Fee: \$18 (\$16 LowellArts Members).  
Materials: Bring a comfortable folding chair or pillow to sit on, writing utensils, and paper.  
Adults / Teens Ages 14+

**Creative Writing Kickstart - Youth & Adults**

Sunday, Oct 8 from 2–3:30 pm (youth & adult work as a team)  
Class Fee: \$18 (\$16 LowellArts Members).  
Materials: Bring a comfortable folding chair or pillow to sit on, writing utensils, and paper.  
Ages 5–13, plus an adult

**Beginning Watercolor - Youth Class**

Tuesdays Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 from 4–6 pm  
Class Fee: \$96 (\$86 LowellArts Members).  
Materials Fee: \$15, plus an

optional supply list.  
Ages 11–17

**Harvest Festival Approaches**

Activities in the community are sure to keep participants busy. Bright and early the bird and small animal swap will take place between 6 am-noon at the fairgrounds. The Autumn Market Place will also be held here from 11 am-4 pm. Starting at noon families are invited to make and take home a scarecrow.

At 8:30 am the annual Harvest Hustle 5k takes place downtown. The start/finish line is north of City Hall on Avery Street.

Leave breakfast preparation to Lowell High School’s FFA at the Wittenbach Wege Center. From 8 am-11 am breakfast will be served. Stick around for apple tasting between 9 am-12 pm. Also during this time, tours of the facility and the newly finished pond and native plant gardens will take place.

Along N. Broadway chili will be cooking. All funds raised will be donated to the Lowell Showboat rebuilding effort. Tasting begins at 3 pm. Lowell Light & Power will be giving bucket rides to fans in addition to handing out hotdogs, chips, and beverages from 11 am-2 pm.

**Team Sports Night Theme for Girls Night Out**

Starting at 5 pm and ending at 9 pm, shops will offer numerous deals during the fall Girls Night Out event.

Independent consultants will be offering products at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce building. Downtown businesses will have treats, sales, and other specials throughout the evening.

**Register to Vote**

The last day to register to vote for the upcoming election is October 10. Votes will be cast on November 7.

October Meetings	
Oct. 2 at 7:00 pm	Lowell City Council Meeting
Oct. 5 at 12:00 pm	Downtown Development Authority
Oct. 7 at 8:00 am	Coffee with Council
Oct. 9 at 12:00 pm	Arbor Board
at 3:30 pm	Lowell Area Fire Authority
at 7:00 pm	Planning Commission
Oct. 13 at 6:00 pm	Lowell Area Recreation Authority
at 7:00 pm	Airport Board
Oct. 14 at 6:00 pm	Lowell Light & Power Board
Oct. 16 at 7:00 pm	Lowell City Council Meeting
Oct. 17 at 6:00 pm	Parks & Recreation Commission
Oct. 24 at 6:00 pm	Lowell Historic District Commission