



# NEWSLETTER



**CITY OF YACHATS**

**April 2003**

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**ANNUAL**



**BUDGET**

FROM THE MAYOR

IT'S BUDGET TIME

One of the more important responsibilities the City has is to develop and approve an annual budget. The development of the budget falls largely to Nancy Otterson, our able budget officer but the approval process involves first the budget committee and then the City Council. As stated in the budget message for this year, "This (budget) document is a proposed plan, not a financial report, and it is intended to be used as an instrument for managing many functions of the City in the coming year. The budget offers a way of outlining the programs and services provided by the City, authorizes the City to spend money and limits how much money can be spent. Preparing a budget allows a local government to look at its needs in light of the money available to meet those needs. The Council, Commissions, and staff will use this budget throughout the year in the everyday operations of the City."

The budget committee, which is composed of the 5 members of the council plus 5 Yachats citizens appointed at large, analyzes the budget document. It debates both increased and decreased budget amounts and, when satisfied that this represents the best use of funds, passes the budget. Once this has been accomplished, the budget is reviewed by the City Council who can alter it by not more than \$5000 or 10%, whichever is greater, of the budget committee-approved total in each or any fund. Following these adjustments, which are rare, the City Council adopts the budget for the following fiscal year—July 1 through June 30.

The proposed budget for 2003-2004 includes larger amounts for contingency funds (unforeseen expenditures during the year) and for reserves for future replacements, which is an indicator of a healthy fiscal condition for your City.

Budget hearings are scheduled for Monday, May 5 at 5:30 P.M. and if necessary additional meeting dates are May 6, May 12, and May 13. At the first budget hearing, time is set aside for general citizen comment. I would urge you to come to this meeting and gain an understanding of what goes into the city's budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at the counter in City Hall.



## **PUBLIC HEARING HELD - WATER AND SEWER RATES TO INCREASE**

Opening the public hearing Mayor Corbin explained that the Public Works and Streets Commission held a public forum on April 16 concerning the proposed funding for the water and sewer operations and improvements over the next six to seven years, and the water and sewer rates. Ray Bartlett, the consultant who is working on the economic analysis was at that meeting to answer questions and explain the forecasts. Improvements to the sewer system will cost about 5.5 million while the water system will cost about 3 million.

Corbin stated that the City is mandated to meet certain standards by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Environmental Protection Agency and there is really nothing that the City can do but meet the standards or make the necessary improvements to the system.

Most of the people who attended the public forum on April 16 and the public hearing on April 17 supported using General Obligation (GO) bonds to fund the major improvements.

Drew Roslund, Chair of the Public Works and Streets Commission said that the Commission deliberated following the public forum and decided to recommend that the City fund improvements using GO bonds; raise the sewer rates 10% for the year 2003-2004; and, raise the water rates 3% for year 2003-2004. Roslund said that the rates they suggested are very aggressive; however it was their opinion that it will go a long way towards paying for some of the initial expenses like engineering, with

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cash; and, it will provide additional money for some line replacement.

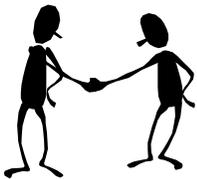
While some people who attended the public forum felt that commercial users should pay a larger base rate than residential customers Roslund explained that the Commission did not address the idea of different base rates for different meter sizes because they did not have the necessary data and the consultant indicated that the added revenue each year would be very little.

City Council voted unanimously to follow the recommendation for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and they will adopt a resolution at the May meeting to memorialize their action. The low-income discount for the water base will continue.



#### **REQUEST FOR VACATION OF A PORTION OF OLD RADAR ROAD APPROVED**

When the Mr. and Mrs. Chandler requested that a portion of Old Radar Road be vacated the City realized that part of a water line and fire hydrant are actually located on the Chandlers' property and so it was suggested that an easement be considered for that waterline as part of the vacation. At the April meeting City Council voted to vacate the portion of Old Radar Road as requested, and to acquire the easements necessary for in-ground utility lines. The next step is for staff to secure the necessary survey and legal description of the vacated and easements and prepare an ordinance for the vacation. Since the City is getting an easement it was agreed the cost would be split with the Chandlers.



#### **NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS APPOINTED**

Wallace (Walt) Weyand was appointed to the Public Works and Streets Commission and Tom Jones was appointed to serve on the Planning Commission.

Weyand retired from Bellsouth Telecommunications and moved to Yachats about 13 months ago. Before retiring he was a marketing manager, product manager and telecom network planner. Weyand said that he knew the City was facing many challenges and he would like to help.

Jones, who owns and operates Planet Yachats, said that he has been in Yachats part-time for many years and now that he is in town full-time, he wants to contribute to the community.

Welcome aboard!



#### **IN OTHER CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- Council approved the use of alcohol on City property for a private wedding party.
- City Council adopted Resolution No. 406 – A Resolution Authorizing Application For A Grant From The Oregon Parks And Recreation Department For Pedestrian Trails, Wetland Overlooks, Signage, And Associated Park Improvements At The Yachats Commons Park, And Delegating Authority To The Mayor To Sign The Application.
- City Council recommended that all the current liquor licenses for businesses be renewed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.
- Council agreed to a Joint Meeting in November with the County Board of Commissioners.
- City Council adopted Resolution No. 405 - Extending City of Yachats Workers Compensation Coverage to Volunteers of City of Yachats.



#### **HIGHWAY 101 DOWNTOWN REFINEMENT PLAN**

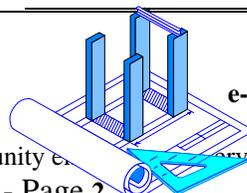
On March 24, 2003, the consultants presented a draft Preferred Downtown Refinement Plan to the Advisory Committee and at a Community Open House. Primary discussion items included:

- Improvements to the Hwy. 101/2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Beach Street intersection to improve safety.
- Directing traffic from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the Post Office through the existing parking lot located on the east side of La Serre Restaurant and continuing through a currently undeveloped lot to be developed as a parking lot and providing access to the Post Office; and converting Beach Street to one-way traffic northbound.
- On-street parking reconfiguration in front of The Landmark Restaurant to improve safety.
- Additional parking on Prospect Avenue and E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- Additional crosswalks across Highway 101 through downtown.
- New crosswalks with pedestrian refuge islands on Highway 101 at Marine Drive and Lori Lane.

The consultants are refining the preferred plan and implementation mechanisms that will be presented to the Advisory Committee and at a Community Open House in May.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE**

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### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

At the April 17 City Council meeting John McClintock reported as follows:

- The Planning Commission continued the public hearing on the proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance until the June 17, 2003 regular meeting. Meanwhile, the Planning Commission will discuss the proposed ADU ordinance at their April 15, 2003 work session.
- At the March 18, 2003 Planning Commission work session, the Planning Commission continued review of the proposed ocean bluff protection ordinance as well as issues and recommendations provided by staff. The review by the Planning Commission was not completed in the allotted time, therefore it is on the April 15, 2003 work session agenda.
- The consultants contracted by Lincoln County to design the Ocean View Drive/Marine Drive Pedestrian Trail will conduct a Community Open House on Monday, May 19, 2003 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the Open House is present preliminary plans and solicit input for the trail alignments along Marine Drive, Ocean View Drive, Lot 1, and Lot 26.
- Lincoln County has distributed Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) from geotechnical engineers who have experience with coastal bluff erosion. The County intends to contract with a geotechnical engineer to evaluate the eroding condition on Ocean View Drive and provide recommended solutions. The deadline for receiving RFQs was April 7, 2003.
- A conditional use permit application for upgrading sanitary sewer facilities on Ocean View Drive was submitted by the City and approved by the Planning Commission at their meeting on April 15. The City withdrew the plumbing for a possible public restroom from the application prior to the public hearing.

- The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has decided to include the Mutual Agreement and Order in the new discharge permit, which is going out to the public for comment and it should be here by the end of next month.
- The Inflow & Infiltration optimization report has been completed and fieldwork is beginning.
- The DEQ said that with some minor changes to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plan it would serve as a facilities plan. This will save the City thousands of dollars. The Dyer Partnerships had originally quoted \$100,000 for the facilities plan and the City had been able to get their price down to \$50,000; now it appears that price will be much less.
- The water system efficiency rate was 77% last month. Work continues on leak detection and repairs.
- An old portion of the Reedy Creek raw water transmission line broke and is being repaired. The break is where the new line was tied into the old line in front of the plant.
- The application for the extension of the Yachats River water right has been submitted.



### **NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Yachats, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 will be held at the Civic Meeting Room, Yachats Commons. The meeting will take place on the 5th day of May, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 18, 2003 at City Hall, 441 Hwy 101 N., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Additional meetings have been scheduled for May 6, and if needed May 12 and 13, 2003. The purpose of these meetings will be to review the budget document and receive public comment. These are public meetings where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at these meetings and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

<p>Annual Budget Summary Report for Fiscal Year July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003</p>
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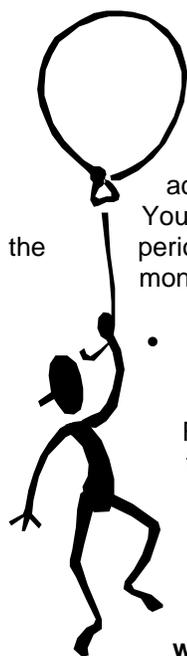
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Reporting Through Program	3/31/03 Budget	Year to Date
General Administration	\$484,565	\$383,875
Library	\$18,664	\$13,438
Little Log Church & Museum	\$8,315	\$4,423
Parks & Commons*	\$171,903	\$109,167
Streets	\$84,700	\$66,503
Water	\$364,774	\$246,545
Sewer	\$320,100	\$182,095
In Reserve for Future Uses	\$916,253	\$915,252
Debt	\$134,511	\$99,241
	<u>\$2,503,785</u>	<u>\$2,020,540</u>

### NEWS FROM THE YACHATS YOUTH & FAMILY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM



Here is an update on the accomplishments of the Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program for period July 1 2002 - March 31 2003 (9 months):

- **442 hours of Open Recreation** after school, school breaks, and on budget reduction days.. Open Recreation is attended by anywhere from 12 to 30 kids between the ages of 5 and 17 every day. Many of them would be home unsupervised for those hours if it weren't for this program.

- **301 hours of classes and workshops** for children and adults.

These included keyboards, guitar, art, beading, dance, model-building, fishing, poetry, etc.

- **249 hours of Preschool and Indoor Park.** These programs are designed for infants and toddlers and their families.
- **29 hours of Homework Night** at the Yachats Library.
- **66 hours of the Yachats Area Homeschool Group.**
- **56 hours of teen activities.** These included weekly open gym nights for youth and adults aged 13 and up, and bimonthly teen nights for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up.
- **6 Family Nights**, most of them with food and fun family activities, such as karaoke,

ornament-making, and volleyball. Other family nights are educational. An especially well-attended evening included an informational session on methamphetamine use in Lincoln County.

- **6 sessions of 'Parenting with Love and Logic'**, a parent education series.
- **9 Community Events:** 2 Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra concerts; 2 Terry Robb concerts, including one with Paul Chasman; the 1<sup>st</sup> annual YYFAP Salmon Bake; the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Family Talent Show; 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Martin Luther King Celebration; Magic Show, students' Masterpiece Project presentation.
- **Collaborations** with: Yachats Lions Club, Angell Job Corps, PAADA, City of Yachats, Master Gardeners, Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce, Sea-Aire Assisted Living, MidCoast Anglers, Learning for Life, East County Partnership, Lincoln County Mental Health, Yachats Community Library, Friends of the Yachats Commons, Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra, Oceanspray Family Center, South County Youth Center.

#### Attendance statistics July 1, 2002 - March 31, 2003:

	Total #	# Yachats Residents	Visitors (Tourists)
Individual Youth	359	86 (24%)	78 (22%)
Youth Visits	5741	2335 (41%)	165 (3%)
Individual Adults	148	38 (26%)	18 (38%)
Adult Visits	666	169 (25%)	31 (5%)

All of the above activities will continue throughout the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. We are currently in the planning stages for summer programming, including a special 7-week daycamp for 10 - 13 year olds. We are always looking for volunteers to teach classes, help with Open Rec., etc. For more information about the Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program, call 547-4599, or come by the basement of the Yachats Commons any afternoon between 4:00 and 6:00 pm.

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