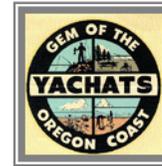




CITY OF YACHATS

NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2014

THE YACHATS CITY COUNCIL VISION

Adopted: April 2, 2009

Our village is a place where natural resources are valued and protected, where diversity is celebrated, and where a vibrant economy and sense of community pride create and recreate a living spirit. Yachats cares not just for its citizens' basic needs but also supports them in their efforts to excel mentally, physically, artistically, and spiritually. It is a community with an enduring sense of itself.



Mayor's Message

By Ron Brean, Mayor

There are, according to the latest census, about 700 of us in Yachats. There are

more than twice that many Yachadians when you count all of those that are part of our community but who live outside of the artificially drawn line we call the City Limit. I suspect there are nearly 700 reasons, or combinations of reasons, why we make Yachats our home.

One of those reasons, for many, is that we are small, compact, contained, and manageable. We don't have some of the day-to-day living pressures that larger populations of people face every day. We don't have to fight massive amounts of traffic (slow moving summertime RVs notwithstanding). We don't find ourselves in crowded malls or walkways brushing elbows with hundreds or thousands of people we've never seen before...people whose motives and manners and meanness level we don't know. Our pace of



life, in general, is civil and pleasant. We can take the time to look around, greet our neighbors, share a laugh over a cup of coffee, and relive last night's sunset

posted on Facebook by six or eight of our neighbors. When we see those posts we know the photographer and appreciate that piece of our life experience they have captured. One of the many things I like about Yachadians is that we don't take any of that for granted. We appreciate what we have here almost every day.

What we do take for granted sometimes is the underlying machinery that keeps our town functioning. We are small, quaint, quirky, and a whole lot of other wonderful things, but we have all of the needs that any city, large or small, has to keep it functioning. I am talking about water and sewer and street maintenance in part, but there's a great deal more than that. There are budgets, and beautification efforts, plans to be made, weeds to be pulled, other levels of government to talk to, ideas to be hatched, problems to be solved, information to be shared, and myriad other ongoing "things" that have to happen every day to keep a city healthy and functioning.

We have a great city staff and they do their jobs enthusiastically every day. I'm grateful for that, but it's not their efforts I'm really talking about here. You see big cities have people who are paid professionals to do all of those foundational things that keep a city afloat. They have staffs of planners to look ahead at infrastructure needs, financial trends, demographics, technological advances, grant opportunities, landscape design, engineering,

horticulture, and a raft of other beneficial activities and endeavors that make cities function and make them more livable. We don't have that kind of staff. Instead we have a bunch of local heroes.

It's easy to identify some of the heroes. If they're pulling nasty invasive weeds or carrying gravel or setting stones on trails or planting flowers we can see their work. We'll often give them thanks for their efforts as we pass by. But there are so many heroes that offer their expertise without notice, without fanfare, and often without thanks. We benefit from the expertise of financial experts, IT professionals, architects, landscape professionals, artists, business professionals, and a whole raft of other expert contributors. It's noteworthy enough that those resources live in and around a city the size of Yachats. It's even more amazing that they make their expertise available freely. We could not do what we do in this remarkable city if it weren't for the remarkable heroes lurking...often unnoticed...behind every project and task. Be on the lookout for them. They are everywhere and they deserve our thanks.



Planning News

By Larry Lewis, City Planner
**Highway 101: 7th Street to Ocean View Drive
Project Update**

A project kick-off meeting was held in February with the Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT), Reece & Associates (engineer), Nyhus Surveying, and the City. Primary discussion topics included: Project Scope; project goals and objectives; project limits and design elements and communication/ public involvement.



**The new HWY 101
"Yachats Main Street"
website is up and
running public:**

www.yachatsmainstreet.com. The home page includes several tabs that provide information about the project including an Overview, Facts, Oregon Examples, Plans, Before & After, Streetscape, Schedule, Updates, and Contact Surveying.

Nyhus Surveying is currently conducting field work required for preparation of the right-of-way (boundary) survey and the topographic survey. The topographic survey accurately locates ground elevations and physical features, i.e. existing pavement surface, driveways, utilities, building frontages, etc.

The Yachats Public Works crew and other utility agencies have been marking locations of utilities. Please note the markings (paint) do not represent locations of proposed sidewalks, bike lanes or any other proposed improvements. The markings note locations of existing features, i.e. property lines, utilities, etc.



Progress is being made on the preliminary design. The engineer is preparing a more detailed plan that shows conceptual improvements, i.e. sidewalks and crosswalks; bike lanes; on-street parking; property access, circulation and parking; and other features. The intent of the conceptual plan is to show more design detail and incorporate design considerations that have been discussed with property and business owners.



The City Public Works crew is identifying water and storm drainage improvements that are needed in the Hwy 101 project area including but not limited to a water line replacement within Hwy 101 between

3rd and 7th Streets, and storm drain improvements throughout the project area.

ODOT will soon be contacting property owners fronting the highway regarding access management, i.e. entrances and exits to properties, parking, and vehicular circulation.

Yachats Trails

Update

By Jan Brown, Trails Committee Communications Leader

We know that Yachats trails are a big draw for visitors looking for fresh air, exercise and some of the most beautiful scenery on the planet... but there's another "secret" reason for some to visit, that may surprise you!



All along our trails (as well as other locations throughout Yachats) are hidden *Geocaches*. Geocaching is like an outdoor treasure hunt in which the participants use a GPS receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" all over the world. According to local Geocachers Bob and Karen Bennett, there are currently 36 caches in Yachats, over 90 caches within five miles of Yachats and about 150 within 10 miles of town - the largest number of caches for a city of this size in Lincoln County. This activity attracts not only individual visitors but larger group gatherings as well. Bob reports that that he and Karen get many notes from other Geocachers who visit the area telling them how much they enjoy our varied trails, the views and learning about the history of the area.

If you are curious about Geocaching, and where to find caches in Yachats, a good place to start would be online at



<http://www.geocaching.com/> where you'll find a huge array of utterly fascinating information and details on how to get started.



Another good opportunity to enjoy our trails will be [National Trails Day](#), coming up on June 7th. This year's celebration, entitled "Go Hike'em" is the kick off for the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act and the 50th anniversary of Job Corps.

Activities will include: 10:00 a.m. at the Cape Perpetua Visitor's Center: A speech by a representative of Oregon Wild will be followed by guided trail hikes 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Yachats Commons: A variety of governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and Tribes will have booths set up in Room 8.

There will be Native American flute music both at the Cape and at noon at the Commons picnic shelter starting at 1:30 p.m., there will be guided interpretive hikes from the Commons, including: Yachats Wetlands and 804 Tour (3.5 miles - easy. Ya'Xaik Trail Tour (1.1 mile from Smelt Sands - easy to moderate) Amanda Trail Tour (hikers will be transported to the top of the Cape and walk one way back to the Commons (5.6 miles, moderate to difficult) Hikers are welcome to continue hiking at the Cape.



Please put the date on your calendar and let your friends and out of town visitors know.

This will be a big community event so we will be looking for lots of volunteers to help out. Contact Joanne Kittel if you would like to be put on a volunteer list.

YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

Spring is the time of the year when weeds "spring" up all over Yachats. YIPS has been successful in controlling several weed species,

one of them being Scotch Broom, April's Weed of the Month. But there is a big difference between "controlling" any weed and "eradicating" it! Broom seeds can remain viable for many decades, so seedlings will continue to appear for several years after a patch of broom has been cleared. And of course seed can be brought into a broom-free area from outside.

This is the perfect time to pull out your broom plants - the soil is moist, so pulling is easier, and while broom's distinctive yellow flowers make it easy to spot, the seed has not yet set. Bigger broom plants can often be removed using a "weed wrench", which provides great leverage in the pulling process. You can check out a weed wrench from the City Hall, free of charge. Three different sizes are available there. Try the medium size one first if you are unsure which one is best - the big size is effective, but quite heavy and lugging it around can get to be a chore very quickly!

If you have questions about weeds, call our experts Don (541-961-6695) or Wally (541-547-5474).

Upcoming Trails, YIPS! and Related Events

The Yachats Trails Crew meets on the first Saturday of each month and the YIPS! Crew on the third Saturday, both from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There are always a wide variety of tasks for all levels of interest so come on out - you will always find yourself welcome!

Upcoming events to add to your calendar include: April 5th, May 3rd, April 19th & May 17th 10:00 a.m.

June 7th - National Trails Day Events

For more information, and to sign up for the mail list, contact any one of us via phone or email:

- Lauralee Svendsgaard, Chair, Yachats Trails Committee at 541.547.3640 or lsven@peak.org
- Joanne Kittel, Leader, Development Committee & Amanda Trail at 541.547.3144 or jnkittel@peak.org
- Wally Orchard, Leader, YIPS! at 541.547.5474 or worchard@peak.org
- Jan Brown, Leader, Communications at 541.547.4927 or espressobrown@gmail.com



Yachats Public Library

By Janet Rackleff

Book Sale Success!

A big thank you this month to all the volunteers and community members that helped with last week's Annual Book Sale.

Many work behind the scenes all year round--climbing into the attic with bags of books and then getting them back down(!), sorting nonfiction titles, mobilizing people to help with transporting books to the Commons, and taking care of the left over books at the end of the sale.

The Friends of the Library did a spectacular job in organizing tables and readying the Commons for the sale. The new library bags were a hit, if you missed out on getting one, stop in at the library there are some left for sale.

This year we had the added attraction of the Yachats Art Guild's artwork on the walls of the multi-purpose room. Throughout the year there is a changing show of current work by members on the library walls, so it made sense for the guild to hang their work at the sale as well and donate part of their sales to the library. It's been a mutually beneficial collaboration for the library and the guild and we look forward to it continuing.

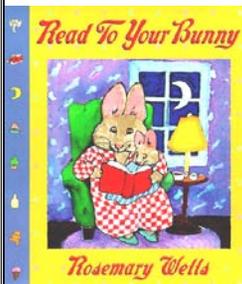
This year we had an abundance of donations in all genres, with mysteries and thrillers galore. Enough paperbacks were sold to keep every Yachatian awake and on edge till next year's sale!

The Friends of the Library will use the funds earned from this book sale to support the library in numerous ways throughout the year. They have purchased magazine subscriptions, books for summer and afterschool children's programs

and offered support for the grounds work to keep our library looking beautiful, just to name a few.

If you were unable to attend the annual sale, we always have a large bookcase of sale books for you to buy at the same low prices, and shopping bags that advertise our library.

Again thanks to all for making 2014 our best sale ever.



Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

Families' Together—April 11th - 6-8 pm

Come join us to celebrate spring and Easter with us this month with our featured book, "Read to Your Bunny", by Rosemary Wells. This program includes a free dinner, story time and craft. Each child attending will receive a copy of the book. For more information call YYFAP at 541-547-4599. Dinner and books are provided free thanks to generous grants from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and our own Mari's Books. This program is offered in partnership between Yachats Community Presbyterian Church and Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program and is held at the church at 360 W. 7th Street. We do hope you will join us!



Thanks to Local Businesses

Thanks to our local businesses and the Yachats Chamber of Commerce the recent Mardi Gras Event which raised over \$600 for YYFAP's Preschool Program. We would like to thank everyone involved with this event for the generous donation to go towards

preschool scholarships. We couldn't do it without all of you!



YYFAP Talent Show - Saturday April 12th - 2 pm

April 12th marks the return of the YYFAP' Talent Show! Youth and adult acts welcome. We simply ask that you be appropriate for a family audience. Rehearsals will be Thursdays April 3rd and 10th from 5:30-6:30 pm at the Commons. Questions? Give us a call at 541-547-4599 to sign up your act.



YYFAP is Taking Reservations for Dinner Theater April 25th

YYFAP is once again hosting our annual Dinner Theater Event in coordination with Once of Us Productions. This year's play is "Harvey" by Mary Chase. It promises to be a fun night with both live and silent auctions and a delicious plated dinner of beef and salmon, thanks to our local chefs from Ona Catering, Anthony Velarde and Michelle Korgan. Call now to reserve your seats. Cost is \$60 per person. Won't you join us for this wonderful event to benefit our local youth & families? (Alcohol is served at this event and therefore is for adults only.)



Come join us Saturday April 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church on 6th street for the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church and the Yachats Youth and Family Activities programs. Bring your basket for collecting eggs and your cameras for picture taking!!! Come join the fun!



Happy Easter

Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams,
Coordinator

The Yachats Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, April 24th in the multipurpose room. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch served at noon. Everyone 55 or older is welcome. Our "guest chef" for April is Mary Rose. She is preparing: Chicken Cordon Blue Pasta, Spring Garden Salad, Garlic Bread and Lemon Bars for dessert. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Don't forget to wear your finest Easter finery!

others who just managed to find their way, here. I am thankful for our venue and for opportunities, like this one, to share experiences.



Yachats Ladies Club

The Ladies Club has wonderful "gift baskets" from the Bazaar available for purchase....Don't forget Easter, Mother's Day, Graduation and birthday's coming up!! The Ladies Club is open every Wednesday between 1 & 2 pm for purchase.

Yachats City Hall

Volunteers will be staffing City Hall on April 3rd and 4th during regular hours. All staff will be attending training classes. The drop boxes will be available for any payments.



Commons Events

By Leon Sterner, Coordinator

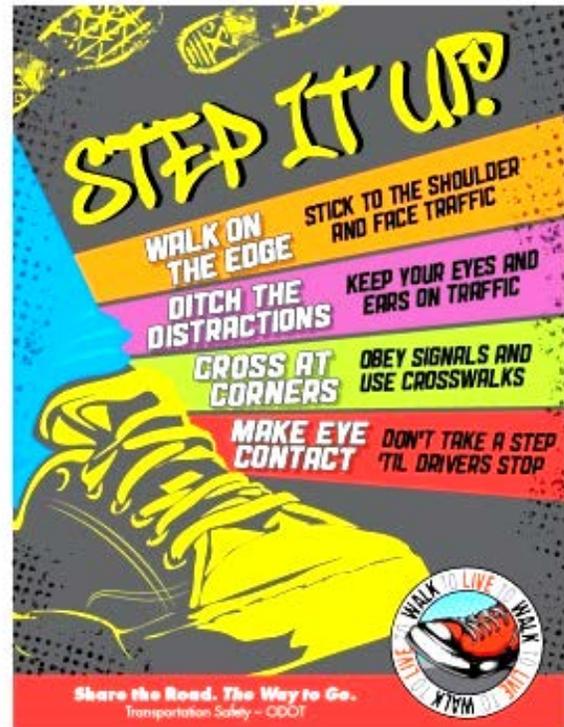
"Riva Beside Me", a theatrical reading of a newly published novel by Carla Perry was held recently in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Commons by four actors from the Toledo area.



The reading was a powerful performance that connected at a strong emotional level with members of the audience, the performers and with Carla. To me, this event represents the interwoven fabric of the community with the Friends organization.

Carla was a Friend's Board member some 15 years ago. While here, she started the "Writers' on the Edge" nonprofit organization which brings in writers from near and far to read from their works.

The Friend's sponsored the performance. Board members brought desserts to share before and after the performance. Quite a collection of community members gathered for the event, including people who had known Carla from her time here, admirers of her writing work, community members who support the Friends efforts to bring cultural events to town and





SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1 April Fool's Day

5:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8)

2 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 am (Rm 3)
Exercise Class 10 a.m. (MP)
Monthly Tsunami Siren Testing 11 am (Citywide)
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)
Rhythm Weavers 7pm (Rm3)
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)

3
5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3)
Yachats Big Band Dance 7 pm (MP)

4
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 am (Rm 3)
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)



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7 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 am (Rm 3)
City Council Work Session 9:30 am (Civic Rm)
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)
7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP)

8 10am Emergency Planning Cmte (Civic Rm)
11am Public Works & Streets Mtg. (Civic Rm)
2pm City Council Mtg (Civic Rm)
5:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8)

9 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 am (Rm 3)
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)
Finance Committee Mtg. 10 am (CivicRm)
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)
Rhythm Weavers 7pm (Rm3)

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5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3)

11
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 am (Rm3)
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)
YEAP: Families Together 6pm YCPC

12 YYFAP Community Talent Show 2pm (MP)

13 Palm Sunday
Guitarist Julian Mock Concert 2pm (YCPC)
3pm Yachats Song Circle (RM8)

14 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 am (Rm 3)
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)
7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP)

15 Planning Commission Work Session 2 pm (Civic Rm)
Planning Commission Meeting 3 pm Civic Rm
TAX DAY
Friends of the Commons Board Mtg. (Rm5) 5:30pm
5:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga

16 National Librarian Day
T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 am (Rm 3)
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)
Rhythm Weavers 7pm (Rm3)
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)

17 Annual Town Hall Mtg. County Rep. Sheriff Dotson 5:30 (MP)
5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3)

18
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 m (Rm3)
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)
Good Friday

19 **Community Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am (YCPC)**
Yachats Ladies Club Benefit Dinner 5pm



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21 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 am (Rm 3)
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)
YYFAP Board Mtg. 4:30pm
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)
7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP)

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5:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga

23 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 am (Rm 3)
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)
Rhythm Weavers 7pm (Rm3)
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)

24 Parks/Commons Commission Mtg 3 pm (Civic Rm)
Yachats Lunch Bunch 55+ 11:30am (MP)
5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3)

25 Arbor Day
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 am (Rm 3)
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)
YYFAP Fund Raiser Dinner and opening night presentation of "HARVEY" 

26 One of Us productions presents "Harvey" 7:30pm (MP) 

27 One of Us productions presents "Harvey" 2:pm (MP) 

28 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 am (Rm 3)
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)
7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP)

29 5:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8)
YAAS presents: Marine Mammals of the Oregon Coast 6:30

30 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)
Yoga w/ Dennis 9 am (Rm 3)
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)
Rhythm Weavers 7pm (Rm3)
Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)

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