



# CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



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## THE YACHATS CITY COUNCIL VISION

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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

April has much to be said about it. Spring is ripening and light fills the sky. Leafs burst forth to gather that light and invest

it in a vibrant forest or in colorful flowers. Major league baseball takes the field for the regular season. The grass is green and waiting for golf balls to bounce on it. The promise of summer fragrances the air. And then there is April 15<sup>th</sup>, the ides of April, the dreaded income tax day.

I filed my taxes yesterday. As is the case every year it was a day of tedium, of searching out deductions to minimize the amount to pay or maximize the refund, of feeling a bit overwhelmed at the amount of money that was withheld and must be relinquished to satisfy the tax, and of feeling just a bit sorry for myself.

I've been a public servant in one capacity or another for 47 years, and I am well aware that it is taxes that make it possible to deliver service to the public. Yet when it actually comes to paying the bill for those various services, it's painful. It's hard to remember at that moment in time what it is I'm buying with those tax dollars. Further, even though I know that the larger a bureaucracy is (public or private) the harder it is to deliver service efficiently and without waste, I feel like some of that tax money I'm paying is wasted needlessly. In short, I may be a bit less

chipper on the day I file my taxes than I am on most other days.

But here's the deal: we have an impressive defense system (some would argue that it's too impressive), and amazing transportation system of roads and airports and such (some would argue not amazing enough), a fantastic park system, astounding communications capabilities, infrastructure of every conceivable type, research solving problems and curing diseases, a universal school system (although one which probably should be earning better grades), professionals providing protection to consumers from harm and disease, and many more services and benefits, all of which we have because we provide the money to pay for them through our taxes. While there is plenty room to argue about how those tax dollars are spent, and plenty of opportunity to seek efficiency, and seek out and eliminate wastefulness, the fact remains that we get a pretty good product overall for our investment.

For me it is easier to see the connection between the taxes one pays and the benefit one gets at the local level. When I eat out in Yachats and pay the food and beverage tax I don't have to worry that it's going to pay for a super-expensive military aircraft or an ill-conceived social program. When I pay my laughably small city property tax at 17cents per thousand I know it's supporting the library, the Commons, road work, and other visible and tangible City assets. Even when I pay my utility bill I know I'm paying for my share of the infrastructure and my share of

the water production and treatment costs. None if it is a mystery and none of it is hidden in a giant bureaucracy. It also helps to know that every city employee and every commission volunteer is ecstatic when they find a way of doing something more efficiently and saving money.



We all know that Yachats is a pretty special place because of the kind of people who are drawn here. We all know that it's a special place because of its spectacular environment.

But as you hold your nose and pay you income tax, you can probably return to your usual chipper self a little faster if you take a moment to realize how special it is even in the way it deals with the mundane tasks like delivering water, patching streets, and (the ever popular) processing of sewage. Then you can return to properly appreciating Spring more quickly.

- Lisa McGrath and John Moore were appointed to the Finance Committee.

And several appointments and reappointments recommended from the Parks and Commons Commission will be considered by the City Council at their April meeting.

Volunteers are the community's most valuable asset and the City would like to thank these individuals and all the others that volunteer their time to make this community a great place to live.



### Yachats Emergency Planning Committee

By Bob Bennett

#### **The Big Earthquake and Yachats**

About every two weeks now one or another news outlet talks about a Major Quake off the Oregon Coast along with a Tsunami. The time frame usually talks about **anytime in the next 50 years** but it could happen any moment. It is very scary but coastal residents which include those of us living in Yachats are aware that such an event can happen. We need to be prepared!

June 2016 FEMA is sponsoring a Cascadia Rising Event which includes participation by multiple Western States including Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Each State develops an approach to participation allowing individual counties to choose how each plans to participate. Most of the Coastal counties plan to participate as well as some counties from the Willamette Valley, Central, and Eastern Oregon.

Lincoln County chooses to focus on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, as a table-top exercise focused on improving coordination between multiple agencies for a large earthquake (about a 6.0 quake) but no tsunami. A table-top exercise is a role play event based on a prepared scenario. This is usually



### City Council Briefing

By Nancy Batchelder  
City Recorder

#### Commission Members Appointed

In recent months, the City Council has made several appointments to the advisory commissions that serve the City.

- John Deriberprey and Helen Anderson were appointed to serve on the Planning Commission.
- Terri Homer was appointed to serve on the Library Commission.
- Rick Haynes was appointed to serve on the Public Works and Streets Commission.
- Lisa McGrath was appointed and Brad Webb was reappointed to the Budget Committee.

done by a series of participants representing various functions to work together to solve the problem outlined in the scenario. On Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, the County will continue as a table top but with a major earthquake (this one is 9.0) which includes a local tsunami.

Yachats plans to participate in this exercise. The Tuesday exercise is very much like the County plan where a table top process is used to improve coordination for the dealing with a large quake which creates some local damage and requires both the City and Yachats Rural Fire Protection District (YRFPD) to work together to recover from the problem. Communication is maintained with the Lincoln County group which is coordinating with Oregon State Emergency Management and in turn FEMA.

Friday Yachats and YRFPD will organize and conduct a City Wide Evacuation Drill asking both citizens and visitors to move to assembly areas outside low lying areas impacted by a local tsunami. Such a drill was done several years ago and it is time to do this again. The Evacuation Drill helps people understand the routes to take to a safer area, where the safe areas are, and a sense of how long it takes to get from where they are to the safe areas. Walking this route is the best way to gauge how long it takes as a major quake is likely to prevent use of motorized transportation.

In the next two newsletters there will be articles providing more information about preparing for a Cascadia Event and more information on the Evacuation Drill.

It may be a surprise to most Yachats residents that there is such a thing as the Emergency Planning Committee or that it stretches back over the last 10 years or so. Initially the Committee worked on spreading the word about the possibility of a Tsunami, both distant and local, where the residents and visitors to the village would be threatened. It also focused on recruiting folks to take training classes to become CERT volunteers.

CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. CERT educates individuals about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Here is the link to the local CERT organization which covers South Lincoln County <http://www.citizencorps.fema.gov/cc/showCert.do?id=61430&cert=> If you are interested there are usually several training classes each year taking place throughout Lincoln County. These classes give you the opportunity to gain official certification allowing you to help in disaster situations throughout the state.

The current Emergency Planning Committee has focused for the last 5 years on how the City of Yachats can maintain key city services such as water, wastewater, and streets should a severe storm, distant tsunami, or earthquake occur. A major quake and local tsunami could be much harder for the city to restore services in a timely manner.

So stay tuned for upcoming articles which cover the Cascadia Rising Event and more about and what you can do to prepare yourself and your family for an emergency!



## Yachats Public Library

By Nikki Carlson

### THE LIBRARY COMMISSION

Library patrons are well aware of the great work carried out by the volunteer librarians Janet Hickam and Janet Rackleff, and also the crew of volunteers who keep the library functioning smoothly.

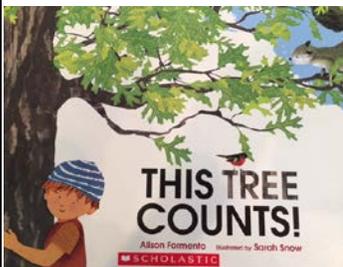
Do you know the Library Commissioners and their contribution to the success of the library? The



Commission currently consists of four members, Chair: David Dunsdon, Marion Godfrey, Terri Homer and Nikki Carlson, all appointed by the Mayor with the approval of City Council. These individuals are charged with the operation and management of the library including the formulation of rules, regulations and standards. They receive gifts, grants and bequests to carry out the purpose of the Library. They ensure that the library budget is prepared and submitted. They fulfill these duties with the input and help of the Liberians, volunteers and patrons.

The Commission meets quarterly on the first Tuesday of the quarter (April 5 at 10 AM). There is currently a vacancy on the Commission. If you are a city resident interested in helping keep the library a vibrant asset in this community, don't hesitate to step up and volunteer for the Library Commission. You would be most welcome!

A special thanks to everyone who made our 2016 book sale another success. It couldn't be done without your help!



## Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck,  
Executive Director

### Families Together

Families Together - Earth Day April 22nd  
Join us at Yachats Community Presbyterian Church at 6 pm for a fun family event for Earth Day. The featured story is "This Tree Counts" by Alison Formento. Dinner is free and every child will take home their own copy of the book. We hope you will join us for this special earth day Families Together.



## Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams,  
Coordinator

The Yachats Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 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 Catherine Lucido. She is preparing: PIZZA -a yummy variety including vegetarian, Caesar Salad and Biscotti for desert. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.



## One of Us Productions

by Valerie Edmunds, Producer  
"The Odd Couple - Female Version"

One of Us Productions is proud to present Neil Simon's female twist on his

comedy classic "The Odd Couple," revealing once again that even the best of friends can make the worst of roommates. The fun begins as a group of women friends meet for their weekly game of Trivial Pursuit at the apartment of Olive Madison, a divorcee who freely admits to being a slob. Late to arrive is Florence "Flo" Unger, a stickler for detail who has just become separated from her husband. As life would have it, messy Olive and neat freak Flo decide to room together - with hilarious results! Along for the ride are their four quirky friends and the Costazuela brothers, their charming neighbors recently arrived from Spain.

Directed by Johnni Prince, the play's cast includes Lorraine Barrett as Olive; Debbie Coxey as Flo; Hannah Barrett, River Benson, Marcie Pickner, and Jodi Smith as their



Trivial Pursuit playing friends; Zach Barrett as Jesus Costazuela; and Carl Miller as Manolo Costazuela.

"The Odd Couple - Female Version" runs April 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24 at Yachats Commons. Performance times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Touchstone Gallery, Toad Hall, Ya-Hots Video Country Store, Waldport Video, and Crescent Moon Consignment. You can also buy online at <http://tinyurl.com/odd-couple-tickets> or at the door (box office opens half hour before the show.) Ticket price: \$12. Call 541.272.3245 for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program will hold a special dinner theatre fundraiser on Friday, April 8. Call YYFAP at 541.547.4599 for reservations.



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## Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Chair  
Communications Leader

January, February, March AND

April showers are bringing up early flowers and abundant plant growth - both native and invasive. It's a lovely time to be out and, as always you are invited to join the Trails and YIPS! crews on our monthly outings to keep local trails and parks spruced up, safe and inviting.

One outing you won't want to miss will be National Trails Day on June 4<sup>th</sup>. This annual event will have extra special meaning this year as we move

**National  
Trails Day**



forward in rebuilding and restoring the Amanda Trail. Trails Committee leaders have been meeting with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) managers to review short term options for re-opening the trail with a goal of having a temporary fix in place by June 4<sup>th</sup>. The

Yachats Trails Crew, ORPD and U.S. Forest Service will partner to sponsor a National Trails Day work session that day and, of course, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians will be involved as well. So - save the date and plan to be part of this next historic and spiritual chapter in the story of Amanda. More information will be available soon.

In the meantime, ORPD continues to work on a plan for removing the remains of the Amanda Bridge and are yet hoping to find a way to salvage portions for use in another park. A spur road near the Kittel driveway will be reopened as a joint project between Oregon Department of Transportation and OPRD to help with debris removal but it may be August before the bridge can be removed.

### YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

This month we will again be working to remove invasives and restore habitat in the wetlands park area behind the Commons. Progress has been good against the ivy, blackberry and other sneaky species there, but we need to keep it that way! Several years ago the Trails Committee identified "Yachats' six most wanted - Dead!" which are Scotch Broom, Himalayan Blackberry, Knotweed, Clematis, English Ivy and Morning Glory. (See the brochure in the Yachats Document Library at <http://yachatsdocuments.info/library/Download.aspx?docid=2247>.) Since then, YIPS! has made outstanding progress in dealing with all of these. You can help in this effort, even if you're not inclined to join our formal work parties and celebrations, by destroying these nasty characters in your own yard, as well as wherever you see them appear.



If you have questions about local weeds or need tips on how to control them, contact Wally (541-547-5474) or Don (541-961-6695) for details.

## 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 join in the fun. We guarantee you a warm appreciative welcome and, if you are so inclined, a friendly social get-together to celebrate our accomplishments at the end.

### April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:

Trails Crew work event. (Location TBA)

### April 16<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00

p.m.: YIPS! Crew work event.

Meet at the picnic shelter behind the Commons to work in the wetlands park.

For more information on Trails and YIPS! activities, 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](mailto:lsven@peak.org)
- Joanne Kittel, Leader, Development Committee & Amanda Trail at 541.547.3144 or [jnkittel@peak.org](mailto:jnkittel@peak.org)
- Loren Dickinson, Leader, Trails Crew at 541-547-4559 or [loren.dickinson@gmail.com](mailto:loren.dickinson@gmail.com)
- Wally Orchard, Leader, YIPS! at 541.547.5474 or [worchard@peak.org](mailto:worchard@peak.org)
- Jan Brown, Leader, Communications at 541.547.4927 or [espressobrown@gmail.com](mailto:espressobrown@gmail.com)

enthusiastic about the learning experiences, and have expressed much appreciation for both our Commons and the Yachats Community. They made good use of the facility. Bob along with fellow author Jane Kirkpatrick, led numerous breakout sessions as well as presenting to the whole group. New this year the ceiling mounted digital projector was used for PowerPoint presentations and the showing of video clips. The audio system in the Multipurpose room allowed for nice acoustics during large group gatherings.

After opening remarks on Friday evening, workshop attendees went outside to the Picnic Shelter where they held their annual marshmallow roast. The marshmallows were only the beginning of a fun and delicious culinary dimension to the workshop. Sally Welch along with two close friends Anne and Jason, comprised the catering team that provided wonderful snacks, meals and libations for the entire weekend (except for Saturday evening when participants hit the local restaurants before returning for an evening session.) The caterers and attendees greatly appreciated the kitchen facilities, especially the recently acquired stove and coffee maker.

Over the past number of years we have been improving our facility and equipment to accommodate the wide variety of events that occur throughout the year. Workshops and conferences like the Beachside Writers, make use of all of these enhancements: convection oven, digital projectors, wireless microphones and comfortable chairs to name a few. All of these enhancements make the Commons a comfortable and functional facility. The Beachside Writers will be missed. I have been privileged to assist this group as they gathered over these past years. Feedback from "the writers" has helped the Friends of the Commons create new processes to work together with the City and other community organizations to create projects and raise funds for facility enhancements.



## Commons Events

By Leon Sterner,  
Coordinator

Prolific author and revered columnist Bob Welch recently hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Beachside Writers Workshop during the last weekend in February. He announced that this year would be the finale, the last such gathering, which has occurred at the Yachats Commons since its beginning in 2005. During its run, an average of 50 participants gathered for a weekend of learning sessions around improving their writing skills. The participants have always been very engaged and



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April</h1>			<p><i>Monthly Tsunami Siren testing</i> 11am January 6th</p>		<p><b>1</b> Exercise Class 10 am (MP)</p> <p>6:30p Friends of the Commons: Fossils on the Oregon Coast(MP)</p>	<p><b>2</b> Fundraiser for My Sisters Place @ Yachats Ladies Club 5-8pm</p>
<p><b>3</b> Dances of Universal Peace 6:30pm (MP)</p>	<p><b>4</b> Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) 9:15am Energy Medicine Exercise (Rm3) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 6pm Open &amp; Honest (Rm5) 7pm Open Gym + ping pong (MP)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8am Heidi's YOGA(Rm3) 8:30am Marketing Comm.</p> <p><b>10am Library Comm. Mtg</b> 9:30 Cosmic YOGA (Rm3) 10am QiGong (Rm8)</p>	<p><b>6</b> Tai Chi 8 am (Rm8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) <b>10am Central Coast Health Network Committee Mtg (Rm3)</b> <u>1pm Art in the Kitchen</u> Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP)</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10am City Council Meeting (Civic) <b>3:30pm Cosmic YOGA (Rm8)</b> 5:45p-Ballroom Dance lessons(MP) <b>Big Band Dance 7 pm (MP)</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Exercise Class 10 am (MP)</p> <p>YYFAP: FUND RAISER</p>	<p><b>9</b> One of Us Productions: The Odd Couple – Female Version by Neil Simon 7:30pm (MP)</p>
<p><b>10</b> Song Circle 3pm(Rm 3)</p> <p>One of Us Productions: The Odd Couple – Female Version by Neil Simon 2pm (MP)</p>	<p><b>11</b> Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) <b>9:30am City Council Work Session (Civic Mtg Rm)</b> Exercise Class 10 am (MP) Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) 6pm Open &amp; Honest (Rm5) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 7pm Open Gym + ping pong</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8am Heidi's YOGA(Rm3) 9:30 Cosmic YOGA (Rm3) 10am QiGong (Rm8) <b>Emergency Planning 2 pm Public Works &amp; Streets Mtg 3 pm (Civic)</b> 6:30 pm Tribal Move (MP) <b>Friends Bd Mtg 5:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> Tai Chi 8 am (Rm8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) <b>Finance Committee 10am (Civic Mtg Rm)</b> <u>1pm Art in the Kitchen</u> Pickleball 1:15pm (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP)</p>	<p><b>14</b> Gentle Healing YOGA 11am (Rm3)</p> <p><b>2pm City Council Meeting (Civic Mtg Rm)</b> <b>3:30pm Cosmic YOGA (Rm8)</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> Exercise Class 10am (MP)</p> <p>One of Us Productions: The Odd Couple – Female Version by Neil Simon 7:30pm (MP)</p>	<p><b>16</b> One of Us Productions: The Odd Couple – Female Version by Neil Simon 7:30pm (MP)</p>
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When it rains look for RAINBOWS....When it's dark look for STARS

