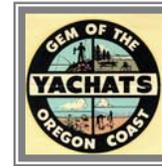




CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



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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

We have seven tomato bushes. We have no green house. At the moment they are green and leafy and producing some flowers. But any one who has tried to raise tomatoes on the Oregon Coast knows that our chances of a bountiful harvest of luscious homegrown tomatoes is pretty slim unless we take some extraordinary measures and do some hard work to give the warmth-loving bushes a leg up. We're going to have to provide some protection very soon if we're going to reap the fruits of what we've sown. Having spent large portions of my life where tomatoes thrive without glass or plastic enclosures, this effort seems like a lot of work to grow an easy crop. The hard truth (at least hard for a child with desert roots) is that growing tomatoes here is not easy.

Sometimes it seems that there are too many things that are more difficult than they should be. I don't know why that is. There's a part of my own personal, internal, moral justice system that tells me if a thing is right, and proper and wholesome and true it ought to just BE. It shouldn't require so much work to make it so. I know, however, that not everyone is wired with the same exact internal codes as my own. The fact that there are differences in these codes, I also know, is not a bad thing. I think my wiring is pretty sound, but it is not without its occasional short. Further, most of us think our wiring is pretty sound but in any room of people, if you listen carefully, you'll hear sparks arcing off course and questionable conclusions being reached about what's right, and proper and wholesome and true. As a consequence, we need each other and our troublingly difficult disagreements to calibrate our own internal systems. Without that calibration and interpersonal systems checking, we can never be sure that we've gotten "right"...right. As a consequence, some things are not easy.

Years ago I used to fish with a friend who said: "You have to have days when no fish are caught so that you'll appreciate the days when you catch them." He may be right. It does seem that when things come to us too easily we don't properly appreciate them. I suppose the flip side is that the harder we work to achieve something the more we value it. When we deeply believe that something is right and proper and wholesome and true, most of us are willing to work exceedingly hard get it established, to help it take root, and to share the bountiful harvest with our friends and neighbors.

As I look around Yachats I see people everywhere who are working hard on things that we think are worth the work that produces the value. There are efforts to learn and enlighten; to provide wholesome activities for kids and adults, a healthy environment, clean water and protected watersheds, and basic services to Yachadians. Neighborliness is a hard earned norm. People are working to improve aesthetics and assure an active and healthy business environment, and to help to others when help is needed. Commissions, and committees and organizations and individuals are everywhere you look and everywhere that a need exists working hard to achieve those things that in an easier world simply ought to just BE. In spite of the sparks and arcs of systems calibration, it's worth the effort. It is our mutual hard work that makes life here easier and more enjoyable than it otherwise would be.

I don't know what the harvest will be from our tomato enterprise. It's an "iffy" proposition in this environment. I do know, however, that our community efforts to find our common truth and our shared values (as elusive and difficult to find as they may be) will lead us to a community harvest of those things that are right, and proper and wholesome and true. After all, we're not trying to grow blueberries in the desert.



By Larry Lewis, City Planner

People often have questions about the building permit process. A building permit is required for a new structure, any building additions or remodels that involve structural work, decks that are 8 inches or greater above the ground, and some additional improvements to structures. Any questions about whether or not a building permit is required should either be directed to the Lincoln County Building Division at (541) 265-4192 or to me on Tuesdays at (541) 547-3565 during regular business hours.

Lincoln County is the City's building official. They issue the building permits and review structural, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical plans. The City reviews building permit applications for all planning related issues, i.e., land use, flood zone, natural hazard areas, geologic hazards, parking, lot coverage, building setbacks, building height, and clear vision areas. Additionally, the City reviews building permit applications for public works related issues, i.e., water, sewer, storm drainage and streets.

Article I. Accessory Structures

Accessory structures, e.g. a shed or greenhouse, that are accessory to a permanent single-family or two-family residential dwelling and do not exceed 200 square feet or 10 feet in height do not require a building permit. The accessory structure may not be located in a required front yard or street side yard, and shall be a minimum 5 feet from the rear and side property lines.

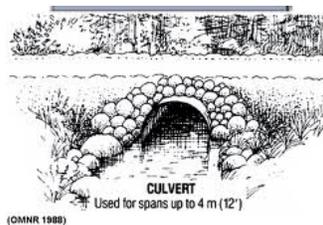
Article II. Building Permit Process

1. The Applicant completes the application form, contractor's responsibilities, and drawings (3 sets of drawings). Application forms are available at Lincoln County, City Hall, or online at www.co.lincoln.or.us/planning/building/applications.html.
2. The Applicant submits the completed application to the Lincoln County Planning and Building Department at 210 SW 2nd Street, Newport, OR.
3. The County reviews the application to assure all information has been submitted, then forwards the application to the City.
4. The City reviews the application for compliance with code standards, water and sewer availability, and determines the System Development Charges

(SDC's) and water/sewer hook-up fees, if any. The applicant submits water/sewer hook-up forms and pays all required fees to the City.

5. Once the application is approved by the City and the applicant pays any required SDC's and hookup fees, the City forwards the application to the County.
6. Once Lincoln County approves the application, they contact the applicant to pick up the building permit and pay the County fees.

For single family and two-family building permits, a building permit is typically issued within three weeks from the time a complete application is submitted. For non-residential and multi-family building permits, the building permit process typically takes five weeks.



Public Works Department

By John McClintock,
Public Works
Director

Sometimes persistent does pay off. Ever since I started working at the City of Yachats one of the most frustrating projects I have endeavored to complete is getting the culverts under Highway 101 that drain Gender Creek upgraded.

Past history shows that each time we have a heavy down pour; the existing culverts overflow onto the highway demonstrating their inadequate size.

Flooding on Highway 101, west side homes, and erosion have been major problems long before my time. I'm now happy to announce that the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be undertaking a project to upgrade the culvert size to handle high flows during wet weather.

This project will begin after the Labor Day weekend holiday, and will take place during the evening in order to have a minimal on impact on traffic.

ODOT and the City will notify affected property owners prior to the start of construction

I hope that a couple nights of work will be worth trading for a culvert system that can handle flows from Gender Creek under Highway 101.



Remove brush, weeds, and debris from around your water meter box—your water meter reader will thank you!



Oregon Crosswalk Laws

By Debrah Edwards, Deputy City Recorder

With Yachats’ summer tourist season in full swing we all need to take more care when driving through town. Both drivers and pedestrians should take the time to understand the fundamental laws regarding crosswalks—doing so helps lower the risk of unwanted accidents.

The following is an excerpt from the Oregon Department of Transportation brochure “What You Need to Know about Oregon Crosswalk Laws.” To read the brochure in its entirety or to print out a copy log on to:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/docs/pedestrian/Ped_Brochure.pdf

- Remember, under Oregon law there is a crosswalk at every intersection.
- Do not pass a vehicle stopped at a crosswalk. A stopped car may be a clue that a pedestrian is crossing.
- When stopping for a crosswalk on a multi-lane road, you should stop about 30 feet before the crosswalk so you don’t block visibility to a driver in a second lane.
- When stopping at an intersection, do not block the crosswalk. This forces pedestrians to go around your vehicle and puts them in a dangerous situation.
- Watch for pedestrians, especially children, when exiting driveways or when backing out of parking spaces in parking lots.
- Pedestrians move at different speeds. Be alert for children who may suddenly dart into the street. Be patient with older adults who take extra time to cross the street.
- Around taverns and bars, be alert for people with slowed reaction times or impaired judgment.
- Be alert for people or animals during lowlight conditions, especially in areas where they are likely to cross the road, or you might not see them until it is too late to stop.

Trails activities are in full swing with the return of our fair weather friends from the southern climes. On July 9th, 19 eager Trails Crew members were treated to a delightful sunny day and made quick work of clearing the Amanda Trail from Windy Way to the Kittel’s driveway. The popularity of the Amanda Trail was quite evident by the number of hikers and runners passing by and heaping loads of praise upon us for widening the footpath and helping to keep the trail safe.

A special crew was assembled toward the end of July for the purpose of gathering suitable large rocks from a local quarry and setting them in place as steps along the upper Prospect Trail from King Street to Radar Road.

The next Trails Crew event will take place Saturday, August 6, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will meet on the upper Prospect Trail in order to complete the improvements. These improvements are primarily clearing weedy debris and establishing the remaining footpath, and will NOT involve moving large rocks.

On July 23, 2011 YIPS (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) revisited the lower Prospect Trail and removed the sprouts and roots lingering from the massive invasive plant eradication effort that occurred at that site about a year ago. Since that time YIPS has monitored the sprouts and have diligently removed the returning invasive plants.

Come winter, YIPS will begin efforts to plant the lower Prospect Trail with native and wildlife-friendly ornamental plants in order to create a demonstration garden. (Wildlife-friendly ornamental plants contain nectar, pollen and/or habitat in amounts equal to native plants). YIPS leader Wally Orchard and others met with Kate Danks of Oregon’s Natural Resource Conservation Service for coaching on the planning and preparation of the demonstration garden.

The next YIPS event will take place Saturday, August 20, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Wally as indicated in the last paragraph for location information.

Encouraging our efforts to complete the Prospect Trail is the dedication of the Leslie Carter Memorial Bench taking place Saturday, August 13, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at the Prospect Trail and East 2nd Street. All are welcome. Friends of Leslie Carter commissioned Lon Brusselback and Bari McLean to create the bench that will serve as a focal point of the demonstration garden. It is hoped that Leslie’s bench will be the first of several useful amenities created by local artists to adorn our trails. Birdbaths, sundials, benches and chairs, even a table



Trails Update

By Lauralee Svendsgaard, Trails Committee Chair

with inlaid game board and (toad) stools are some of the possibilities that have been discussed.

We're thrilled to advise that efforts to replace the Amanda Bridge are proceeding smoothly. The prefabricated fiberglass bridge components were delivered to Oregon State Parks at South Beach in July. They will remain there until after Labor Day when volunteers will be needed to assist with removal of the existing bridge, distribution of the rocks in the gabions, moving the new bridge components from the Kittel drive to the bridge site, and hosting activities (food preparation and such). The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians are donating skilled labor. If you are not on the Yachats Trails Committee's email list and would like to volunteer for the Amanda Bridge replacement effort, please call or email Lauralee as noted below.

The Yachats Trails Committee and its sub-groups (YIPS and the Trails Crew) are all volunteer endeavors. If you would like to join our efforts, please contact any of the trail leaders noted below. No is experience necessary— all skill levels, from "never heaved a hoe" to "adept at using a pulaski," are welcomed. We provide work gloves, tools, a delightful group of people to work with, and a strong sense of camaraderie.

For more information or to be added to the Trails Committee's email list contact:

- Lauralee Svendsgaard, Yachats Trails Committee Chair at (541) 547-3640 or via email lsven@peak.org
- David Lavrinets, Trails Crew Leader at (541) 547-5388 or via email dalavrinets@peak.org
- Joanne Kittel, Development Committee & Amanda Trail Leader at (541) 547-3144 or via email jkittel@peak.org
- Wally Orchard, YIPS Leader at (541) 547-5474 or worchard@peak.org



Om For The Summer— Yoga For Anyone

By Fred Jones

Recently an article appeared in the "Life-Health & Fitness" section of the Register Guard, which talked about the benefits of Yoga and attempted to dispel the fears that people have about this practice. The article was written by Dr. Michael Roizen, M.D. and Dr. Mehmet Oz, M.D. (of Oprah Winfrey fame). They reported that serious science is backing up the belief

that yoga has "impressive mind-body perks." They stated that yoga "can ease everything from chronic pain and stiff knees to low moods and poor sleep." Students of the practice are learning that everyone can benefit—the overweight, inflexible, arthritic, downright klutzy, and those with medical conditions. One publication called yoga an "equal opportunity pleasure."

The good news is there are classes here in Yachats that can help you practice yoga without feeling frustrated or pushing yourself too far. All local classes are the Hatha system of yoga, geared to move slowly and use simple moves that don't require head stands or pretzel twists! Participants may use any prop they need such as: a chair; bolsters; balance block; or blankets.

Three instructors are currently teaching yoga classes at the Commons: Dennis McSherry teaches on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m. in room 3; Ursula Adler teaches on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. in room 3; and I teach two classes on Thursday one at 8:30 a.m. and the other at 6 p.m. in room 8. Please wear loose fitting clothes and bring your own mat and a towel. Donations are suggested with all proceeds going to support the Commons.



One of Us Productions.

By Robbie Scoonover

September 2, 2011 will be the opening night of a three-weekend run of Del Shores' comedy stage play, "Daddy's Dyin', Who's Got the Will?".

Also on opening night, we will be honoring our first scholarship recipient, Milo Graamans, with a brief awards presentation before curtain. Come and support him before he goes off to college.

Admission is \$10 per person and tickets may be purchased at Shirley's, Toad Hall, Raindogs (in Yachats), Chuck's Videos (in Waldport, PAC (in Newport) and at the door.



Yachats Public Library

By Marie Green, Library
Commission Chair

Fly Fishing for Idiots has surely been published, but Henry Winkler's latest book, I Never Met an Idiot on the River, demonstrates his passion for

fly fishing in Montana—every catch is carefully and fully documented and then released. The book, requested by a patron, is beautifully illustrated with Winkler's own stunning photos of favorite fishing spots. It is our recommendation for easy summer reading.

Our all-volunteer library does not have access to inter-library loans, but we do offer to add *most* anything a patron requests to our collection. Just stop by the desk and give the librarian the author and title of your request and it will be logged into our order request notebook. In about ten days (or less) we will notify you that the book is in.

Thanks to Angie Deriberprey and the other volunteers we are having a highly successful summer reading program that offers free books and prizes.

Keith Perkins of the City's Budget and Finance Committees will be meeting with the Library Commission to assist us in budget planning for the eventual expansion of the Library. We know Yachatsians and visitors alike love our friendly little library—but is it enough?

Now is the time to begin thinking and dreaming about what that our expansion plans might include. Do we need a comfortable and quiet space for reading? Should the public access computers have their own space? Right now we prune out the fiction books not recently read—do we need more space for fiction, especially mysteries? What about more DVD's or more non-fiction and Northwest Collection shelf space? We have no display space except on the top of shelves. Lots to think about and we need your input.

Norm Kittel has bequeathed his collection of books to the library. Because of his thoughtful donation, we expect the non-fiction section to be greatly enriched and enhanced. Book donations especially recent fiction are always welcome year round and available on the for sale shelves just inside the front door. Happy reading!



The Little Log Church & Museum

By Mark Crook, Event Coordinator

Recently those who attended the weekly Wednesday evening meditation at the Little Log Church opted to spend their 45 minutes of silence in the garden. It was a beautiful summer evening not to be lost by being indoors. At 7 p.m. it was

warm and still. The group chose to sit on a bench near the fig tree, between the cedar sculptures of St. Francis and the sea lion sculpture. In the quiet of the evening all that could be heard were the sounds of swallows and sparrows, the brush of hummingbird wings, and a distant crow or two. It was a place to drink in the beauty of the moment, and memorize it.

The garden is at its best right now, and it belongs to all of us. We invite you to mark your calendars for Saturday, September 24, 2011 so you can enjoy the garden in our 3rd annual fall celebration of *Music and Art in the Garden* from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be vendors showing their artistic creations, lively music, friends to meet and greet, and fall blooms to enjoy. Sack lunches will be available for purchase.

The LLC&M's fall garden celebration is now becoming a town tradition. We look forward to seeing you there!



In the Garden with Louis

By Louis Mensing, LLCM Gardner

Those of you who have recently visited the garden at LLCM have been lucky to see all the amazing blooms the summer weather has brought us: Lavatera olbia rosea Barnsley with mallow flowers; pink and white Watsonia, which is a gladiolus relative from South Africa; blue and white bell-shaped Campanula persicifolia's; and the purple blossomed Rosa (Gallica) 'Tuscany Superb'.

We invite you to share the all the beauty the garden at the Little Log Church and Museum has to offer.



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Paul Niblock, Coordinator

Question: What happens on the last Thursday of every month?

Answer: The Yachats Lunch Bunch gets together at the Commons, of course.

This month's luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 25 and is open to everyone 55 and over. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. There is a suggested donation of \$4.

This month's menu is another crowd pleaser: Meatloaf and gravy; mashed potatoes; green salad; rolls and butter; followed by banana cream pie—all prepared and served by the culinary students from Angell Job Corps.

Come and meet your friends and neighbors; enjoy the entertainment; and discover why Yachats Lunch Bunch is one of Yachats' beloved assets.