



# CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 2014

## 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

It may surprise you to learn that being mayor isn't always fun. Not

everyone sees the value or the wisdom in the directions the City takes. Not everyone agrees that those directions even have value or draw upon wisdom. Not every problem or issue we face as a community has a ready solution. Some take money the City does not have. Some require flexibility not easily obtained from other governmental agencies. Some need reform to existing law which takes considerable time. And some just don't have solutions at all.

That is the world of a mayor and a city council. In our city, like most in Oregon, we volunteer our time, experience and expertise to try to manage, improve and contribute in hopes of benefitting the City and all the citizens we care so much about. And we are always open and searching for ideas about how those benefits can best be achieved.

We currently have a number of challenges ahead of us that involve improvements to the City's infrastructure, and that will prepare us to meet future demands. A water storage reservoir for south Yachats is needed and will come soon. Improvements to the water distribution system and needed water delivery efficiencies are coming our way. There are some long-term ideas about improving water availability through raw



water storage. There are some very old pipes in the ground (some of which are leaking) that need to be replaced. There are roofs and roads and buildings and other City facilities needing to be maintained. We're currently looking at how we can responsibly plan and pay for those needs.



I have invited a group of folks to participate in a task force to consider how we'll fund these short and long-term infrastructure needs. The task force's discussions will be public and they will be interested in any

ideas you may wish to contribute. Also, in the near future I will host a sort of town hall meeting with the Chair of our Finance Committee to give you an opportunity to hear what those infrastructure needs are, answer questions, and hear any thoughts you may have about additional needs and potential solutions.

Interestingly enough, as tedious as this process might sound, it is potentially one of the more productive things I get to do. We get to search for options that will solve problems together, and prepare for a better future as a community. All of which can be very fun.

When we're done, and when we've come up with plans for dealing with the issues facing us, there will undoubtedly be some disagreement. Sigh! That's less fun. However, at the end of the day, there is great benefit in working with this community to explore, discuss and set a plan in motion.

There is great satisfaction in knowing we are preparing for a future reality before it becomes a crisis or an emergency. There is great satisfaction in being a part of Yachats. No, it's not always fun. But Yachats and you make the effort well worthwhile.



## Planning News

By Larry Lewis,  
City Planner

### **Yachats Main Street-Hwy 101 Project**

Plans for the Yachats Main Street - Hwy 101 project are proceeding. The project, primarily funded by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), includes the design and construction of Hwy 101 improvements from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to Ocean View Drive. The boundary/topographic survey and the conceptual engineering plan have been completed. Key features of the conceptual plan include:

- **Sidewalks** - continuous sidewalks on both sides of the highway
- **Crosswalks** - Hwy 101 crosswalks at key intersections
- **Bicycle Lanes** - continuous bicycle lanes on both sides of the highway
- **On-Street Parking** - increased parking on Hwy 101 and side streets
- **Adjacent Property Improvements** - driveway, vehicular circulation and parking plans for properties fronting the highway.

The City and ODOT are contacting property owners along the highway to discuss the conceptual plan. Additionally, utility plans are being prepared to address storm drainage, water and sewer upgrades, and undergrounding utilities. A 'main street amenities' plan will also be

incorporated and may include such amenities as art, decorative sidewalk/crosswalk treatment, street lights and banners, benches, and landscaping. Engineering plans are scheduled to be completed by early 2015 with the majority of construction taking place in 2015. The City will work with property owners, tenants, and contractors to minimize impacts during construction.

For additional information visit the Yachats Main Street website at [www.yachatsmainstreet.com](http://www.yachatsmainstreet.com).



## Commons Events

By Leon Sterner,  
Coordinator

We're in the thick of summer these days.

Wonderful weather, lots of visitors, and plenty of action in and around the Commons! A peek at the Events Calendar on "[goyachats.com](http://goyachats.com)" reveals the action. June ended with a marvelous piano concert by Milo Graamans which contributed funds and energy for our kitchen upgrades. This well attended event which was sponsored by the Friends of the Commons was a harbinger of things to come in July.



The Fourth of July celebrations started out this month with a bang - both literally and figuratively! La De Da parade launched itself on a winding path through the throngs of onlookers, frolicking its way towards the post office. Fire trucks and their sirens, neighborhood groups dressed to the nines along with the Umbrella Drill Team, wove dream like memories in true La De Da style.

Meanwhile, the Farmers Market was in full swing on the West side of the Commons. And in the Multi-Purpose room the Ladies Club hosted a Pie Social where upwards of 1,000 people - restless with anticipation and yet hopeful- threaded themselves through a very long line and were

treated to a piece of world famous homemade pie (well, almost world famous). Whew, and that was only the first weekend in July.

We hosted two Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences lecture events - one on the vagaries of Aspartame by Prof. Woodrow Monte; and another on the Psychology of War presented by Dr. Michael Moran.

Evan Pardi, a student at the U of O in the music department, presented an evening of classical music on his double-string bass. This beautiful instrument was recently crafted using only materials from Oregon. The well attended audience was delighted with a most entertaining program as Evan made this amazing instrument come to life. How fortunate we are to have such a young and talented musician perform for us. He really hit a home run.....

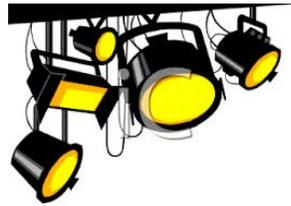


And speaking of home runs - Dave Baldwin once again brought together a stellar group of people - including all skill levels and ages - and let them step up to the plate and "Play Ball".

This annual Triple Play Baseball event is sponsored by YYFAP who sold hot dogs and cracker jacks from the Picnic Shelter to players and fans alike. Dave, who is a pro in every sense of the word, sets up the rules and regulations that allow everyone to participate and also provides everyone the opportunity to be a winner. Thanks to Dave for knocking yet another one out of the ballpark!

On another weekend this month, a couple held their wedding reception in the multi-purpose room. The 100 people who attended were seated at our round banquet tables in a beautifully decorated room and served a wonderful meal catered by a local restaurant. Very elegantly I might add.

And last but not least, we ended the month with a command performance of "She Loves Me Not" -



a musical/play written by Milo Graamans and directed by our own Carl Miller.

After a very successful run at the PAC in Newport, and

by popular demand, the Friends of the Commons brought Milo and his troupe down to Yachats for a Sunday Matinee show. During this past year, the Friends organization and their contributors - which include many of you - have provided an entirely new audio system as well as a number of theatre lighting instruments. Milo's musical play provided a wonderful opportunity to use this new equipment for the first time. Thanks to all of you who contribute to the Commons in so many ways, and provide a place and a space for such a wide variety of activities.

And I didn't even mention Paul Engelmeyer's Marbled Murrelet Training - or the Arts Guild show - Exercise Classes, Yoga, Zumba...yet. As Evan Pardi was overheard saying to his Double Stringed Bass, stay tuned.



And looking towards - August - there is excitement on horizon!

The Friends are presenting a Beer, Barbecue and Bad Weeds Benefit Bash on

Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Tickets are fifteen Bucks at the door and will get you a good meal and the chance to hear our home grown Band, The Bad Weeds. Doors open at five thirty for this event and will benefit our kitchen upgrades which include a Brand new stove and a Better and Bigger "Bunn" coffee maker. Boy, doesn't that sound like fun? YouBetcha! Be there or B square.



*Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> City Hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day.*

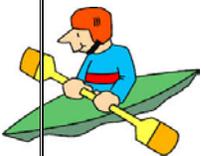


## Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Leader,  
Communications

Hello August! These days it's feeling like one endless festival with the streets and shops and restaurants filled with visitors and so many interesting and exciting community activities to choose from!

This month we have a wonderful brand new way to engage those visitors and entice even more to spend time in the area. The new *Hike, Bike, Paddle* interpretive map and brochure has just been published and is now available at the Yachats Visitors Center. You should run down and grab one now as they are flying off the rack! Designed to make visitors more aware of the diverse range of outdoor attractions in our local area, this was one of the projects that grew out of the South County Rural Tourism Studio planning sessions, becoming a reality through the joint efforts of the City of Yachats, the City of Waldport and Travel Oregon. It features maps of all the hiking, biking and water trails in a 20 mile area from Beaver Creek on the north to Cummins Creek on the south and extending approximately 10 miles inland. Equestrian trails will also be added over time and a digital version of the map is currently in the works.



This is the first time that all the varied trails in the area have been consolidated into one map so people can see all the recreational opportunities that await them in one place. And even better, it includes extensive interpretive background information including: an overall introduction to South Lincoln County Trails. A stewardship message on *Preserving Beauty and Diversity* and a series of interpretive highlights covering:

- *Cultural History* of the area
- *The Untamed, Magnificent Ocean*
- *The Shore: A Line of Life*
- *It's Wet and Wild on the Oregon Coast*
- *The Great American Rainforest*

and a resource list along with important safety guidelines.

It took the collaborative skills and expertise of many local individuals to bring it to fruition and the results are absolutely superb! If you are a business owner or vacation rental owner, be sure to pick up a few copies to share with your visitors and guests. It not only gives people a reason to come to Yachats, but many reasons to extend their stay and explore for a few more days. And even if you don't hike, bike or paddle, this is a wonderfully informative resource for learning more about our magical little part of the world.



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

For the past two months YIPS! has concentrated on tansy ragwort in and around town. It is important to cut and bag the yellow flowers, or better still to get rid of the plant (roots and all) before the flowers open. Fortunately, so far, we have managed to get to the tansy before the flowers mature and the seeds start to blow away in the slightest breeze. We have also found some welcome assistants in the form of the larvae (caterpillars) of the cinnabar moth shown here. We have seen them at Cape Perpetua and alongside Hwy 101 here in town. These little guys hatch out around June, and start feeding on the tansy. Notice how they prefer the flower buds, preventing the tansy from seeding. In a few weeks' time they will look for a cozy spot on the ground and pupate until next Spring, when the colorful moths will appear and lay their eggs.



Please help remove any tansy you see in town or along our trails, or report it to our weed wizards Wally (541-547-5474) or Don (541-961-6695), who are also happy to answer any questions you have about invasive plants in the area.

### 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 10:00am-1:00 pm.



There are always a wide variety of tasks for all levels of interest so come join in the fun. We guarantee you a warm and appreciative welcome!

**Upcoming events to add to your calendar:**

As a reminder, our friends at the **Siuslaw National Forest** are conducting a series of events this summer to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wilderness Act. You can find out more about **interpretive tours, lectures and their Artist in Residence program** from their News and Events Web page at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/news/siuslaw/news-events>

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday) 10:00am-1:00pm:**

Trails Crew work event (TBA)

**August 16<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 10:00 am-1:00pm:**

YIPSI work event. (We'll take a break from pulling Tansy and our work Location will be announced via email to the Trails Committee's contact list.)

**September 5<sup>th</sup> (Friday) 3:00pm** First meeting of the 2015 New Year's Day Peace Hike planning committee (TBA)

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](mailto:lsven@peak.org)  
 Joanne Kittel, Leader, Development Committee & Amanda Trail at 541.547.3144 or [jnkittel@peak.org](mailto:jnkittel@peak.org)  
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She and her late husband, Jim, moved to Yachats about 30 years ago, and quickly became involved with the Yachats Lions Club, and our local Chamber of Commerce, where Jim served as President. After his death, Julie continued her work with the Lions Club and became a regular volunteer at the Log Church. An excellent and well-organized chef and baker, one could always count on finding Julie in the kitchen whenever there was an organizational event involving food. She was especially generous with her time in helping to make our annual garden parties at the Log Church successful and fun. Visitors lucky enough to drop by the Log Church on Julie's watch might be treated to some "inside" Yachats stories direct from Julie's own memory bank.  
 Thanks, Julie - we'll miss you!

**Yachats Public Library**

By Janet Rackleff

**More Good Reads for the Summer**



With the lazy days of summer continuing this month, we'll offer a few more reading recommendations from library volunteer Marion Godfrey:

For an entertaining summer read, try "Still Life with Bread Crumbs" by Anna Quindlen. I am not a big fiction reader, but this held my attention from beginning to end. It explores several themes - transitions, ageism, cultural attitudes to mental health problems, the rural/city chasm that divides American society, based around the experiences and everyday worries of an older woman photographer. This is not 'chick-lit' though; there is strong male characterizations to make a good balanced read for anyone.

More my style, a thoroughly interesting book that is new on our shelves is called "The Remedy" by Thomas Goetz. It is a well written informative book about the



**Little Log Church and Museum**

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator

The Board and Volunteers at our Little Log Church are deeply

saddened by the death of our friend, neighbor, and fellow LLC Volunteer Julie Dutcher, who passed away July 19<sup>th</sup>. Julie was a faithful volunteer docent on Mondays as well as a member of our Board of Directors.

discovery of bacteria as the source of many diseases, and the battle to cure tuberculosis. An ongoing battle, as we know. The writer goes into some depth regarding the personalities who tackled what was at the time a horrendous and wasteful disease (I had no idea how many people died horrible deaths from TB through the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries) without being gruesome. I love to learn through my reading, thus my personal interest in non-fiction, and this book was most satisfying - informative without being dull, full of famous personalities (including Arthur Conan Doyle and how Sherlock was created) and thought provoking about medical issues society has faced and still faces. My kind of fun read, and possibly yours too. And if the kids are still in town visiting, don't forget there are still two more weeks of the Summer Reading Program, **Fizz Boom, Read!** this month. On August 5<sup>th</sup> we'll read and talk about Simple Machines with Dave Baldwin. Our final program for all ages will be August 12 at 10 am in the Commons with award winning storyteller Christopher Leebrick courtesy of the Oregon College Savings Plan and the Oregon State Library System. See you at the library!



## Yachats Ladies Club Pie Social By Sandy Dunn

The Yachats Ladies Club Labor Day Weekend Pie and Ice Cream Social is on August 30<sup>th</sup>. So many to choose from! Starting at 11:00 am. Pies are sold till they are gone or 3:00 pm.



## Yachats Lions Club By Max Glenn, Secretary

Announces a New Service for our Community: **ARE YOU OK?**

TELEPHONE REASSURANCE PROGRAM (RU OK)

Purpose: To provide daily contact with seniors and home bound persons living alone.

Each day at a pre-arranged time, a volunteer will call to provide human contact. If no answer, a pre-arranged notification process will be activated. Daily contact helps take the fear out of "Being Alone" and provides peace of mind for family and friends. For more information & Request Form contact Lion: John Thornton: at 541-547-3249 or Email: [jnbthorn@peak.org](mailto:jnbthorn@peak.org)



## Yachats Lunch Bunch By Will Williams, Coordinator

Come and celebrate summer! Our guest chefs: Gretchen Armstrong and Mary Goff. Our August Luncheon will take place at the Commons - as usual

the last Thursday of the month on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August - doors opening at 11.30 and lunch being served at noon. The event is open to seniors 55 and older and there is a suggested donation of \$5. The menu is: Roast Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Salad and Fruit Tarts for dessert.



## The Yachats Farmers Market

By Ellis Lampman, Market Manager

The Yachats Farmers Market features fresh organic produce, meat, poultry, hot food and fine arts & crafts. Now through October 19th from 9:00am until

2:00pm every Sunday. Also Saturday and Sunday of the Yachats Mushroom Festival in October! We are located on 4th Street just off Hwy 101, next to the Yachats Commons. Find us on Facebook and twitter

Email: [yachatsfarmersmarket@live.com](mailto:yachatsfarmersmarket@live.com)

Website: [www.yachatsfarmersmarket.webs.com](http://www.yachatsfarmersmarket.webs.com)

*Life is short, grab a friend and do whatever excites your spirit and makes your soul sing with Joy!*





Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Monthly Tsunami Siren testing  
11am August 6th



1 Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
YYFAP/YCPC Annual Summer BBQ- Picnic Shelter 5pm

2 Health Psychic & Crafts Fair - (Commons)  
2pm Community Baseball (Rubbery Shrubbery Park)

3 Health Psychic & Crafts Fair - (Commons)

9am Yachats Farmers Market

4 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)  
9:15 Ursula's Yoga (Rm3)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Open Gym/Ping Pong 7pm  
U.S. Coast Guard Day

5 10am Kids-Fizz Boom Read Summer Reading  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
Emergency Planning Cmte 2 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)  
Public Works & Streets Mtg 3 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)  
Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8)

6 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm8)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Rhythm Weavers 7pm Rm3  
Yoga - Amrit-Style 7p (R8)

7 Gentle Healing Yoga 11am(Rm3)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
5:30 Warm YOGA-Altruh (Rm3)  
Big Band Dance 7 pm (MP) (541) 265-2514

8 Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna

9 2pm Community Baseball (Rubbery Shrubbery Park)  
3pm YYFAP: Smokey The Bear 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Event (MP)

10 9am Yachats Farmers Market  
Yachats Song Circle 3pm - 5pm Rm 8  
National S'mores Day!

11 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)  
9:15 Ursula's Yoga (Rm3)  
City Council Meeting 9:30am (Civic Mtg Rm)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Open Gym / Ping Pong 7pm

12 10am Kids-Fizz Boom Read Summer Reading-Library  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8) 5:30-7pm

13 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm8)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
Finance Committee 10 am (Civic Mtg Rm)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Rhythm Weavers 7pm Rm3  
Yoga - Amrit-Style 7p(R8)

14 Gentle Healing Yoga 11am(Rm3)  
City Council Meeting 2 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
5:30 Warm YOGA-Altruh (Rm3)

15 Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna

16 Yachats All School Reunion (RM5)  
2pm Community Baseball (Rubbery Shrubbery Park)



17 9am Yachats Farmers Market



18 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)  
9:15 Ursula's Yoga (Rm3)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Open Gym / Ping pong 7-9pm  
Yoga - Amrit-Style 7:00p

19 1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
Planning Commission Work Session 2 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)  
Planning Commission Mtg 3 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)  
CosmicLotusYoga(R8)5:30  
5:30p Friends Bd Meeting

20 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm8)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Rhythm Weavers 7pm Rm3  
Yoga-Amrit-Style 7p (Rm8)

21 Gentle Healing Yoga 11am(Rm3)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna  
Parks & Commons Commission 3 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)  
5:30 Warm YOGA-Altruh (Rm3)

22 Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
1pm YYFAP: Camp YouGottaWanna

23 Oregon Coast Gravel Epic

2pm Community Baseball (Rubbery Shrubbery Park)



24 9am Yachats Farmers Market  
31 9am Yachats Arts Guild Show & Sale  
7:30am Lions Club Pancake breakfast  
Yachats River Rd. Farm Tour

25 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8)  
9:15 Ursula's Yoga (Rm3)  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Open Gym/ Ping Pong 7-9pm

26 Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8) 5:30

National Dog Day!



27 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm8))  
Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
Zumba® 6 pm (MP)  
Rhythm Weavers 7pm Rm3  
Yoga-Amrit-Style 7p (Rm8)

28 Gentle Healing Yoga 11am(Rm3)  
LUNCH BUNCH noon (MP)  
5:30 Warm YOGA-Altruh (Rm3)

29 Exercise Class 10 am (MP)  
9am Yachats Arts Guild Show & Sale



30 11am Yachats Ladies Club PIE SOCIAL!!  
9am Yachats Arts Guild Show & Sale  
2pm Community Baseball  
BBQ, Beer & Bad Weeds 5:30pm (MP)

August is like the Sunday of Summer!