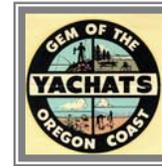




CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



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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

A FLAP ABOUT FLAGS

There is an ancient curse, reputed to be of Chinese origin that goes, "May you live in interesting times." If that is in fact a curse then we are truly accursed. These, my friends, are very interesting times. I have no doubt that future historians will devise a clever and creative moniker for the current era. Maybe "the era of many voices," or "the era of re-awakenings," or "the era of great ideals," or maybe—we can hope not—"the age of universal confusion." Whatever the name I have no doubt that this will be known as a very significant age. I believe (to borrow a phrase from another era of interest and from one of its most interesting lyricists) that "the times they are a-changin'" again.

As of last month there are now seven billion people on the planet all of whom are trying to figure out how to live, love, eat, survive, be spiritually whole, and co-exist with the other 6,999,999,999 (or so) of us. Whole countries are trying to figure out how to stay solvent. States, counties, and cities across our own country are engaged in similar ciphers. Companies are producing more with fewer employees. Workers in many trades are being paid less, if they're still lucky enough to have jobs. The populous of multiple countries are throwing off the yokes of dictatorships and seeking more voice. A commonly recurring phrase of today is "the new normal," which looks like anything but normal to those used to "the old normal." Many statistical indicators have moved in a different direction than anyone seriously predicted just a few short years ago. And while all this is going on we're trying to figure out climate change, pollution reduction, resource protection, energy efficiency and self sufficiency, and how to download the latest and greatest smart phone applications. These are interesting times.

For those of us who live in Yachats, we are doubly cursed (and blessed). We are an interesting community. We are as a group interesting people with interesting backgrounds ranging from the artistic and the spiritual to the practical and the pragmatic. We are struggling with many of the same issues that are common in the rest of the country. There's plenty of fiscal trauma, people looking for jobs, businesses facing challenges, diversity of opinion about the best ways to solve problems and what problems need solved. In open meetings, ideas are proffered and challenged. Differences of opinions are aired and sorted and generally with some sense of more-or-less united purpose we move forward. Creativity matches challenges. Commonalities create teams that strive for shared goals. As a group, we generally do the best we can (better than might be expected) with the hands we're dealt. We are interesting people in an interesting community living in interesting times. Curses!

Last month's Celtic Music Festival is one of those creative inventions intended to keep Yachats healthy in many different ways. This year it happened to fall on Veteran's Day weekend. There are some who took exception to the colorful flags in traditional Celtic colors that waved up and down the middle of town. They felt that since one of the three days of the festival was Veteran's Day the flags should have been the Stars and Stripes. Under cover of darkness someone took all those colorful flags down and hid them away. It has been suggested that this was a protest for the perceived slight to veterans by not waving the United States flag.

Interesting! To "celebrate" Veteran's Day someone decided that some of the rights and freedoms veterans fought to preserve should be taken away from all those that participated in, and came to, the festival. A wee bit of anarchy hardly seems the proper approach to honoring our country's heroes. It seems a little bit like sitting in the dark to celebrate the invention of the light bulb. Fortunately the flags were returned and we, as a

community, seem to have returned to our normal, thoughtful, cooperative methods of disagreement. At least I hope so.

It is probably accurate to say that our community was so focused on one good idea that we let another slide. The more things get “interesting” in the world the more folks tend to rally behind concepts they hold dear. A healthy business community is one such concept. A vibrant cultural environment is one as well. One other, which should be enduring, is the concept that we can pursue these ideas...pursue happiness because others have sacrificed to make it so. Those sacrifices have enabled all of us, veterans and non-veterans, to be...well, interesting. I guess the best we can do is try to better when we fall short and strive for balance always.



Ocean Use Planning?

By Larry Lewis, City Planner

To varying degrees most of us are familiar with land use planning. Now “ocean planning” has risen to the surface and is certainly a topic that we cannot ignore. We now have an increasing number of new uses that are being proposed for Oregon’s ocean. The most obvious new use of the ocean is marine renewable energy development—wave energy—and in the future floating offshore wind installations. And in time, open ocean aquaculture facilities and other activities may also be proposed. Additionally, a system of marine reserves has been proposed for the territorial sea. The new uses of the ocean have one thing in common. They physically occupy, for potentially decades at a time, defined pieces of ocean real estate. That’s different from today’s uses of the ocean like fisheries and navigation, which are, for the most part, temporary uses of the ocean.

Under state and federal laws, private corporations can be granted exclusive use access to areas that are now public places in the ocean. That means, in time, some areas offshore will no longer be available for commercial and recreational fishing, boating, transit, and other activities. That’s why the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) is preparing an ocean plan to accommodate new uses of our ocean. Led by the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC), the ocean plan will steer new industrial uses to places in the ocean with the least impact on marine resources and users of those resources. The objective is to avoid and minimize conflicts among ocean users in

Oregon’s Territorial Sea (0-3 nautical miles off the Oregon coast) and beyond.

One of several important issues to be addressed is the protection of our ocean viewsheds. I sincerely doubt if many (or any) of us want to see our ocean views ‘dotted’ or ‘cluttered’ with manmade objects such as multiple large buoys or towers. Fortunately, Oregon’s Statewide Planning Goals & Guidelines *Goal 19: Ocean Resources* (OAR 660-015-0010(4)) does enable ocean viewsheds to be protected.

As this planning process unfolds I encourage everyone to stay informed and participate in the public process. Your participation will help ensure that our ocean resources and viewsheds are protected and that our marine ecosystems and fisheries are not adversely affected. To read more detailed information about this process log onto the Oregon LCDC website at www.lcd.state.or.us/LCD/TerrSeaPlanAdComm.shtml and the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association website at www.oczma.org/topic.php?topic=6.



Public Works Department

By John McClintock, Director

I thought this was the appropriate time of the year to remind water customers to be sure to insulate any water pipes or faucets that are open to the air.

We don’t experience a lot of freezing cold weather but frequently when we do, Public Works is called to shut off water services that have broken lines due to freezing. Anytime a homeowner requests that the City turn off their water service they are charged a \$20 fee.

One of the easiest precautions is to cover outdoor faucets with insulated covers that can be purchased at any hardware store for a few dollars. These covers protect outside faucets from getting cold enough to freeze. If you don’t wish to purchase these covers, you can easily wrap faucets in a towel and cover with duct tape. This is not quite as efficient, but it will do the trick.

For any exposed water pipes insulation can be purchased in a number of different sizes that slide right over pipes to help keep them from freezing. Another option is heat tape wrapped around exposed pipe and then plugged into an electrical outlet. It keeps a low voltage supplied to the tape and in turn keeps the pipe from freezing. This option works well but can be on the expensive side due to the cost of tape and electricity to

make it function.

There are also a number of other methods to help protect pipes from freezing and breaking that can be found by searching the Internet. Regardless which you choose always remember to shut your water off at the hand valve any time you will be away from your home for more than three consecutive days.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Public Works weekdays from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. at (541) 547-3243.



Important Changes to Annual License Renewal Process

By Debrah Edwards,
Deputy City Recorder

All current City transient rental and business licenses will expire on December 31, 2011. In previous years the City of Yachats mailed out license renewal forms on the last business day of November. Per City Council approval, this year the City will send renewal reminders via the email address licensees have provided the City. The email reminder will direct licensees to log on to their account on www.GoYachats.com to complete the renewal process. Those licensees who do not or have not provided the City an email address will receive their renewal form through the mail as usual. Either way a licensee completes his/her renewal, the renewal payment to the City of Yachats may be made in one of the following ways:

- **Via Phone:** Visa or MasterCard debit or credit card or Discover credit card by calling City Hall at (541)-547-3565
- **Via Mail:** Check or Money Order made out to **The City Yachats** and delivered to PO Box 345, Yachats, OR 97498
- **In Person:** Any of the above methods weekdays 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (except holidays) inside City Hall 441 Highway 101 N, Yachats, OR
- **Drop Box 24/7:** Check or Money Order made out to **The City Yachats** with the name of the business or physical address of the transient rental indicated—our locked drop box is located outside the main entrance of the Yachats Commons.

Almost all currently licensed businesses have an account on GoYachats.com. If you did not receive a login for your GoYachats accounts, please contact City Hall to have one created.

If you have not been notified that your renewal is due please call the City at (541) 547-3565 or email us at cityhall@ci.yachats.or.us prior to January 31, 2012 to avoid delinquent fees.



Reverse 9-1-1 Replacement

By Dennis Dotson,
Lincoln Co. Sheriff

Lincoln County has begun using Everbridge Aware™ “Citizen Aware” an emergency notification system that can communicate with thousands of businesses and residents in minutes during an emergency.

Lincoln County Emergency Services and our 9-1-1 dispatch centers can now alert residents countywide about severe weather, tsunami inundation area evacuations, fires, floods, toxic environmental issues and other emergencies using the notification system. Messages can now be sent to residents on any communication path desired—cell phone, landline, email, text messaging, fax, or pager—ensuring that residents receive lifesaving emergency information and important public service announcements in minutes.

Citizens who previously signed up for the former “Reverse 9-1-1” notification will need to sign up again with Everbridge Aware™ because their information will not transfer to the new system. This new system will allow citizens to provide and manage their contact information and preferences.

In addition, the County may begin using the Everbridge system to notify residents about other important activities, such as road closures and water utility maintenance. More details will be forthcoming. Please join us by signing up and encouraging family, friends and businesses to do the same. To sign up for emergency alerts, please visit the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office Emergency Services website at www.lincolncountysheriff.net/emergency and look for the “Citizen Alert” image. Residents who do not have a computer or Internet access should contact their local library for free use of their computers or Wi-Fi to log on to the Internet.

For more Information contact Jenny Demaris, Emergency Services Coordinator via email vdemaris@co.lincoln.or.us or by calling (541) 265-4199.



Yachats Trails Update

By Lauralee Svendsgaard, Chair

Join us on New Year's Day 2012 for our 2nd Annual Amanda Trail Peace Hike. We had such a terrific turnout

last January; you will definitely want to ring in the new year with a likely brisk and inspiring hike from the Yachats Commons to the Amanda statue and back. We'll meet inside the Commons kitchen at 12 p.m. (please note: this is the *new* time) and weather permitting we'll hike/walk from the Commons, across the Yachats Bridge, along Ocean View Drive to the Amanda Trail, then make our way to the Amanda statue. The estimated roundtrip distance is 6 miles. Blessings and peace offerings will be made and participants may either hike back or return by private vehicle shuttle to the Commons for a community celebration with snacks, beverages, and good company.

Local artist Qahira Lynn has graciously agreed to create the artwork for the commemorative pin that will signify completion of the 2nd Annual New Year's Day Peace Hike. The pins will be distributed at the Commons upon return from the hike.

If weather makes travel to the statue unsafe an alternate route, possibly through the Gerdemann Botanical Preserve, will be utilized.

Please bring water and a walking stick, wear layers of clothing for changeable weather, and be sure to wear good walking/hiking foot attire. For additional information or to volunteer for this event, please contact me (see last paragraph).

Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Yachats Trails Crew will be gathering for trail work at the upper Prospect Trail between King Street and Radar Road.

Saturday, December 17, 2011 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. YIPS Event TBA - contact Wally Orchard (see last paragraph).

For more information about the City of Yachats Trails Committee or YIPS or to be added to the Trail'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 inkittel@peak.org
- Wally Orchard, YIPS Leader at (541) 547-5474 or worchard@peak.org



Yachats Public Library

By Sandra Calkins

THE COMPUTER CHRONICLES

In order to learn something new or develop a habit you need to repeat the action often (for 21 consecutive days according to Maxell Maltz, M.D. Ph.D.). New computer systems in libraries with fulltime employees are difficult enough to learn. When you are talking about an all-volunteer library where volunteers work once a week (or less) the learning curve is a even more difficult. However, with the patience of a great community and a lot of trial and error, the problems with the new computer system have diminished and the check-in/check-out process has become rote to us.

For a time we operated on a dual system utilizing both our computer and our cards. We have now done away with the cards completely which makes the process much faster.

Now with a click of a mouse we can now look in a virtual "card catalog" to see if we have an item a patron is looking for. With yet another click of a mouse we can tell what books patrons still have checked out. Utilizing our barcode reader our checkout process is a fast as a few scans. New books can quickly be added to the system this way too. Soon, the library will have a public computer available with the same "card catalog" for library visitors to use.

However it was not always as quick and easy as that. As with all new things there were kinks to iron out. One day the computer was haunted by author Jeffrey Deaver. No matter what number was put into the system his same scary book appeared. At times, the system was either not able to find books that had been barcoded or stated that books had not been checked out when they were being returned. It is at times like these that we particularly want to thank our volunteer technical advisors who came in frequently to solve

problems or correct errors.

But it is the Yachats community which deserves the most thanks for their patience and perseverance. If you haven't used the library recently come in and see some of our new additions, observe our tracking process, or just say "hello" to a volunteer. Without you and without the City of Yachats support none of this would be possible.



Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator

Remember The Beach Boys song *Good Vibrations*? Well, we certainly had some "good vibrations" at the Little Log Church and Museum last month. Our little building was a popular venue on 11/11/11 and the place was buzzing with the excitement of four weddings! One couple in particular wanted to make sure their wedding started at a time when they could exchange their vows right at 11:11 a.m. on 11/11/11. That day we logged an amazing 99 visitors.

The very next day we hosted two concerts for the Celtic Festival to standing-room-only audiences. There was a lot of toe tapping to guitar, fiddle, flutes, drums and harp that made for another shaking day at the LLC&M.

Our next electrifying event will be the formal opening ceremonies for the *Yachats Winter Celebration* on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7 p.m. Our pump organ will be put into good use by Cheryl Waide, who will favor us with a bit of holiday music. Afterwards we are all invited to cross the street to the Yachats Ladies Club for refreshments and entertainment by the Sweet Adelines. We expect even more good vibrations!



From the Log Church Garden

By Louis Mensing, LLCM Gardener

With the mild days, light rain, and cool nights the plants are hardening off for winter. This is the perfect time to start seeds and make cuttings of all plants. I also take the time to save seeds from all the plants I grow in my own garden including vegetables. I am propagating all of my plants using my own amazing soil mix of sand and forest duff. I have already brought

some wonderful plants back to the Log Church Garden—hardy cyclamen, Scottish Bell heather, and the best Dieramas from English seed.

Over the summer I discovered a perfectly "green" way to prevent mosquitoes from growing in saved rain water—just add used coffee grounds to the water. I am also in the process of experimenting with the use of plain old unsulfured molasses to discourage fungal growth. I hope it will also correct the leaves of one camellia plant that has yet to return to its full green color.

One last tip I'd like to share with all of you budding gardeners is to monitor your garden regularly and keep a "garden diary." It doesn't have to be anything fancy just a small \$1 notebook will get the job done.



Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Sunday, December 4, 2011 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the Yachats Lions Club and Yachats Youth and Family Activities (YYFAP) will be hosting "Breakfast with Santa!"

Santa will be at the Yachats Lions Hall (4th/Pontiac St.'s) with a "Ho-Ho-Ho" and twinkle in his eye to see who's been naughty and who's been nice. Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs over easy, choice of ham or sausage, and milk, tea or coffee. There will also be holiday arts and crafts and other festive activities. Bring your own camera to take pictures with Santa or for a small price Santa's elves can take them for you.

HOLIDAY DINNER FOR FAMILIES

YYFAP in conjunction with the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church are co-hosting a "Holiday Dinner for Families" on December 9, 2011 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church (7th St. /N. Highway 101).

Enjoy dinner as a family and make holiday ornaments for the tree with the kids. This is an annual evening of family fun for children of all ages and their families. We will have plenty of supplies on hand for making ornaments to take home. Come enjoy the holiday cheer with us!



It's Holiday Lunch Bunch Time

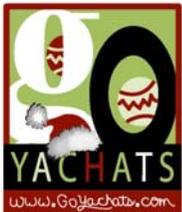
By Paul Niblock,
Coordinator

December is the "Season of Goodwill." So why not don your holiday best and celebrate with the Yachats Lunch Bunch! The Yachats Lunch Bunch *Annual Holiday Luncheon* is open to every 55+ with a suggested donation of \$4 per person. Join us at the Yachats Commons on Thursday, December 8, 2011. Doors open at 11 o'clock and we begin serving lunch at noon.

The menu this year is: roasted turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green salad, roll and butter, and for dessert we'll have cherry pie with whipped cream topping. Our usual coffee and tea beverages will be augmented with sparkling cider.

We're asking that in lieu of gifts or gift exchanges that everyone bring a donation(s) for the "Emergency Food Pantry" run by the YYFAP Helping Hands group and located inside the Commons building. We'll have a special table set aside for donations so that our collective offerings can be presented to the Food Pantry. Dog and cat food donations are welcome too.

Afterwards there will be live entertainment. Santa may or may not be present, but the only way to find out is to be there!



A Hometown Holiday

By Andrea Scharf, Marketing
Director

GoYachats is sponsoring the 2nd *Annual Holiday Shoppers' Raffle*. For every \$10 you spend in our local shops and restaurants, you'll receive a raffle ticket. Print your name and phone number (legibly) on the back of the ticket and drop it in one of the boxes located around town. On December 20, 2011 the names of the lucky winners will be drawn. There are some terrific prizes—a massage at Gentle Dragon, a night at the Adobe or the Overleaf, gift certificates for the Drift Inn

and Luna Sea, a necklace from the Village Gift Gallery—and more! Participating stores, with addresses and phone numbers, a village map, and a listing of all the activities taking place in our village from Thanksgiving to New Year's can be found in the Yachats Winter Celebration program, available at the Yachats Visitors Center or online at www.Yachats.org. Stop in at Bank of the West to view all the prizes.

We welcome three new businesses to Yachats. The 4th Street Café is open for breakfast and lunch and offers a selection of Italian inspired cuisine. There is a new owner at the Antique Virgin, where you can find beads and baubles and all kinds of exotic gifts. In the Green Market Place just north of town, Synchronicity 101 offers sophisticated designer items for home and office. For a listing of all Yachats businesses, hours of operation and information about sales, special events, and the calendar of events, visit www.GoYachats.com.

For the past three years, I have done all my holiday shopping right here in Yachats. You'll be surprised at the variety and quality you'll find including some items you just won't find at the "big box" stores. Plus the people in the stores are your neighbors. If we want a healthy commercial community, we need to support them. Shop locally—you'll be glad you did!



Christmas Food Baskets & Children's Gift Fund Donations Needed

By Tonner Hayes, SLR President

There is still time to donate to the South Lincoln Resources "Christmas Holiday Food Baskets" and the "South County Needy Children's Christmas (Gift) Fund." These donations are tax deductible and used strictly for South Lincoln County residents.

Food donations can be made at the Yachats Rural Fire Protection District (on 2nd St.), Bank of the West, Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, Yachats Baptist Church and Ya-Hots Video. We are especially asking for donations of peanut butter, tuna fish and pet food.

Too busy to drop off a donation? Then write out a check to: South Lincoln Resources and mail it to South Lincoln Resources, P.O. Box 1638, Waldport, OR 97394. For more information call SLR at (541) 563-2388.

"The South Lincoln County Needy Children's Christmas (Gift) Program" matches clothing and non-electronic

toys to each child signed up for the program. On Saturday, December 10, 2011, between 12 and 3p.m., take a new unwrapped toy or piece of new children's clothing to our Special Gift Drive at the Adobe Resort and enjoy a photo opportunity with Santa (dogs are welcome too, but must be on leashes). Cookies and hot cocoa will be served. For more information, please call Washington Federal Bank in Waldport at (541) 563-3226.