

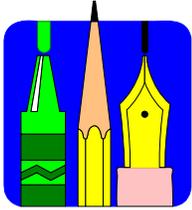


# NEWSLETTER



CITY OF YACHATS

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## From Mayor Lee Corbin

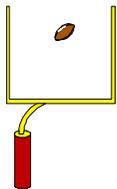
High on this year's list of goals for the Council is to develop a sustainable water supply. Particularly in a year like we're having, with below average rainfall, it becomes ever more apparent that having adequate storage to get us through the "dry" months of July, August and September, is critical. The addition of a 500,000-gallon raw water storage tank last year is most helpful but this may not be sufficient in what appears to likely be a very dry year. To be ready for the eventuality of a difficult period, we are taking the following actions:

- An agreement with neighboring water districts is being discussed to provide emergency make up water
- Water conservation ordinances are being drafted by the Streets & Public Works commission for enactment by the Council

In the longer term, your city is participating in joint efforts to determine the feasibility of bringing water from Toledo and/or Rocky Creek. Additionally, we are evaluating the cost and feasibility of more storage.

You, the consumer, are a vital part of any water program. Through your conservation efforts, you can make a major difference on reducing the demands on our system. If you need information regarding conservation methods, please contact City Hall at 547-3565.

## CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS GOALS



At their meeting on February 8, 2001, City Council received the commissions and staff; and, adopted their goals and objectives for the year as follows:

## **Yachats City Council Goals**

- A Sustainable Water Supply
- Stable Long Term Funding
- Provision For Resident And Visitor Safety
- Effective Communication

## **Yachats City Council Objectives - 2001**

- Finalize Water Master Plan Update And Complete Water Conservation Plan
- Develop Long Term Water/Sewer Rate Plan
- Continue Evaluating Alternative Methods For Emergency Water
- Finalize Yachats' Portion Of 804 Trail Dispute
- Complete South Trail Project With ODOT; Finalize Remaining Trail Design & Gateways Design
- Emphasize Improvement & Appearance Of Public Spaces
- Encourage "Council Of The Arts" Committee
- Create Definitive Charge For Finance Committee
- Re-Evaluate Grant Writing Process
- Create A Matching Fund To Leverage Federal/State Grant Dollars
- Develop Study For Alternative Means To Fund The Commons
- Develop Local Disaster Plan To Complement County/State Plans
- Encourage Development Of Alternate Bypass Routes Paralleling Hwy 101
- Update Comprehensive Plan
- Adopt "Downtown" Parking Plan
- Establish Clear Relationship With Chamber Of Commerce Regarding Visitor Enhancement Programs I.E Public Restrooms, Visitor Center Etc.
- Continue & Maintain Regular Communication Among Council & Commissions (Reports, Liaisons Etc.)
- Evaluate Vision 20/20

## **Public Works & Streets Commission**

- Monitor the progress of the Sewer and Water Master Plans, including the Comprehensive

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Water Conservation Plan. To continue to support the study of additional water sources.

- Develop a long term funding plan for water and sewer systems.
- Work with the Planning Commission and Parks and Commons Commission to prioritize and implement the trail and pathway projects, and the Gateway project component of the Village Circulation Plan.
- Work with the Planning Commission to review the options available concerning grading, drainage and erosion control.
- Review the five-year street repair plan and budget figures.

**LONG RANGE GOALS:**

- Study the feasibility of a storm drain district.
- Study the feasibility of a road district.

**Parks and Commons Commission Year 2001 Goals**

**GOAL a.** Maintain and enhance the operation, aesthetics, safety and security of the Commons building, Yachats parks and City owned open spaces.

OBJECTIVES

- Complete the improvements and recommended modifications portions of the FS Grant.
- Seek solutions to the flooding problems in the Commons basement.
- Implement a storage plan for tables, chairs, and other equipment.
- Paint the exterior of the Commons Building.
- In cooperation with the Superintendent of Public Works, develop possible upgrade program for heating and evaluate feasibility of Dept. of Energy loan.
- Finalize a plan for development of the park land west of the Commons Building.

**GOAL b.** Establish policies and practices, and initiate actions that may promote appropriate new events and activities in the Commons building

OBJECTIVES

- Assist the Commons Coordinator in implementing a broad range of programs.
- Work with the Friends of the Commons to produce fundraising events.
- Invite informal review of the Commons by managers of comparable entities.
- Review procedures and guideline in the 2000 Commons Manual.
- Encourage development of a "Master Calendar" for all Commons activities.

**GOAL c.** Work closely with the Commons Coordinator, City Staff, and other Commissions in

identifying appropriate uses and desirable tenants for the Commons Facilities and equipment, and develop means for marketing the facility toward these ends.

OBJECTIVES

- Prepare a new Brochure and Marketing Guidelines for the Commons.
- Identify and implement diverse means for marketing the Commons.

**GOAL d.** Establish guidelines and policies for enhancing the aesthetic, natural and functional qualities and safety of Yachats parks and open lands.

OBJECTIVES

- Complete re-landscape the front of the Commons Building.
- Lay out a trail or system of trails in the area west of the Commons.
- Work closely with Streets and Public Works in establishing trails.
- Design and implement landscaping for the Whale Tail Park.
- Establish a budget line item for maintenance of parks and open spaces.
- Seek financial and in-kind support for the enhancement of City Parks and open spaces.

**GOAL e.** Maintain cooperative working relations the Volunteer organizations, Service Clubs and Organizations, and governmental agencies at all levels in advancing the programs of the Commons and Parks Commission.

OBJECTIVES

- Continue to enhance the working relationships between Commons Commission, City Council, Friends of the Commons, and other civic organizations by regular joint meetings with these groups.

**GOAL f.** Work closely with the Commons Coordinator, City Recorder, appropriate volunteer organizations, and other involved persons or agencies in developing the annual budget and when practicable a projected longer term budget for the Yachats Parks Commons building and programs for forwarding to the Budget Committee.

OBJECTIVES

- Determine and propose a statement of Commons fiscal responsibility. What constitutes a fiscal sound Commons operation?
- Develop a satisfactory well-justified 2001-2002 budget and a long-range financial plan for the Yachats Commons and Parks.
- Continue to seek grant support for specific Commons and Parks projects.

**GOAL g.** Establish fair and reasonable financial relationships with all who use or benefit from the

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Commons building and Yachats Parks, and the various activities in these City Facilities.

#### OBJECTIVES

- Encourage discussions focusing on the feasibility of forming a Park and Recreation District, and other means for funding the Commons operation.

#### **Planning Commission Goals**

- Complete the parking recommendations.
- Complete the review of the Comprehensive Plan.

#### **City Staff Goals for 2001**

- Finish the map and addressing project; auditing and correcting erroneous addresses and developing a comprehensive and accurate data base and property master files.
- Finish the Utility, Payroll, and General Ledger policy/procedure manual and develop an outline for the remaining office duties to be included in the manual.
- Continue to find ways to improve the level of service provided by City Hall staff to citizens and elected and appointed officials, while keeping costs down and maintaining a positive and professional atmosphere.
- Develop a plan for computer system up-grade and begin reserving the necessary funds.
- Up-grade the Internet computer.
- Complete the utility program and hand-held meter reading conversion, and have the system running efficiently.

#### COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Corbin will be a monthly guest on the KORC morning show the Wednesday before the City Council meeting.

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City Council has announced that they will have regularly scheduled office hours beginning on March 5. They will take turns meeting citizens in City Hall each Monday morning from 9 - 11 a.m.

Everyone is invited to come down to City Hall to meet with City Council.

Council will try this for three months, and if it works out, they will continue the schedule.

#### COUNCIL APPROVES INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRAL COAST WATER COUNCIL

City Attorney, Mike Dowsett explained that the agreement, once signed by the interested parties, would form the Central Coast Water Council. The Council will work towards the use of Rocky Creek as a regional water source. The agreement allows a city to opt out in the future if they are unable to share in the costs later, and provides a buy-in option for the cities if they so choose. The cities of Newport and Lincoln City have agreed to finance equally all pre-construction activities at their expense, then the other cities will pay their proportionate share of those costs at such time as they elect to participate fully in the construction and operation.

It was agreed that the City should continue to explore and develop the agreement with Toledo to purchase water from them, and the construction of the line to provide that water. The lines that are developed for the Toledo to Yachats system would also serve to transport any water from Rocky Creek in the future. Cities may find it easier to find money for regional solutions instead of developing local water sources in the future.

Dowsett explained that in signing this agreement, the City is not committing any money at this time. The City will still be able to opt out if there is no money in the future to pay its share of the costs. Dowsett said that transmission costs, and who pays what are details that need to be defined. Those would be issues the City could discuss as a member of the discussions at the table.

Public Works Superintendent, Rod Carrasco, said that the costs are based on the amount of water each entity will need each year. The transmission costs will not be prohibitive even if the City of Yachats has to pay more because we are the furthest away, and this is only for make-up water anyway.

Dowsett explained the system will be built in three phases so the total costs will not be paid at one time.

Council voted to authorize the Mayor and City Recorder to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement.

#### COMMISSION MEMBERS APPOINTED



At the meeting on February 8, Ed Small was appointed to serve on the Public Works and Streets Commission, and Cy Kauffman was appointed to serve on the Parks & Commons Commission

Ed Small has an engineering

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background. Cy Kauffman has been a property manager for the YMCA.

Both were appointed to a three-year term.

**WATER RATES TO BE ON THE AGENDA FOR  
MARCH**

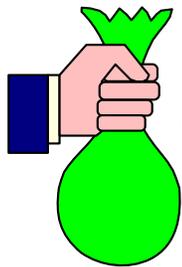
Public Works and Streets Commission Chair, Drew Roslund, reported to the City Council that the Commission recommends that the current rates for water and sewer be left as is until the City receives the water and sewer capital facilities plans from the consultant, and until the fiscal year's financial information is complete.

City Council will hold a public hearing related to this recommendation at their March 8 meeting. The public is invited to attend.



**IN OTHER CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

- Council adopted the Findings, Conclusion & Order for the Niedert Variance. At the January meeting Council held a public hearing for an appeal of a Planning Commission decision to deny the variance. Council upheld the Commission's decision and directed staff to prepare the findings for adoption at the following meeting.
- Council approved a \$1,200 contribution toward the 804 S mediation process expenses, providing all other parties pay their fair share.



**CITY COUNCIL APPROVES A  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE LEAGUE OF  
OREGON CITIES FOR LEGAL COUNSEL  
EXPENSES RELATING TO MEASURE 7**

City Council authorized a voluntary contribution of \$100 to the League of Oregon Cities to help play the legal expenses related to the LOC law suit filed against Measure 7. Councilor Plunk said that the voters of Oregon had passed the measure, and it is not the City's place to fight it. Councilor Smith said that the measure was defeated by the Yachats citizens and that the amount the League was requesting is not much. Councilor Evans said that he supports the law suit because it will give clarification to the measure. The Council voted 4 to 1 (Plunk) in favor of the contribution.



**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

By Rod Carrasco

- The City has an interest in the quality of the watershed and the Yachats River because it is a future raw water source.

- The City has a right to protect the quality.
- The Public Works Department bought a dump truck from the ODOT surplus store. It is in good condition, has low mileage, and cost only \$10,000.
- The water system has had some large leaks in the past few months. The crews are fixing them as soon as they are found. The crewmembers are always on the lookout for leaks.
- If the current dry trend continues there will be a major problem this coming summer. The Public Works and Streets Commission has been asked to work on a water curtailment ordinances. Additional water sources are being explored, including the possibility of a mutual aid contract with South West Lincoln County Water District to purchase make-up water.
- Would like to add a line item to the budget for a pump station on the northern end of the system to facilitate the purchase of water from South West Lincoln County Water District when needed. Drew Roslund has offered an easement for the pump station.
- The farm where the City has been taking sludge for disposal is up for sale, and the future owners may not be willing to continue the arrangement. It will be very expensive to have the sludge hauled. Have been looking for another site, but it is extremely difficult to find and qualify a site for this type of disposal.

Dahl Disposal announced that they now have a payment drop at Clark's Market in Yachats. Payments may be dropped off any time during store hours. Please do not pay with cash unless you go to Dahl's office at 3300 Crestline Drive in Waldport.



**CITIZENS ENCOURAGED TO REMOVE NOXIOUS WEEDS  
FROM THEIR PROPERTY**

Tansy ragwort, scotch broom and purple loosestrife are all noxious weeds that are quite a problem on empty lots, in ditches beside the road,

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and on local hillsides. City Council is encouraging property owners to eradicate the pests, and noted that it is important that the proper methods be used to ensure that more damage is not done. The wet weather in late winter and early spring makes it easy to pull scotch broom. . It has also been noted that if scotch broom is cut three times in one growing season it will not come back. Tansy ragwort may be pulled up by the root and put into a plastic bag until it dries to make certain that the seeds are not distributed

Please contact the OSU Extension office at 574-6534 or Lincoln County Weed Control District at 574-1248 for more information about identification and removal of the weeds.

### ROADS AND PARKS



Each year the City receives a lot of calls from residents and visitors concerned about the tall grass at the parks and the condition of the roads.

There are a lot of public areas in and around town, and there are also a lot of different agencies responsible for the maintenance.

The Whale Tail Park, Commons, Little Log Church and Museum, and the Library are City parks or facilities. Maintenance is done by dedicated volunteers and employees. The public works employees are also responsible for those streets that are official, dedicated and accepted City Streets. All other areas in town fall under the jurisdiction of the State, County, or private property owners.

Yachats Ocean Road and the three State Parks in the area are maintained by the State Parks Department. Last spring State Parks reorganized their maintenance crews, assigning jurisdiction for the Yachats area parks to the Honeyman office. The actual work crews are dispatched from the Beachside State Park, north of Yachats.

**State Parks - Dennis Davidson (541) 997-3851**

Ocean View Drive is a County road and all maintenance is the responsibility of their public works department.

**James Buisman - Public Works Director**

**(541) 574-1200**

**Jim Chambers -**

**Road Main.**

**Supervisor**

**(541) 574-1203**

“Main Street” in Yachats is Hwy. 101, and is maintained by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Streets signs are also ODOT’s responsibility.

**ODOT - Highway Division - Newport Office**

**(541) 265-2644**

If you need help determining which agency to contact please call City Hall for assistance. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help with the maintenance of the City parks and facilities let us know. We can put you in contact with a volunteer coordinator.

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### READING YOUR METER

There are two common types of water meters. Some are read like odometers. Others are circular with several dials on the meter face (similar to your electric meter).

For circular-reading meters, start with the lowest dial, and continue reading up to the highest dial. If a dial pointer isn’t centered exactly on a number or is located between two numbers, read the lower number.

Meters in the City of Yachats measure in cubic feet. To determine how much water you have used subtract the reading on your last bill from the current meter reading and multiply by 7.48 to convert the reading to gallons.