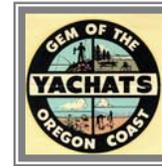




CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



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THE YACHATS CITY COUNCIL VISION

Adopted 4-2-09

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

Summer has finally arrived, at least I hope so. The calendar says that it has. Today, as I write, the sky is pretty clear, it's dry, and the ocean is calm and lazy. It looks like summer to me. It seems like such a long while since it was last here. Winter felt longer, darker, and wetter than usual. It seemed to last through most of the spring. I found myself part of a very large and growing majority of people who were complaining that winter's hold was way too tenacious.

We all know, of course that the rains of winter are what make the trees grow, the rivers flow, the salmon spawn, and the forest flora spring to verdant life in the spring. Many of us choose to live here because of the abundance of life given to our surrounding by the generous servings of water that Nature delivers through the winter months. Most of us actually enjoy rain to some degree. Winter storms can be exhilarating and the skies can be masterful renderings of more shades of gray than one would think possible. Angry seas splash spray and foam heroically into the air and the power of nature is raw to see and feel.

But enough is enough. I think I speak for my fellow complainers when I say, "It's great to be able to comfortably spend time outside again." We can walk the beach, tend gardens, get more trail work done, fight back against exotic plant invaders, barbecue, and just sit enjoying the sunlight dancing on the water. A bit of sun changes everything.

There is one other thing that changes in summer—there are more of us. Yachadians of frailer constitutions (or perhaps more intelligent minds) are returning to their summer homes. They have been away for the colder and wetter months in warmer, drier climes. Whether frailer or more intelligent, it's good to have them home

again too. It's as if the city's population blossoms and sprouts through the growing season too. More energy, more creativity, more talent, more ideas, more volunteers, and more contributions come with the return of our part time neighbors who are also our full time friends.

In the summer we are also joined by those of the seasonal migrations. These are the people who wish they were Yachadians but only get to visit us occasionally. We call them tourists, but I sometimes think of them as "those poor souls that don't get to live here." They come on their migrations, their pilgrimages, to get a small sample, a pitifully small dose of the healing water, the re-generational power of Yachats.

I don't know where the power comes from. I see its evidence in the people who live here (full or part-time), in the people who visit here, and in the natural beauty that surrounds us. I see it, hear it, and feel it in all of the art, poetry, music, and discussion around town, as well as in the sky, and sea, and forests, and meadows, and rocks and streams. This is a wonderful town, full of special power. Although I don't know where it comes from I embrace it, and enjoy sharing it with you.

Perhaps it pours in with all that winter rain.



Meeting Updates

The Public Works & Streets Committee has been moved from July 5, 2011 to July 12, 2011 in the Civic Meeting Room at 3 p.m.

The Emergency Planning Committee has also moved their July 5, 2011 meeting to July 12, 2011 in the Civic Meeting Room at 2 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend both meetings.



Building Permit & Land Use Application Activity By Larry Lewis, City Planner

The following tables provide a summary of building and land use activity in Yachats beginning in 2003 and ending in June 2011:

Activity	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
New Residential Dwellings	20	26	21	17	18
Building Permits: New Construction	18	29	19	17	17
Building Permits: Additions/Remodels	30	26	22	21	23
Property Line Adjustment	2	1	1	3	1
Land Partition	2	1	1	5	6
Subdivision	1	1	1	0	0
Planned Unit Development	0	0	1	1	1
Variances	0	0	0	1	1
Conditional Use Permit	1	1	3	0	0

Activity	2008	2009	2010	2011 ²
New Residential Dwellings	28 ¹	3	7	3
Building Permits: New Construction	6 ¹	3	8	4
Building Permits: Additions/Remodels	19	8	14	3
Property Line Adjustment	1	1	1	1
Land Partition	3	1	1	0
Subdivision	0	0	0	0
Planned Unit Development	0	1	0	0
Variances	1	2	0	0
Conditional Use Permit	1	0	1	1

¹In 2008, the Fisterra Garden Apartments accounted for 25 of 28 new residential dwellings and 3 of 6 building permits for new construction.

²Represents 6 months only - January through June 2011



Public Review & Comments Meeting

Proposed Yachats Community Park General Plan Update

On Sunday, July 24, 2011 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Civic Meeting Room, Council Member Dave Rieseck and other community leaders will be on hand to discuss and receive final comments on the proposed Yachats Commons General Plan update. Once adopted by the City Council, the plan will serve as a guide for the location of functions and activities in the public park. The plan protects and preserves the site's natural features, improves pedestrian and vehicular safety, and maintains continuity while accommodating the multi-use utility of the property. Care was taken to ensure safety and comfort in the spatial relationships between park activities.

The plan represents a long-term vision for the Yachats Community Park. Where appropriate, improvements will be made as interest and funding is available. In most instances it is anticipated that either grants or contributions will be required.

Much community input has guided the selection and placement of the varied activities and facilities. Please join us for a review of this vision.



Open Burning Ends

Frankie Petrick, Fire Chief, Yachats Rural Fire Protection District

Opening burning ends on July 5, 2011 at midnight. Any open burning done prior to that date **requires a burn permit** issued through the fire station.

We also issue a permit that allows backyard fire pits for roasting food such as hotdogs and marshmallows; however an inspection is required prior to issuance of the permit so please do not wait until the day of your event to contact us at (541) 547-3266.

This past winter and spring our area experienced heavy precipitation, so we anticipate the fire danger to remain high for the duration of the summer months and into fall. If you plan on shooting off fireworks, remember to exercise extreme caution and keep a plentiful supply of water on hand in an easily accessible place.



Public Works Department

By John McClintock, Public Works Director

This month Public Works will be concentrating the process of identifying infiltration and inflow (I and I) of ground and surface water into the sewage collection system. This is accomplished in a couple different ways.

The first is called “smoke testing.” We isolate sections of the system and blow non-toxic smoke into the isolated area then identify where it comes out. If the smoke comes out the building’s roof vents, that tells us all is well at that particular location. If the smoke comes out of down spout, then we know roof drains are illegally connected to the sanitary system and must be removed. If the smoke appears to find its way up through the ground then we know there are cracks or breaks in sewer laterals or sewer mains that must be repaired.

The second way we check for I and I is by cleaning the sewer mains then placing a camera inside the main lines to locate where sewer laterals connect to the sewer main. Once again we isolate that particular area and make note of any cracks, low points, breaks, or misaligned pipes. We can also identify any ground and surface water intrusions. We monitor distance from manhole to enable us to come back and make repairs.

To date, we have removed in excess of 1 million gallons per day of wet weather flow from the collection system pipes, pumping station, and wastewater treatment plant. This additional flow increases operational costs and takes up capacity in the system. The more I and I we are able to remove, the less wear and tear on the sewer system and the more efficient the process becomes

We will notify all affected neighborhoods prior to beginning this project as well as alerting any property owners of problems that need to be addressed. If you have any questions about this process please call us weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (541) 547-3243.



Disaster Preparedness Class

By Betty Johnston, SLC CERT Coordinator

As I looked out my window this morning the sky is a mild gray with no wind and average temperature for this time of year. I can hear the ocean; I can see multiple birds feeding at my feeder, and all is well.

However after reading the morning newspaper it is clear that all is not well around the planet.

In Arizona a mammoth forest fire is blazing away at the rate of 5 to 8 miles a day. The blaze has burned 486 square miles of ponderosa pine forest with winds up to 60 m.p.h. Would you be ready?

In Lima, Peru an earthquake with a magnitude of 5.0 struck. Would you be ready?

In Florida Tropical Storm Adrian has formed out in the Eastern Pacific, making it the first named storm of the 2011 hurricane season. Would you be ready?

Nebraska is experiencing moderate flooding in Plattsmouth, Brownville and Rulo. The Missouri River near Omaha reached 30.06 feet. Would you be ready?

A supercell thunderstorm developed over western Massachusetts triggering tornado warnings. Would you be ready?

Chile’s Puyehue-Cordón Caulle Volcanic Complex sent ash 45,000 feet in the air, closing down airports as far away as Argentina. Would you be ready?

Even here in our own pocket of paradise the possibility of deadly disasters lurk only 70 miles west in the Pacific Ocean in the “Cascadia Subduction Zone” birthplace of earthquakes and tsunamis. Are you ready?

Get “ready” by joining me from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at the Yachats Commons Room 8. I will be holding a basic disaster preparedness class with area-specific information on coastal hazards. To pre-register (a requirement) call me at (541) 547-4934—it’s free!



Trails Update

By Lauralee Svendsgaard, Trails Committee Chair

June was an adventuresome month for the Trails Committee: first as guests of OSU’s Professor Paul Jepson on our fieldtrip to the Corvallis Plant Materials Center; then during a very productive Trails Crew event at the

Prospect Trail; followed by the Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee's (YIPS) impressive turnout at Overleaf Lodge & SOLV's 4th Annual Ivy Pull on the 804. In addition: we removed of eight bags of knotweed from Sea Aire's property; then removed foxtail (a potentially lethal plant to pets) from the Landmark and Roca Mar sites. We also made significant progress in the replacement of the Amanda bridge; and a had a delightful social gathering of Yachats' trails fans at the cloud shrouded Kittel home complete with musical entertainment from our local boys—the Bad Weeds.

July promises to be every bit as productive (and fun). So just know if you'd like to spend a few hours enjoying the company of some great neighbors while contributing mightily to the restoration of local habitat and the improvement of Yachats' walking trails—join us! Upcoming events are briefly described below, as are updates on some of our more ambitious projects. No experience is necessary. We can provide gloves and tools and there's always something you can help with, no matter what your skill level.

For general information about Yachats' trails activities or to be added to our Trails Committee email list, contact me at lsven@peak.org or (541) 547-3640.

Upcoming Trails Activities

Anyone who's participated in Trails Crew, YIPS or general Trails Committee endeavors is welcome to join us for the grand march at the 4th of July *la-de-da Parade*. We'll meet at staging area behind the Yachats Commons at 11 a.m. Contact Wally Orchard at (541) 547-5474 or worchard@peak.org for more details.

The Yachats Trails Crew will meet on Saturday, July 9, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please contact David Lavrinets for worksite details at DALavrinets@peak.org or (541) 547-5388.

YIPS will meet on Saturday, July 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please contact Wally Orchard for worksite location at (541) 547-5474 or worchard@peak.org.

Trail Updates

YIPS has begun planning a demonstration garden along the Prospect Trail between 2nd and 3rd Streets. Only a year ago this area was covered in invasive plants of all types. Thanks to the efforts of the Trails Committee and the YIPS Crew these plants have been eradicated. We are now developing a planting plan that will utilize

native and wildlife-friendly ornamental plants* that will do well in our climate and replace aggressive.

**Wildlife friendly ornamentals are non-native plants that produce a viable quantity of pollen, nectar or habitat and do not crowd out or otherwise compete with native plants. Many ornamentals provide very little food or habitat.*

The Development Subcommittee has worked out crucial details for the Amanda Bridge replacement as well as coordinated the complex task of removing the existing bridge and replacing it with a new fiberglass model. Long overdue, "View the Future" received a grant from Oregon State Parks, using matching funds contributed by the City of Yachats; the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians; and local Layne Morrill. The replacement bridge has been ordered and active work is scheduled to begin under the direction of Oregon State Parks shortly after Labor Day, when the flows at Amanda Creek are down and OSP has fewer campers and such to manage. This section of the Amanda Trail will likely be closed for approximately two weeks during tear down and reconstruction. Specific closure dates will be provided when they've been confirmed.

Skilled and unskilled volunteers will be needed for a wide variety of tasks including: assisting with the removal of the existing bridge; removal of the rocks in the gabions and dispersing them in the streambed; bringing in sections of the new bridge; assembling the bridge components; and assisting with meal preparation and other hospitality needs. Each assignment will be allocated in three hour blocks

If you are interested in volunteering for this very worthy project, contact me at lsven@peak.org or (541) 547-3640. For details about the bridge replacement endeavor, contact Joanne Kittel at inkittel@peak.org or (541) 961-8374.

A special message from the Yachats Trails Committee to **you**—whether you assist our endeavors or not, we strongly encourage you to get out and experience Yachats' trails. Walking is known to improve your health and spiritual well-being significantly. Exploring our trails is a wonderful way to meet new community members and experience Yachats' natural wonders.



Yachats Public Library
By Marie Green, Library
Commission Chair

Mark your calendar for July 11, 2011 because as of this date no one will be allowed to check out books, etc. without a barcoded Yachats Public Library card. Come in and celebrate this historic improvement in our checkout system. It has been a long time coming but we are ready—so get those cards out!

Have you seen the bright green t-shirts and the happy faces? Yachats kids and summer visitors are traveling the globe this season as the library presents “One World, Many Stories.” The program designed for children ages 4-10 years old and will explore people and places around the world through age-appropriate stories, crafts and presentations. Children will have an opportunity to win prizes based on their independent reading. For those too young for independent reading, time spent listening to stories will qualify *them* for prizes. Special activities will include Chinese kite making, a Japanese Tea Ceremony, Peruvian Flags, piñatas and Native American stories. Children will receive free books at each session. Angie Deriberprey, with help from other community members, will lead the program each Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. thru August 16, 2011 at the Library.

With the busy summer season here John Cooper will be offering his one-on-one genealogy assistance by appointment only when the library is closed and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. when the library is open. Please call him at (541)-547-3066 to book a time.

We are working on installing a fourth public access computer this summer. We were able acquire the new computer courtesy of the Friends of Yachats Library and those who participated on our very successful book sale.

Special alert! A patron brought in several large bags of lovely garden books for our on-going book sale shelf. As usual they are available for only \$1 each. Look just to your left as you enter the front door—no need to wait until next spring.

Need free space for a small meeting? Just talk to the librarian on duty to schedule a time after hours for your group. It can be for a one time or a regular weekly or monthly as time is available.



From the Garden of the
Historic Log Church
By Louis Mensing, LLCM
Gardener

I continue to find more good garden plants as I weed and divide the existing plants. Thanks to all of you who brought pots so we can continue to plant upstarts for the plant sale later this summer.

Attention Gardeners: I would like to invite a few of you to spend a morning with me weeding some the natives that have become invasive. If you are interested stop by LLCM anytime from 12 to 3 p.m. any day except Wednesdays (when we are closed) to put add your contact information to the designated sign-up sheet left at the desk. I am looking at Thursday, July 7, 2011 as the tentative date.

This last month even more beautiful plants were in bloom from Siberian iris to California poppies in a wide range of colors. Take a few minutes and see for your self what's blooming at the LLCM garden.



Yachats Youth and Family Program

YYFAP Welcomes New Executive Director

On June 1st Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program welcomed Alice Beck as their new Executive Director. She replaces Debbie Jackson who is starting a new chapter of her life in a warmer climate! Alice comes to YYFAP from Astoria, OR where she served, for almost eleven years, as the Coordinator for the Clatsop County Commission on Children & Families. Alice has experience working directly with youth of all ages as well as program administration. Her husband, Kevin, joined Oregon State Parks in March 2010 as the Park Manager for the Carl Washburne Parks Unit. They are excited to be living in the same place after over a year apart. Please join YYAFP in welcoming them both to the community!

Congratulations to Helping Hands Graduates

This was graduation year for several long-time Helping Hands members. Among them were all five of Waldport High School's valedictorians. Ago Bukovsky, Adam Grady, Tommy Jackson, Jen Jones, and Reina Morgan did us proud! Everyone at YYFAP wishes them all the best as they go on to college in Colorado, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Oregon. Thanks to everyone in the community who supported these kids as they grew up.

Summer Recreation PLUS

RecPLUS (Passages to Learning, Understanding, and Success) takes place Monday through Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Yachats Commons basement. Children and youths 6 and older are welcome to participate in indoor and outdoor activities, from cooking and crafts to field games and outdoor explorations. Summer RecPLUS will conclude on August 26. Fees for local families are assessed on a sliding scale from \$60 to \$400 for all ten weeks. Drop-in rates are \$10 per day or \$40 per week. For more information contact us at (541) 547-4599 or yapkids@peak.org.

Follow Your Food—From the Farm to the Plate

Families with children ages 0-6 are welcome to join us as we tour a local farm one day and take a cooking class the following day. Two times this summer we'll explore life on a farm, gather food, and make a meal and eat it together. The first "Follow Your Food..." will be on Wednesday and Thursday, July 6 and 7 from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The second session will be on Wednesday and Thursday, July 20 and 21, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Each session will feature a different farm and different foods. Parents will need to provide their own family's transportation to/from the farms. Each 2-day session will cost \$25 per family (3 maximum). Other children or additional adults may attend for an additional fee if space allows. For more information, call (541) 547-4599 or e-mail yapkids@peak.org.

Free Knit & Crochet Social

Join us for a casual all-ages all-skill level knit and crochet social the first and third Thursdays of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Yachats Commons, Room #4. Bring yarn, needles, something you're working on or just yourself. It's a great way to meet new people and learn new techniques from local knitters and crocheters. Call us at (541) 547-4599 for further information.



Yachats Lunch Bunch By Paul Niblock, Coordinator

Our July luncheon will take place on Thursday, July 28, 2011 in the Yachats Commons multipurpose room.

Lunch Bunch is open to everyone 55 and better. Since 2001 this has been a wonderful opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. The menu for July is: Chicken Cacciatore, pasta, fruit salad, French bread, and

Pineapple Upside Down Cake. There is a suggested donation of \$4.

Come and find out what it's all about. We look forward to seeing you there.



Transient Rental FYI

All residential properties within city limits rented out for less than 30 consecutive days at a time must be licensed through the City of Yachats. Applications may be downloaded off the City's document library at www.yachatsdocuments.info or picked up at City Hall. There is an annual \$40 licensing fee for each transient rental. Here are some of the conditions required to meet:

- A local contact person or agent must be available by phone at reasonable hours (8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.) and available and authorized to respond if there is a problem.
- One off-street parking space must be provided for each bedroom, but no fewer than two spaces. Parking must be unimpeded, surfaced, useable, and available to all renters.
- All parking must be on the rental property, with a parking map submitted with the application and posted in the home.
- If access to the home is not direct from the street a copy of the easement, right-of-way, or other documentation must be submitted with application.
- Traffic generated by the transient rental shall not exceed what is reasonably expected within a residential neighborhood.
- There must not be any noise, litter or odor noticeable at or beyond the property line.
- The use must not adversely affect the residential character of the neighborhood.
- The home must comply with all applicable State laws and State Fire Marshal regulations.
- Trash receptacles and collection service must be provided. Trash receptacles may only be on the street on collection day, and renters advised not to place trash outside alone in plastic bags.
- Each transient rental must provide and maintain a container for the disposal of cooking grease. Collected grease must be disposed of in trash to prevent any grease from entering the sewer system.
- Licensees must comply with the requirements of the Transient Room Tax Ordinance, collect 7% tax and file quarterly returns in a timely fashion.

Questions or complaints regarding transient rentals can be addressed by contacting us weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except holidays) at (541) 547-3565 or cityhall@ci.yachats.or.us .