



CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



JULY 2012

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.

I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.
~Abraham Lincoln



Mayor's Message

By Ron Brean, Mayor

Each year about this time I get to participate in

a golf tournament which is part of the U.S. Police and Fire Championships. Active and retired public safety personnel come together for friendly competition in many different sporting events ranging from bicycle racing to boxing. I prefer less dangerous events, so I stick to golf. The "games", as they are called, move around to various host cities. They've been in Idaho and Arizona. Last year they were in Reno. This year they were in San Diego. We played three golf courses, one of which is just outside of El Cajon, California, my childhood hometown. After our round of golf I drove my partner past my old home and around the neighborhood in which I grew up. Things have changed.

My family moved in to that house before my third birthday. I lived in there until I was twenty. I visited it and that neighborhood and that town until my parents had both passed away. In my memory it was on a tree-lined street with lush lawns that owners mowed and fertilized (or paid kids like me to mow and fertilize) with great care. On any Saturday youngsters played in the street, men leaned over hot engines under the hoods of their cars tinkering with carburetors or distributors, and women leaned over backyard fences and talked about their kids or their husbands or about the other women in the neighborhood.

Maybe some of that still exists, but to me that once lively neighborhood seems less alive than before. It was a warm and pleasant day, but I saw no kids outside playing. Many of the trees were gone and most of the lawns were anything but lush. Some

hadn't been mowed in quite a while and some were just dirt or gravel deserts. The homes and the cars in front of them were a bit threadbare and sad. There are three times as many people in that town as there was when I left. Things have changed.

I don't suppose I really expected that blue-collar neighborhood to stay the same. Others have returned to the environs of their youth and found them changed. Thomas Wolfe famously told us that we can't go home again. Gertrude Stein couldn't find the house of her youth and reached the conclusion that "There was no there, there." Both were lamenting that time changed who they were, that time changed the places they had known well, and that they found themselves strangers in the home they once knew and loved well.

The fact is, things change even in Yachats. It is inevitable. Pick a point in time in Yachats history and then scroll forward and you will note many changes. The coming of the settlers changed the lives of the indigenous people. The completion of the Roosevelt highway changed accessibility and thereby changed the economy. Pick any technological invention from the telephone to the television to the computer to the internet and you can ascribe numerous changes to Yachats that were natural outcomes.

What hasn't changed in Yachats is a sense of place we all seem to share. I suspect it is begotten of the magnificent natural environment that surrounds us, but no matter what its origin it seems to survive generations of people and generations of technology. I've met people in distant places who were exposed to Yachats many years ago and they describe the same town I live in today. What they remember is the magnificent coastline, the verdant forest, and the people who treated them right.

I think Yachats is a place you can go home to. There is a “there” here. It is found in the hearts and souls of the people who choose to make this their home. We will face many challenges as change follows its inexorable trajectory. As long as we keep focused on that shared sense of place that seemingly is part of the Yachats landscape, our town will stay the same in spite of the changes. Change may wash over us like a mighty wave, but as long as we maintain that enduring sense of who we are and how we fit in here, that wave will break around us as if we were made of bedrock. When the wash resides, we will still be Yachats. We will still be here working with whatever we’ve been dealt to create another great day in the village that stays the same no matter how it changes.



City Council Briefing
 By Nancy Batchelder
 City Recorder

At their meeting on June 14, 2012

the City Council

- Adopted the City Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 and elected to receive State Revenue Sharing funds, including cigarette and liquor taxes. The amount the City receives each year from the state is based on population.
- Received an updated Marketing Plan from the Marketing Committee. The Committee is a joint City and Chamber undertaking.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2012-06-04 – Application for Oregon Department of Transportation Small Cities Allotment Grant for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The grant, if received, will help the City pay for the street improvements that are planned for the summer.
- Agreed to continue the contract with Dyer Engineering for engineering services for one more year.
- Voted to direct staff to draft a Resolution designating the Mayor as Administrative Head of the City for adoption at the July City Council Meeting. In the past, the Council believed that the Mayor was the Administrative Head of the City, and was authorized to deal with staff in the same way a City Manager would. However, the Charter states that the Mayor is the Political Head, and that term does not clearly define what that role means.

- Voted to move forward with a single subject Charter Amendment on the November Ballot, related to real estate transactions.



LA DE DA

While not all of the Council will be available to participate, look for those that can this year in the La De Da Parade. There are plans to return to the traditional mode of transportation – the manure spreader!



Yachats Public Works Department

By John McClintock, Public Works Director

This summer season will be another busy one for public works. We have a number of projects planned to address issues identified in the Water Master Plan, Wastewater Master Plan, Storm Water Plan Addendum and Street repairs.

These proposals have gone through review by the Public Works & Streets Committee, Finance Committee, Budget committee and City Council.

From the Water Plan we will be installing a new waterline from HWY 101 west on Fourth Street to Ocean view Drive. Included in this project will be all necessary valving, pipes and a fire hydrant. Part of the project includes “hot tapping” on 101 and Ocean View Drive. Hot tapping requires connecting one pipe to another without turning the water off and disrupting service.

We will also be doing several smaller projects concerning valve replacement and upgrades in the water distribution system.

On the wastewater side we will continue to track down and repair many portions of the system that allows “infiltration or inflow” (I&I) into the collection system. This includes smoke testing, dye testing and actually looking into sewer lines with our TV system. We will continue to identify and repair or remove the sources of I&I.

In the storm water system we will be doing a lot of ditch maintenance and cleaning of culverts and catch

basins. The intent is to improve the system to operate as efficiently as possible.

Concerning city streets; we will be doing prep work on selected streets and then asphalt overlays. This is to not only improve the street for traffic, but to increase the life of the street surface.

We will continue to do our best to make sure that anyone impacted by this work will be notified as far ahead of time as possible. We want to get the work done as efficiently as possible with as little inconvenience to our residents and guests.

If you have any questions about these projects or public works please call us at 547-3243.



Code Enforcement Report

Donald Niskanen, Code Enforcement Officer

It is that time of the year again. Everything is growing at a remarkable rate, including the weeds and our invasive friends.

The City is making a concerted effort to “control” some of the more invasive species. Wally Orchard and YIPS (Yachats Invasive Plant Subcommittee) have been making a volunteer effort to go after these plants in the most obvious places.

As a property owner, your help is needed also. Some property owners received a letter from me, noting one or more invasive plants on your property. If you are unable to do the work yourself, for any reason, the City has a list of licensed contractors that can do the job for hire.

The City’s Public Works crew, the Parks and Commons Commission Trails and YIPS crews and other volunteers have been working on public property and rights of way. It is starting to make a difference.

The growing stand of Scotch Broom in the empty lots north of the 76station has all but disappeared. That was an all-volunteer effort. We continue to monitor the lots because of the long viability of the seeds.

Scotch Broom is out of control in the Blackstone I and II sub-divisions. The alders are starting to shade them

out, but it is going to take development of these lots to remove it all.

Tansy Ragwort will be blooming soon. Frankie, our Fire Chief, alerted us to this outbreak last year. We organized an instant volunteer force and pulled all the plants we could spot in the worst areas. Wally and I and a couple of other volunteers continued to monitor Tansy on both sides of the bridge and cut or pulled any plants we saw. Again, seed viability is a problem and one plant can produce thousands of seeds.

Japanese Knotweed will continue to be a problem. We have several areas that have large stands. The shoots travel underground and can emerge ten yards from the mother plant. Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation will not use chemicals within City limits, which leaves manual removal.

Wally has prepared detailed information on these invasives. Our Weed of the Month program features a different invasive plant every month. They are included in the utility billing and are available at City Hall. It has useful information and photographs on identification, growing habits and methods of control.

Controlling noxious, invasive vegetation on your property is a City Ordinance. There was excellent response to the letters that went out last year. I hope for a similar response this year.

If you have specific questions regarding invasive plants, please call Wally at 541-547-5474 or myself, at 541-961-6695.



Yachats Trails Update

By Lauralee Svendsgaard,
Chair Joanne Kittel, Leader
David Lavrinets, Leader

Wally Orchard, Leader

June whizzed by in a flurry of activity, starting with our very first participation in National Trails Day on June 2nd. Under the leadership of U.S. Forest Service's Siuslaw National Forest staff, volunteers from the Yachats Trails Committee and others hosted numerous trail related activities centered at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center. The trails celebration culminated at the Amanda Grotto with performances from several Native American flutists, drummers and singers; and a blessing at the Amanda Statue to commemorate this year's theme -- **"Amanda' Trail: A**

walk to remember our cultural past & better navigate our future." As we've come to anticipate, the gathering in the Amanda Grotto as a very moving community experience, and our dear Trails volunteers once again *rallied to the call* with grace and humility.

And now, coming into July with a BLAST! mark your calendars now and join us for some of the fun-filled "good neighbor" activities featured below:



- **July 4, Wednesday** -- La-De-Da! Think "zany" and help us make a showing in the Parade we can be proud of! If you're interested in helping prepare for our wild entry, or you're simply a trail enthusiast who would like to join us in the parade, contact one of the Committee members noted below.
- **July 6, Friday at 9:00 a.m.** -- (***Please note the date change.***) The Annual Overleaf Lodge Ivy Pull. Join a great group of people and help restore native habitat along the 804 Trail. Meet at the Overleaf Lodge parking area. Following the pull, SOLV and Overleaf Lodge will provide beverages, hamburgers and bratwurst. Participants are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. A chance to win coveted raffle items is a nice close to this very worthwhile endeavor.
- **July 14, Saturday at 10:00 a.m.** -- (*This is a change from our normally scheduled first Saturday event.*) Trails Crew to meet at the Prospect Garden.
- **July 21, Saturday at 10:00 a.m.** -- YIPS Work Event. Location to be announced via email to the Trail Committee's contact list. To be added to the list, send a request to one of the emails listed below.
- **July 22, Sunday** -- The Yachats Trails Committee's annual picnic at Bear Wind Mountain (Joanne's) from 2 to 6pm. Details will be sent via email to the Trails Committee's contact list.

Right now YIPS has its hands full containing the weeds that are doing their best to retake areas previously cleared by the YIPS and the Trails crews. A year ago we cleared mountains of unwanted ivy, morning glory and blackberry from the stone wall at Whale Park. And almost two years ago we first cleared the weeds at the Prospect Garden. We have planted many new native and wildlife friendly shrubs and trees at these two sites, and have sown native wild flower, clover and grass seeds. We are seeing lots of growth of the desirables, but the weeds continue to require our attention.

However we are a committed bunch and making headway through our vigilance and hard work. Broom is definitely on the retreat along the Highway 101 corridor through Yachats; foxtail, first reported in Yachats two years ago, is on the decline; and knotweed is taking a hit at several sites where we and CCCA (Concerned Citizens for Clean Air) are regularly digging up new growth.

July's weed of the month (WOM) is Morning Glory that can be found all over town. Right now it is shooting up from newly-germinated seeds, as well as from older underground roots. And August's WOM, Tansy Ragwort, is already beginning to flower in some locations. Meanwhile, we have the annual 804 Trail Ivy Pull sponsored by Overleaf Lodge and SOLV scheduled for Friday, July 6. Sometimes it is hard to know where to turn next in our War on Weeds (WOW?).

Look for us in the La-De-Da parade on July 4. You'll see some of Yachats' worst weeds there thinly disguised as human beings. YIPS will have its monthly foray on Saturday July 21, at 10 am. Location is likely to be the Prospect Garden. An email advisement will be sent the week before. Join us if you can, and if you can't you can still help our efforts by dealing with invasive weeds on your own property.

We're always on the lookout for new volunteers to adopt a small piece of public real estate and tend to the weeds in their own time, or to join us in any of our regularly scheduled activities. Please contact me to find out more.

All WOM publications can be downloaded from the web. Go to www.yachats.info and follow the link.

For more information about the Yachats Trails Committee, its activities or to be added to the Committee's email list simply contact one of us via phone or email:

- Lauralee, Chair, Yachats Trails Committee at 541.547.3640 or lsven@peak.org



YIPS News (Yachats
Invasive Plants
Subcommittee)

- David Lavrinets, Leader, Trails Crew at 541.547.5388 or dalavrinets@peak.org
- Joanne Kittel, Leader, Development Committee & Amanda Trail at 541.547.3144 or jnkittel@peak.org
- Wally Orchard, Leader, YIPS at 541.547. 5474 or worchard@peak.org



Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events
Coordinator

What Goes Around Comes Around

Back in 1993, when I first moved to Yachats, I decided to become a volunteer at the Yachats Public Library. I knew the place was for me when I saw the old Underwood manual typewriter on the counter and the oak card catalog file boxes. Part of my job was to process the new books acquired by the library. My goal was to whip through as many books as I could in the two hours I worked on Saturday mornings. Type-type-type on that manual. I had to learn the Dewey decimal system, and find just the right classification for each new acquisition. The exactitude of the process suited my Virgo temperament perfectly. I got pretty good at it, if I do say so myself.

Over time my work schedule changed and I no longer had the time to devote to Saturdays at the library, so I gradually (and very sadly) stepped away from that volunteer job.

Last year the library went high tech. It's all on a computer system now, and patrons can search for books on the library's computer. Very efficient! The oak catalog boxes had become obsolete, so the staff very thoughtfully asked the Little Log Church if it wanted to inherit the catalog boxes; perhaps create a display to show folks how libraries filed in "the old days". The museum readily accepted the offer, and our director brought the boxes in. Unfortunately all the catalog cards were discarded by the library, so we had nothing to show as examples. That's when we came on a brilliant idea: we'll make cards for the books we have at the LLC&M, and have a handy filing system in the process. A snap, thought I. HA! I found I had forgotten quite a bit over the years, and the process of putting everything onto cards was going to take quite a bit longer than I thought. But it's happening. For three hours each Sunday afternoon I've been recording the inventory of our collection of

local authors' works. Eventually all will be put onto cards and filed according to author, title and subject.

It's been an enjoyable project, as I have had the opportunity to re-acquaint myself with the treasure trove of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and essays of our very talented local authors, as well as publications detailing local history. All this material is, of course, available for visitors to examine at the museum. So, whether you are interested in beautiful poetry (*Under the Bookcliffs* by Ruth Harrison), philosophy (*Rationalized Epistemology* by Bert Johnstone), lighthouses and shipwrecks (several by Jim Gibbs), fiction (several by Sheila Evans), inspirational essays (*Waide In* by John Waide), or non-fiction (*Holy Rollers: Murder and Madness in Oregon's Love Cult* by T. McCracken), and much more, there is a lot to discover on the Little Log Church's bookshelves.

So here I am 19 years later, Deweying what I love to do. You are welcome to peruse our collection during museum hours. When the card cataloging project is finished, we'll let you know.



Yachats Public Library

By Sandra Calkins

"**Travel** is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

Mark Twain, *The Innocents Abroad/Roughing It*

I dearly love to travel and have been lucky enough to have had the chance to visit many of the places that I just dreamed about as a young person. When you read this article, my husband and I will just be returning from Europe-visiting our son and visiting some of the world's great cities. I expect to come back with many stories and pictures and most of all, memories of our trip.

But even before I had my first experiences abroad, I spent much time traveling vicariously through books. Many of the classics helped me travel not only in place, but in time. Current novels often take place in the world's great cities. Many of these places were familiar to me before I ever had a chance to visit them. Then, of course, there is abundant information in non-fiction books. The library has a good selection

of non-fiction books which devote themselves to an in-depth study of a foreign culture. Or, have you ever taken the time to really travel by world atlas?

Not everyone has the opportunity to travel and even if you do, there is no way that you can visit all the fascinating places on earth. Therefore, my suggestion for this summer is to pick a place that you would like to visit and begin the trip. Come to the library and look for your choice in the subject index of our computerized catalog. Check out a couple of books relating to the subject. For extended information, use our on-line computers.

Or, if "vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime" is your choice, what better place is there than Yachats? Our library also has a great collection of books with local and regional information.

Whatever your choice for this summer, all of us at the library wish you safe travels.



It's almost time for the Great Yachats Duck Race for Kids!

Buy your tickets now for the race to be held on the 4th of July where the Yachats River runs to the sea. We will have fun activities for kids and families starting at 2:00 pm down at the river with the race beginning at 2:30 pm. 1500 ducks will go into the river; the first 20 across the finish line will win fabulous prizes. Prizes include great gift packages, art, a bicycle, skateboard, entertainment coupons, and more. Tickets are only \$5 each or 3 for \$10, even better! All proceeds benefit the children, youth, and families served by the Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program. Tickets are available at the Yachats Farmers' Market, the Yachats Visitors Center, Raindogs, Waldport Video, and, of course, here at YYFAP. You don't want to miss your chance to win something wonderful!



Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

Camp "YOGOTTAWANNA" for School-

Aged Youth: Because you gotta wanna have fun! Come join other youth age 6 and up at YYFAP's super summer program. June 25th to August 24th. Monday-Friday 1-5 pm at the Commons. We have lots of fun filled activities planned. There will be weekly themes like Ocean Exploration, Pirate Week "Goonies Never Say Die!", Outdoor Camp, Fun with Pets and MORE! We will hike, play, do crafts, and run in circles till we drop! You don't want to be left out. Cost is \$60-\$100/month (\$15-\$25 per weekly session) based on your ability to pay. Drop in's welcome at \$10 per day. Watch for more info as we get closer. Each weekly theme will be listed on the website, www.yachatsyouth.org with some of the activities planned as the summer progresses. We hope you will join us for a summer filled with fun! Call us at 541-547-4599 for more details.



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Paul Niblock, Coordinator

Hooray!! Come and celebrate the start of our twelfth year on July 26th.

That's the last Thursday of the month.

Anyone 55 or older is welcome and we will also welcome the Angell Job Corps back from their Summer Vacation with all their culinary skills and excellence.

Our July Luncheon will take place at the Commons – as usual the last Thursday in July – 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 \$4.

The menu is chicken cacciatore, pasta, green salad and dressing, roll and butter, and pineapple upside down cake.

We look forward to seeing old friends and greeting new ones.

Did we mention that it's on the last Thursday of the month?



GoYachats.com

By Andrea Scharf,
Marketing Director

As we move into the summer 'high tourist' season, it seems absurd to be thinking about bringing more people to Yachats. We love our visitors but sometimes we feel a little impatient at the traffic on 101, the slightly longer waits, and the crowded beaches (NOT!!) However, tourism is the lifeblood of our town. Summer keeps

the stores open for the other eight months of the year, and it keeps our city services running on a healthy financial basis, since the transient room tax supports more than half of the city budget. So smile at our visitors, make them welcome, share our warm "wee village" ambiance, and enjoy the energy that comes with travelers from around the world. Remember, we are #7 on Mr. Frohmer's list of his personal Best Places!

The Visitor Center is the place where volunteers keep busy finding information for travelers—what to do, where to eat, where to stay, and oh yes, the ever-popular: Where's the bathroom???? Stop by and say thanks—they're doing a great job, especially with the new "We Speak" program organized by Visitor Center director Bev Wilson. "We Speak" provides training about the features of our area, including history, natural environment, and visitor attractions. The sessions are video-taped to be made available to as many hospitality workers as possible.

And then, as we all know, the summer ends. We are working on ways to keep people coming to Yachats during the rest of the year. Our current efforts involve following up on the training provided by the state's tourism office, Travel Oregon. Especially tailored for rural communities, the program tries to help local economies through workshops such as marketing, planning big events, and developing nature-based tourism. South Lincoln County—from Seal Rock to Cape Perpetua—just completed the program. We have formed Action Teams to work on some of the good ideas generated during the Rural Tourism Studio programs. We probably won't ever be as busy as we are in the summer, but a few more visitors in November or April would help our local economy a lot. Stay tuned! (And if you're interested in getting involved, contact me at Andrea@GoYachats.com.)



Community BBQ

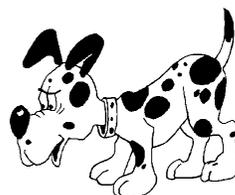
Everyone is invited to a classic summer barbeque hosted by YYFAP/YCPC at the Picnic Shelter behind the Yachats Commons on Friday, July 20th at 5:30-7:30 pm, for a summer evening of food and fun. Traditional picnic food will be provided by the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, and a variety of fun and silly outdoor games for all ages will be led by Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program participants. This event is free.

For more information e-mail yapkids@peak.org or log on to www.yachatsyouth.org or call (541) 547-4599.



Ladies Club 13th Annual Pie Social

The Yachats Ladies Club Annual 4th of July Pie and Ice Cream Social is at the Commons from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until the pie is gone. Pie lovers will be thrilled by the variety and quantity being offered. Each slice is a generous 6th of a pie and costs \$3. Add a scoop of ice cream for an additional fifty cents. A variety of beverages will also be sold. Come early for the best selection and before the pie is gone



Paws for the La-De-Da Parade

Join the "paw forces" and march with YYFAP in the **La-De-Da Parade on July 4th**. All dogs are invited! Meet up behind the Yachats Commons at 11:30 a.m. Silly doggie costumes are encouraged.



Yachats fireworks donations

can be mailed to PO Box 940 Yachats OR 97498, payable to Yachats Fireworks Committee.



Open Burning Ends

Frankie Petrick, Fire Chief, Yachats Rural Fire Protection District

Opening burning ends on

July 5, 2012 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 little ones using sparklers on your property; remember to exercise extreme caution and keep a plentiful supply of water on hand in an easily accessible place.



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