



CITY OF YACHATS

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2014



THE YACHATS CITY COUNCIL VISION

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Our village is a place where natural resources are valued and protected, where diversity is celebrated, and where a vibrant economy and sense of community pride create and recreate a living spirit. Yachats cares not just for its citizens' basic needs but also supports them in their efforts to excel mentally, physically, artistically, and spiritually. It is a community with an enduring sense of itself.



Mayor's Message

By Ron Brean, Mayor

I have the privilege of serving as the President of the League of Oregon Cities this year. The League's Board of Directors meets quarterly to conduct business. Most of those meetings take place at the League office in Salem. For the June meeting, however, the President is given the honor of hosting the meeting in his or her home town. So they all came to Yachats.

Professionals from the League staff were there to present information about the projects the League has undertaken, status of legislation that affects cities, legal issues that are current or that are coming, budget, and other policy matters. Then there is the Board which is made up of mayors, city councilors, and city managers from various cities around the state. For all of these people, and with no disrespect intended for Salem, it is a breath of fresh air to go to a different place where city issues are happening real time and where there's a chance for a different

perspective on the things we all care about. As a board member I've benefitted from visits to Island City, Maupin, and Redmond. This year I benefitted by proudly showing off our town and exposing my fellow board members to the ambience, hospitality, and energy of Yachats.

As you may know, I'm not too bashful about bragging about our town. However in this case (aside from a little low-key grandstanding just to meet the expectations of my colleagues) I let our village speak for itself. The Event Center at the Overleaf Lodge provided perhaps the best meeting facility this group has experienced and a host that was attentive to our needs. The Chamber of Commerce provided gifts and orientation material to all attendees making them feel welcome. The 804 trail, the Gerdemann Botanical Preserve, the Ya'Xaik Trail, and of course the magnificent scenery of the Oregon Coast provided distractions and respite during the non-meeting hours. We had great meals at local eateries that also provided friendly and attentive staff (without my prompting). Many in the

group hung around for a day or two extra to see more of the coast, to drink in more of the character of our village, and to bask in the friendliness that is a Yachats trademark. A good number of them even stuck around to hear the Bad Weeds play. Oh, and we did some business too.



There was no need for me to go out of my way to brag about

you and our city. All I had to do was answer questions, give a little history, and describe what we're doing, how we're doing it, and who's doing it (mostly volunteers who care deeply about Yachats), and let these dedicated public servants from other cities experience you and our village without prompting.

They were pretty much blown away. For a brief period of time they got to take in those charms and wonders that we see and experience every day. They took notes about solutions we have in place here that will help fix problems back home. For some it was a first exposure to Yachats and Yachadians but it will not be their last.

For those of us, those many of us, that volunteer our time for a better community there are occasionally times when we tire. The work is sometimes daunting. We don't always feel appreciation it sometimes feels like no good deed goes unpunished. The antidote for that is a little perspective. When you get out of the mire and gain a little elevation it's easier to see the progress you've made. This visit from my colleagues provided that perspective. This is one fine place to live. I have always known that and even while working through the most contentious of issues I never forget it. Still, it's very nice to have knowledgeable and similarly dedicated people validate it.

Next year Mayor Pete Truax of Forest Grove will be President and will be hosting the group. Thanks for giving him an impossible act to follow.



Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Trails Committee Communications Leader

As we roll into July, trails in the Yachats area are full-tilt busy! Here is a *HUGE* thank you - on behalf of the whole community - to the 34 volunteers who helped kick off the summer season on National Trails Day last month, Linda Hetzler at the Drift Inn for a wonderfully generous reception for those Trails Day helpers and to *all* our volunteers who have worked so hard over time to be sure we have the beautifully maintained and sited trails that are drawing visitors from around the world right now. This wonderful group also goes above and beyond throughout the year to help others in the community and our various partnering agencies when a few extra helping hands can make a difference. Watch for some very special appreciation activities coming up for Trails and YIPS! crew volunteers in the months ahead - starting with our annual picnic on July 20th!

We know that this is a super busy time for everyone, so when it comes to participating in work events right now, we simply appreciate crew members showing up as they can, as even 30 minutes or an hour can help. If you have visitors staying with you, consider bringing them along. It's a wonderful way of showing them not just the scenery, but what a great and deeply engaged community we have.

YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

Our biggest target recently has been Tansy Ragwort, a nasty weed that is toxic and can be fatal to grazing animals,



including cattle and horses. During the last few years we have made good progress in controlling it in and around Yachats, but it is an ongoing battle. In mid-June an intrepid YIPS! crew hiked 3 miles into the Cummins Ridge wilderness area to eradicate a particularly tenacious stand and keep it from spreading further afield.

Later in the week crews fanned out across town to tackle stands in our local neighborhoods. If you spot this bad weed in your yard, be sure to cut off the flowering tops along with any buds and bag them to prevent germination of the seeds. Then, if you can, pull out the plant or cut it off at its base. Complete information about Tansy Ragwort is available online at http://www.yachats.info/YIPS/Tansy_ragwort_AugustWOM.pdf if you have questions about weeds - from identification to eradication - call our weed wizards Don (541-961-6695) or Wally (541-547-5474).

Upcoming Trails, YIPS! and Related Events

The Yachats Trails Crew meets on the first Saturday of each month and the YIPS! Crew on the third Saturday, both from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There are always a wide variety of tasks for all levels of interest so come join in the fun. We guarantee you a warm and appreciative welcome!

Upcoming events to add to your calendar: July 5th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Trails Crew work on Ya'Xaik Trail steps

July 19th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: YIPS! work event (Location to be announced via email to the Trails Committee's contact list.)

July 20th (Sunday) 2:00: Trails Crew annual picnic (Quiet Water common area)

August 23rd (Saturday) 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. : USFS tour to see Silverspot Butterflies at the restoration site we worked on last year.

For more information, and to sign up for the mail list, contact any one of us via phone or email:

- Lauralee Svendsgaard, Chair, Yachats Trails Committee at 541.547.3640 or lsven@peak.org
- 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
- Jan Brown, Leader, Communications at 541.547.4927 or espressobrown@gmail.com
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Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator

Happy Summer to all!

We hope you have eagerly torn open the envelope containing this newsletter in time to know our Renaissance concert at the Little Log Church is Saturday, July 5th at 4:30 p.m. A five-member instrumental ensemble from Eugene will present music for strings, winds, and voice from the late 16th through the late 18th centuries by composers including William Byrd, Michael Praetorius, Anthony Holborne, and Claudin Sermisy. Instruments will include violin, viola, flute, recorder, and harpsichord. Harpsichordist Tom Sears visits Yachats frequently to visit family in the area, and loves the Log Church for its sweetness and acoustical qualities. We couldn't agree more.

Suggested donation is \$10.00, with proceeds to benefit Food Share of Lincoln County. We hope to see you there to enjoy this rare coastal concert presented by "Byrdsong". For more information you may go to byrdsongconsort.com (P.S. "Consort" is an obsolete word meaning "to sound in harmony") Sounds good to me!



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 Public Library

By Janet Rackleff

Good Reads for the Summer

For the next few months we'd like to share some of our favorite books as recommendations for your summer reading. This month we're starting off with suggestions from two of the library's volunteers Terri Daniels and Terri Homer.

From Terri Daniels:

Summer reading brings to mind light, easy-to-put-down books. However, I would like to suggest The Light Between Oceans by M. L. Stedman. This debut novel is a couple of years old, so you will not find it on the first shelves as you enter the library. You can easily never go further than these first shelves of newly purchased items, but the stacks are rich in wonderful volumes. The Light Between Oceans refers to a lighthouse off the southern coast of Australia and is the setting for a story based on moral dilemma in the changing world after World War I, family and community relationships and self-awareness. Although the story is not a mystery, its beautiful descriptions draw you in, and you keep turning pages to see how the characters work out the tangles of their lives...postwar trauma...a dead man in a row boat...an orphaned baby...

From Terri Homer:

If you love the experience as much as I do of immersing yourself into a great story then, these two novels, The Invention of Wings and The Secret Life of Bees both written by Sue Monk Kidd are well worth your time.

The Secret Life of Bees was published in 2002 and tells the story of Lily Owens narrated in her own memorable voice. Lily, a 14 year old white girl growing up in a small town in South Carolina in the 1960's, gives a very personal account of a time of intense racial tension where acts of senseless racist based violence persists despite, (or more

likely, intensify as a result of), growing national support of integration and civil rights. This beautiful novel also manages to weave into its pages the struggle of this young girl to find out the true facts about her mother's tragic death at a young age and to find her courage, inner strength and sense of familial love, which she does with the help of an extraordinary family of black sisters and their community.

The Invention of Wings, published in January of 2014, is a riveting story based on the lives of Sarah and Angelina Grimke, known as the most 'famous and infamous' women of their time. These sisters were the first female abolitionists in America and among the first feminist thinkers of the early nineteenth century. In Sarah's voice we follow her life story from her earliest days as a child growing up on a Charleston, South Carolina plantation through her painful life transitions, which included breaking completely from her family and societal traditions eventually becoming a champion of the abolitionist movement as well as of women's rights. Simultaneously, we follow the life of Handful, the slave girl given to Sarah as a 'gift' on her 11th birthday. In her own words, Handful provides us with a firsthand true account of the extreme brutality and inhumanity of slavery. This extraordinary slave narrator also teaches us about the importance of familial ties even under the worst of circumstances, a theme reminiscent of The Secret Life of Bees.

Treat yourself to hours of incredible enjoyment with these two powerful novels, both available in the Yachats Public Library. See you there soon!



And don't forget the Summer Reading Program:

Summer Reading Program-Fizz,

Boom, Read! Meets Tuesdays from 10-Noon for children ages 4-12 years.

July 1: Kitchen Science-Lava Lamps/Density

July 8: Wave Technology/Water

July 15: 5 Senses: Sound & Music

July 22: 5 Senses: Optical Illusions/Color & Light

July 29: Kitchen Science—Yeast Bread & Baking Soda



Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

Root for your Ducks!

Break out your tie-dye and join the Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program (YYFAP) group in the traditional *la-de-da* Parade on 4th of July! Meet us behind the Yachats Commons at 11:30 a.m. Afterwards, enter the 6th Annual Duck Race by sponsoring one duck for only \$5 or 3 ducks for \$10. The Duck Race begins at 2:30 p.m., the first 40 or so lucky ducks that race down the Yachats River will win prizes including vacation packages, fine art, a bicycle, and more! Check out the prize display at the Bank of the West next to the Commons. All proceeds support YYFAP whose mission it is to provide a safe and supportive environment for children, to be an advocate for youth and families, and to provide and encourage activities that integrate youth into the community.

Tickets can be purchased at City Hall, the Yachats Farmers Market, the Yachats Visitor Center, YYFAP (located in the Commons basement), and Yachats Farmstore. Good Luck!



Calling all local youth and visitors to join YYFAP's weekly themed summer camps for ages 7-12.

This summer YYFAP is offering seven weeks of Camp **YouGottaWanna**, because you gotta wanna have fun! This camp is for local or visiting youth ages 7 - 12. (6 year olds may be accepted on a trial basis if they are mature enough to handle the group activities, etc. such as hiking and field trips.) The camps will run July 7th to August 22nd Monday-Friday 1:00-5:00 pm at the Commons. We have lots of fun filled activities planned. There will be weekly themes such as Ocean Exploration, Living in the Wild, Wild West, Tropical Adventures, Arts and Crafts and MORE! We will hike, bike, fly kites, play on the new playground, go to the beach, and create crafts and lots more! Your kids don't want to miss out! Cost is \$25-\$50 per weekly session, based on your ability to pay. Drop ins are welcome at \$10 per day. Weekly themes with dates are posted on our webpage at www.yachatsyouth.org. We hope you will join us for a summer filled with fun! Call 541-547-4599 for more details.



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams, Coordinator

Hooray!! Come and celebrate our Ladies Club Chefs: Huck Huckins, Claudia Price and Sherry Phillips. 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 \$5. The menu is: Chicken or veggie Lasagna, green salad, garlic bread and Apple Kuchen for dessert.



YYFAP Friends and Families We would love to have you all join us to march in the La De Da Parade this year. Show up at the Commons by

11:30 in your tie dye and join us in celebration. Walk or bring your strollers and wagons, etc. The more the merrier. YYFAP kids past, present and future we want to see you!



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



Yachats Ladies Club
14th 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 \$3.50. 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.



YACHATS la de da
PARADE

July 4, 2014 **Friday 12 Noon**
Afternoon festivities
followed by Spectacular
Fireworks Show at Sundown

Afternoon and Evening Festivities & FIREWORKS SHOW

Wacky, whimsical, low-tech fun, the Yachats **la de da Parade**, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, begins at noon. Before and after the parade explore the town to enjoy special treats and great food, games, art and live music. Find a place on the beach by the mouth of the Yachats River to watch the afternoon Duck Race. From the same beach or from almost anywhere downtown watch **Spectacular Fireworks** at Sundown over the Yachats bay!

Baseball at
Yachats
Rubbery
Shrubbery
Stadium

By Dave Baldwin



The Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program (YYFAP) will sponsor the third annual Triple Play Baseball Game to be held on Saturday, July 19th at the Rubbery Shrubbery Stadium, behind the Yachats Commons. The official starting time is 1:00 pm, but players are free to come or leave throughout the afternoon.

We will use modified rules. Everyone gets to play regardless of age, gender, skill level, or species. There are no teams, no innings, and no one keeps score. Each batter continues swinging until the ball is hit in fair territory. Pitchers will help the batters. A batting tee is provided for batters who request it. Pinch runners and gloves are available on loan for those who need them. A soft, spongy baseball is used (MacGregor Level 1 ball, made for ages 7 through 9, just right for 75-year-olds).

YYFAP will provide baseball style food (hot dogs, peanuts, Cracker Jacks) and soft drinks at a concession stand in the Picnic Shelter adjacent to the ball field. Also, Yachats Smelt T-shirts and baseball caps can be purchased there. All proceeds will benefit YYFAP. There will be no admission charge, but a donation to YYFAP will be appreciated.

If you have any questions or if you would like a complete list of the Yachatan rules, please contact Dave Baldwin at david@brainpip.com.



**Marshmallow Fire
Pit Permit
Required**

Frankie Petrick, Fire Chief, Yachats Rural Fire Protection District

All backyard hotdog/ S'Mores fire pits require a FREE permit

The Yachats Fire Department must issue a FREE permit to ALL fire pits at summer homes, vacation rentals or full time residents! This permit 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.

A fire used only for ceremonial or cooking purposes and fueled only by commercially available fireplace or barbecue fuel or by wood, with the fire contained in a fireplace, barbecue grill, chinaria, or other similar structure or equipment (but not a burn barrel) specifically designed for outdoor ceremonial or cooking purposes and permitted by the Yachats Rural Fire Protection District.



**YACHATS LIONS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

July 4, 2013
Friday @ 7:30 - 11:30 am
Yachats Lions Hall, W 4th & Pontiac. Bring the entire family and join the fun!

Breakfast includes eggs to order, pancakes, ham, sausage and coffee. Bring the entire family and join the fun! Donations will be accepted. All proceeds benefit local nonprofit organizations. Sponsored by the Yachats Lions Club. FMI: Secretary Max Glenn 541-547-5171

**YACHATS
LIONS
ANNUAL FISH
FRY**

July 12, 2014
Saturday 11:00am -3:00 pm @Yachats Lions Hall, W 4th & Pontiac



The Yachats Lions Fisherman's Dinner includes deep fried fish with baked beans, coleslaw, garlic bread, pie and coffee for \$15. Pie only with coffee \$4. Sodas sold separately. FMI: 541-547-3265



**4th ANNUAL
YACHATS
MUSIC
FESTIVAL**

Don't miss this best kept secret on the Oregon Coast! For the 34th year, Yachats has the privilege of hosting internationally acclaimed artists of FOUR SEASONS. This magnificent music festival includes 3 days of cameo performances by 20 to 25 major classical artists. Individual concerts are set for 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, and at 2 p.m. for a Sunday matinee. Tickets may be purchased online at Brown Paper Tickets. FMI, please call (510) 845-4444.



City Hall will be closed July 4th
Have a wonderful Holiday!! Be safe!





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <u>Emergency Planning Cmtc (Civic Rm) 10am</u> <u>Public Works & Streets Mtg. (Civic Rm 11am)</u> <i>Fizz, Boom, Read(Library)10a</i> Yachats Art Guild Show & Sale (Rm 7&8) 10am	2 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Exercise Class 10 a.m. (MP) Yachats Art Guild Show & Sale(Rm7&8)10am-4pm Monthly Tsunami Siren Testing 11 am (Citywide) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Rhythm Weavers 7pm (Rm3) Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)	3 Yachats Art Guild Show & Sale(Rm7&8)10am-4pm Gentle Healing YOGA 11am (Rm 3) 5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3) Yachats Big Band Dance 7 pm (MP)	4 Yachats Ladies Club Pie Social 11am (MP) Yachats Art Guild Show & Sale (Rm 7&8) 10am Yachats LADEDA Parade!  City Hall Closed	5 Yachats Art Guild (Rm 7&8) 10am-4pm Community Baseball 2pm @ Rubbery Shrubbery Stadium
6 9am-2pm Yachats Farmers Market (Commons) Yachats Art Guild (Rm 7&8) 10am-4pm	7 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Ursulas YOGA 9:15am (R3) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Murrelet Training 6:30p(Rm8) 7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP&Rm8)	8 <u>City Council Special Mtg (Civic Rm)9am</u> <i>Fizz, Boom, Read(Library)10a</i>	9 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) <u>Finance Committee Mtg. 10 am(Civic Rm)</u> Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Rhythm Weavers 7pm (Rm3) Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)	10 <u>2pm City Council Mtg (Civic Mtg Rm)</u> Gentle Healing YOGA 11am (Rm 3) 5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3)	11 Exercise Class 10 am (MP) Yachats Music Festival 8pm (YCPC)	12 Community Baseball 2pm @ Rubbery Shrubbery Stadium Yachats Music Festival 8pm (YCPC)
13 9am-2pm Yachats Farmers Market (Commons) 3pm Yachats Song Circle (RM8) Yachats Music Festival 2pm (YCPC)	14 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Ursulas YOGA 9:15am (R3) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP & Rm8) Bastille Day	15 <u>Planning Commission Work Session 2 pm (CivicRm)</u> <u>Planning Commission Meeting 3 pm Civic Rm)</u> <u>Friends of the Commons Board Mtg. (Rm5) 5:30pm</u> <i>Fizz, Boom, Read(Library)10a</i>	16 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Rhythm Weavers 7pm (Rm3) Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)	17 Gentle Healing YOGA 11am (Rm 3) <u>Parks/Commons Commission Mtg 3 pm (Civic Rm)</u> 5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3) Milo Graamans & Evan Pardi: String Bass & Piano Concert 7pm (MP)	18 Exercise Class 10 am (MP) 	19 Triple Play Community Baseball 12pm @ Rubbery Shrubbery Stadium
20  9am-2pm Yachats Farmers Market (Commons) National Ice Cream Day!	21 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Ursulas YOGA 9:15am (R3) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) YYFAP Board Mtg. 4:30pm Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP & Rm8)	22 <u>Fizz, Boom, Read(Library)10a</u>  YAAS: Psychology of War 6pm Commons	23 T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Rhythm Weavers 7pm (Rm3) Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)	24 Gentle Healing YOGA 11am (Rm 3) 5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3)	25 Exercise Class 10am(MP) 	26 Community Baseball 2pm @ Rubbery Shrubbery Stadium
27 9am-2pm Yachats Farmers Market (Commons) 	28 Shoreline Science Workshop 7am (Rm5) T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Ursulas YOGA 9:15am (R3) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP & Rm 8)	29 Shoreline Science Workshop 7am (Rm5) <i>Fizz, Boom, Read(Library)10a</i> <u>5:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8)</u>	30 Shoreline Science Workshop 7am (Rm5) T'ai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Rhythm Weavers 7pm (Rm3) Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm7)	31 Gentle Healing YOGA 11am (Rm 3) Yachats Lunch Bunch 55+ 11:30am (MP) 5:30pm YOGA – Altruh (RM3)		

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for ALL"