



NEWSLETTER



CITY OF YACHATS

June/July 2007

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Success is never final.....
Failure seldom fatal.....
It's courage that counts.
Winston Churchill

Mayor's Message

Since the City of Yachats is about to embark on the biggest.....and most expensive.....and long awaited project of our history, I invited John McClintock, Public Works Director, to write the Mayor's Message this month.



On June 3, 2003 the City of Yachats signed a MAO (Mutual Agreement and Order with the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality).

The reason for this agreement was due to the inability of the Yachats wastewater treatment facility to consistently meet the State of Oregon's operational and discharge limits per the NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) permit. Also, due to violations in the wastewater collection system.

The MAO is an agreement with specific requirements that the City must accomplish within a certain time-frame. The most significant requirement is the construction of a

new wastewater treatment facility. This new facility, along with upgrades in the wastewater collection system, will meet the City's needs for the next 25-30 years. Incorporated in the new facility is the ability for easy expansion.

The plans and specifications for the project were put together working very closely with City consultant, Dyer Engineering in Coos Bay.

Plans and specifications were approved by the DEQ and the project went out to bid.

The bids were opened on June 14th at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. The low bid was from Wildish Construction from Eugene, Oregon for the sum of \$6,388,000.00

After review by the consultant, DEQ and the City the bid was awarded. Wildish Construction intends to start the project in mid-July. Prior to starting there will be a pre-construction meeting held to clarify the schedule.

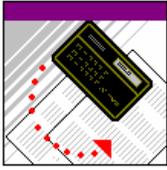
The Public Works Department has worked very hard to keep the old wastewater facility functioning within the guidelines of the NPDES permit.

We encourage the community to stop by the wastewater plant during normal working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday) and also to stop by during construction of the new facility.

If you have any questions please call Public Works Director, John McClintock at 541-547-3565 or 547-3243.

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BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 2007-2008

The City Council adopted the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st. City Council made one change to the budget approved by the Budget Committee. Once again the water and sewer funds will be supported entirely by user fees, and the major source of funding for most other activities comes from transient rental taxes.

This year was the first year for the Urban Renewal Agency to adopt a Budget. More than 95% of the tax increment financing received by the Urban Renewal Agency will be transferred to the City of Yachats to be used for repayment of the loan on the sewer plant project. The remaining amount will be used for administration.



VISITOR'S CENTER CONTRACT AWARDED

One Proposal to run the City's Visitors Center was received from the Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce. This year the proposal included three scenarios with a funding level for each. The basic proposal, with the lowest amount, was within the budgeted amount, and was approved by the Council.



PREPARED FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX

By Mayor Susanne Smith

As we are all aware, the 5% Prepared Food and Beverage Tax is going into effect July 1, 2007. In the spirit of supporting our

local businesses, I would encourage all "Yachatians" to eat in our wonderful and diverse restaurants. We are fortunate to have places that people want to drive miles for; I submit that that will not change. Local businesses, especially those that contribute in positive ways to the quality of life in the City deserve our support.



Fourth of July
By Mayor Susanne Smith

The Fourth of July is a favorite holiday nation-wide. From the well known and loved La-De-Da Parade, led by the venerable City Council on an antique manure spreader pulled by an even older tractor, to the Ladies' Club Pie and Ice Cream Social to the hamburgers and hot dogs at the Fire Station, to the Second Annual Duck Races on the Yachats River, to frolic, food and fun all over town, topped with spectacular fireworks from Yachats State Park at dark, it is a day unparalleled by any other. Come join in the festivities and if you see a volunteer in town helping with this grand holiday, tell them thanks for helping with a hugely popular event.

JULY 4TH PARADE SCHEDULED

City Council approved closing the streets for the Annual La De Da Parade to be held July 4th sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

The parade route will start at the Commons and end near the Post Office. From the Commons it will proceed west on Fourth Street, turning south onto Ocean View, going through the State Park, continuing east, then turning North on Beach Ave.

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Look for the City Council in the manure spreader!

Call the Yachats Visitors' Center for further information and for more activities at 547-3530.



WATCH FOR TRAFFIC CONTROLS THIS JULY 4TH

The parade route, starting at Fourth Street, along Ocean View Drive and then to Beach Street, will be closed for the famous July 4th La De Da Parade, which begins at noon.

Yachats Ocean Road will be a one-way street for the 4th. Vehicles will enter from the north end (nearest the bridge) and exit at the south end at the new T-intersection. Signs will be in place and Fire Department Personnel and Yachats Safety Patrol members will be monitoring open access for emergency vehicles if they are needed.



City Council Business

At the June 14, 2007 City Council adopted the following:

- Ordinance No. 272 – Amending Section 7.06.050 – Permit Fee for Street Excavation
- Ordinance No - 273 – Amending Section 8.04.080 Water Users and Declaring an Emergency
- Resolution No. 2007-06-01 – Street Excavation Permit Fee – a change from \$25 to \$100.
- Resolution No. 2007-06-02 – Adopting the Budget for 2007-2008
- Resolution No. 2007-06-03 – Surplus Property at the Library. The furniture was

donated to the Yachats Youth and Family Program.

The City Council also:

- Renewed the Contracts for the Public Works Director, City Planner and City Recorder
- Directed the City Attorney to draft language for a proposed ordinance concerning the protection of riparian vegetation along the Yachats River
- Appointed Charlie Bunker to serve on the Planning Commission. Bunker is the General Manager for the Yachats Village Market



COMMONS NEWS

By Susan Garner, Commons Coordinator

We must be in the throes of summer, even if the weather does not always cooperate. If you have a few minutes, walk on the boardwalk behind the building and take a look at how wonderful it is back there. You don't even feel as though you were in the big city. The benches are a great addition to the park.

Here at the Commons, things are going on as usual. We have a great series of aerobic exercise classes Monday through Fridays at 10 am. They are open to all and are on a drop in basis.

Dennis McSharry teaches yoga here several times a week in the mornings, Fred Jones will start teaching yoga in the evening on July 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Joanne Kameal teaches a great belly dance class on Monday evenings at 6:30. For further information about their classes, check our bulletin boards or call me at 547-4734.

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The Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program is gearing up for another great round of summer programs, call 547-4599 to find out how your child, grandchild or visitor could enjoy some fun summer activities.

Starting on Wednesday, July 11, we will be hosting a middle and high school ballroom dance class. Aaron and Sarah McKay will be teaching once a week from 7 to 8 pm. Cost for the class is \$5 for the month. What a deal to help our young people learn to enjoy the big band dances. Call me to register or for further information.

Don't forget these other great events coming up here at the Commons:

- July 4 – 60's Flashback Party for Peace, 6 pm
- July 5 – Big Band Dance, 7 pm
- July 7 – Art and Music Festival
- July 14 – Yachats Lions Smelt Fry
- July 19 – Movie Night, 6:30 pm
- July 26 – Lunch Bunch, noon

- August 2 – Big Band Dance, 7 pm
- August 4 & 5 – Healing Arts Festival
- August 16 – Movie Night, 6:30 pm
- August 18 – Waldport High School Reunion
- August 22 – Piano Concert, 7 pm
- August 24 – Concert with Floater
- August 30 – Lunch Bunch, noon

And of course, every Sunday from 9 to 2 pm, the Yachats Farmers Market brings you fresh goods in front of the Commons. See you there.

Trail System

In the Nov/Dec Issue of the newsletter an article reported on recommendations the Trailheads Task Force made concerning changes to the existing comp plan and circulation plan. The article included information from a memo that indicated it was possible the trail would connect to the private system within the Quiet Water Development. That recommendation has been stricken. No connection to the private area is planned.



Yachats Community Park Dedication

Please join us on Saturday, September 8, 2:00 PM for the official dedication of the Yachats Community Park. After almost four years of planning, staging and lots of hard work from area residents, the park, which was the vision of many, is now a reality. Most of the park projects will be completed by this date. There will be food, music and festivities. Additional details will be available in the next city newsletter. For now we hope you will continue to enjoy the new boardwalks, benches and the enhanced wetlands.

- The Yachats Community Park Task Force

For the Budget Year 07-01-06 to 06-30-07		
Reporting Through May 31, 2007		
Program	Budget	Year to Date
General Administration	\$707,453	\$626,184
Library	\$17,603	\$15,388
Little Log Church & Museum	\$12,175	\$9,474
Parks & Commons*	\$97,093	\$92,159
Streets	\$129,234	\$80,407
Water	\$473,507	\$369,791
Sewer	\$6,219,536	\$595,663
In Reserve for Future Uses	\$2,056,246	\$1,852,619
Debt	<u>\$134,855</u>	<u>\$90,621</u>
	<u>\$9,847,702</u>	<u>\$3,732,305</u>

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