



NEWSLETTER



CITY OF YACHATS

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FROM THE MAYOR

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
(Public Hearing)**

So that we can stay on schedule for approval of the concepts developed by our consultants for improvement of various transportation related issues, the City Council will be holding a public hearing on Thursday, June 26 at 5:00 P.M.

The primary purpose of this meeting is once again to solicit input from affected businesses, homeowners and any citizen who is interested in what the potential future of Yachats main corridor may look like. At the last meeting on May 19th there was a misconception that the suggestions presented were “final” and that no more opportunity would exist to affect the final outcome. Actually, there will be ample opportunity to affect each component of the plan since even after acceptance by the council, each recommended area will require approval by ODOT as well as detailed engineering. I think you can see that this isn’t going to happen overnight. The plans we will discuss on the 26th are intended to determine the “flavor” of the community relative to such items as traffic calming, pedestrian safety and downtown core parking. Specifics will follow as each of these areas is further studied, plans drawn, funding sought and finally construction takes place. This is a long-term outline of transportation issues for the Yachats of the future.

Some of the consultant’s suggestions that will be presented include:

- Landscaping elements along the highway at each entrance to town to create a sense of place. Let the motorist know that they’ve arrived somewhere.
- The use of median safety areas in several locations to facilitate easier, safer pedestrian crossings.

- Suggested re-alignment of parking in some areas and some increased parking potential in the town core.
- Consideration for a revised 2nd Street, Highway 101 and Beach Street intersection.
- Addition of sidewalks paralleling Highway 101, particularly to the North, to provide better pedestrian experiences.

Try, as we will, we still hear from people stating “I didn’t hear anything about this”. Well please pass the word, we would love to have a crowd.

**LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT ORDINANCE
ADOPTED**



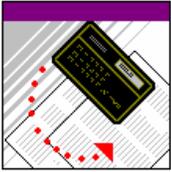
City Council adopted Ordinance No. 234 - An Ordinance Amending Title 9 of the Yachats Municipal Code,

In Part, to Include Chapter 9.58 - Standards and Procedures for Property Line Adjustments and 9.88.050 Fees. This ordinance provides a process for the City to review any proposed changes to the position of the property lines between two or more lots. Previously anyone wishing to make that type of adjustment would do it with the County without any input from the City. Review by the City Planner will ensure that the lot line adjustment proposed does not create any additional lots and that all the lots involved will continue to meet code standards for the zone in which they are located. The ordinance also establishes a fee to cover the expenses related to the review.

City Council referred the ordinance proposing to reduce the required lot size for a duplex in all multi-family zones from 10,000 sq. feet to 7,500 square feet to the City Planner for more work. There was consensus that the ordinance did not go far enough and that there should be a more complete review of the zones in town before considering any changes.

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BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 2003-04

The City Council adopted the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st. City Council made few changes to the budget approved by the Budget Committee. Property taxes levied for bonds total \$132,451. The general property taxes collected by the permanent tax rate for Yachats of 0.1717 will be about \$27,000.

As part of the annual budget process there was also a public hearing and an ordinance adopted concerning the City's election to receive State Revenue Sharing funds. Approximately \$5,000 will be received. This amount, like the cigarette and liquor taxes received from the State, is based on population.



NEW PARKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTED

Ray Sinclair was appointed to serve on the Parks and Commons Commission until December 31, 2005.

Sinclair, who lives on Ocean View Drive, has held various technical and management positions in his diverse background.

Sinclair said that he wanted to work his way around the various commissions and wanted to start with the Parks and Commons Commission.



JULY 4TH PARADE SCHEDULED

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

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.

Look for the City Council in the manure spreader again!



VISITOR'S CENTER CONTRACT AWARDED

One Proposal to run the City's Visitors Center was received from the Yachats Area Chamber of Commerce. City Council unanimously voted to award the contract for the 2003-2004 fiscal year to the Chamber.



REQUEST FOR RATE ADJUSTMENT - DAHL DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC.

Russ Dahl explained at the City Council meeting on June 12 that Dahl Disposal Service was asking for an increase of 2.39% to cover the increased dumping fees at Coffin Butte Landfill and a new assessment they will be paying to cover the cost of running the Lincoln County Solid Waste District. Both of these are effective July 1.

City Council authorized the increase, which will be \$0.50 per month for each can and \$0.50 for once a month service (each additional can picked up \$0.10). Other rates will also increase.



OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

At their June 12 meeting City Council also:

- Approved an application for use of alcohol on city property for the Friends of The Yachats Commons.
- Approved an application for use of alcohol on city property for the Polka Dot Productions on July 4th.
- Voted to recommend an OLCC license application for Rachel's Roadhouse.
- Approved the renewal of agreement for planning services with Larry Lewis
- Voted to recommend an OLCC license for additional privilege for Yachats on The Rocks, Inc. (The Landmark).
- Adopted Resolution No. 412 - authorizing application for a joint Oregon Parks & Recreation Department/City grant for improvements to the

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Yachats State Park and delegating the authority for signing an the application to the Mayor.

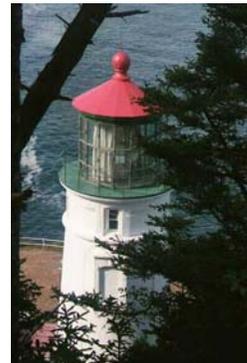
- Denied a request from a property owner to make installment payments for water line extension and hookup charges.
- Approved a request from the Library Commission to convert one of the two restrooms to storage.
- Adopted Resolution No. 413 acknowledging an ODOT grant for a sidewalk project from Sixth Street to the north side of the Texaco Station.



PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

At the City Council meeting John McClintock reported:

- Last month several sizable leaks were found and fixed.
- The water sources are meeting demand.
- The paving projects will begin right after July 1.
- The fat trappers will really help the sewer system.
- Nest month at the City Council work session a permit specialist from the DEQ will attend to discuss the permit and the MAO. She will then meet with the public works crew to discuss the MAO.
- The City is really ahead of schedule on the first several phases of the MAO.
- The OECCD has approved a loan for the sewer projects.
- The cost of asphalt will be about the same as it was last year and so the money in the budget will be enough to take care of everything that needs to be done.



LIBRARY ANNOUNCES SUMMER READING PROGRAM

"Lighthouses" is the theme for the Yachats Library's Summer reading program to be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and August 5.

Children 4 - 10 are invited and encouraged to attend. However, an adult should plan to stay with any child younger than 5. A variety of activities are planned which include crafts, puzzles, and prizes, along with lots of reading and listening.

More information is available at the Library, which is open Monday through Friday noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

<i>Reporting Through</i>	<i>5/30/03</i>	
Program	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Administration	\$484,565	\$474,256
Library	\$26,664	\$19,304
Little Log Church & Museum	\$8,315	\$4,787
Parks & Commons*	\$171,903	\$124,401
Streets	\$84,700	\$74,555
Water	\$364,774	\$280,879
Sewer	\$320,100	\$271,189
In Reserve for Future Uses	\$916,253	\$915,252
Debt	<u>\$134,511</u>	<u>\$99,691</u>
	<u>\$2,511,785</u>	<u>\$2,264,314</u>



REMINDER:

Business Licenses and Transient Rental Licenses expire on June 30th. If you have not received a renewal notice, or if you have not returned the form with the annual fee, please contact City Hall before July 1st. Avoid Delinquent Fees!

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PASSPORT APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT YACHATS CITY HALL.

Please call Yachats City Hall to make an appointment at 547-3565

Applications are available at Yachats City Hall. You may fill out the application prior to submitting it, by leave it unsigned. You will need sign it in the presence of the City Recorder.

Also bring with you the following items:

- 2 identical passport pictures (2" by 2" in size). Pictures must meet passport office specifications.
- A current State drivers license will be required. If a child is under the age of 16 (or does not have a drivers license), a parent's drivers license will be used.
- A **certified** birth certificate **or** a passport issued previously.
- A certified check, money order or personal check, payable to the SEATTLE PASSPORT AGENCY in either of the following amounts:
 - \$40.00 (age 15 and under) - Passports valid 5 years
 - \$55.00 (age 16 and over) - Passports valid 10 years
- A separate fee, cash or check payable to the City of Yachats in the amount of \$30.00.

If your most recent passport was issued after your 16th birthday, and was issued within the past 15 years you may renew your passport by mail using FORM DSP-82. This form is available at Yachats City Hall.

EXPEDITE SERVICE

Expedited service is available. The fee is \$60.00 per passport. Passports will be processed within 3 business days after receipt by a passport agency. This does not include the express mail fees each way.

Look for the next newsletter in August. The City Newsletter is published 10 times each year. There are no newsletters in July and December. So have a great summer!



CITY TO GIVE AWAY FAT TRAPPERS

City Council approved purchasing fat trappers for distribution to residents free of charge as a way of keeping grease out of the sewer system. With the fat trapper you can store hot grease in an air-tight canister. When the foil-lined bag is full you fold the top down and just throw it in the trash.

The restaurants in town are required to have grease traps so most of the grease that finds its way into the sewer system comes from the homes and transient rentals. This grease becomes a problem for the pump stations and the treatment plant.

One fat trapper will be given away per customer. We should have them in stock beginning July 1. Present the coupon below at the City Hall to get your free Fat Trapper.

FREE FAT TRAPPER

Bring this coupon to the City of Yachats City Hall to receive your free fat trapper with two bags.

Sewer Customer Name

Service Address

Customer must be on Yachats City sewer service to qualify.

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HOUSE NUMBERS

Making sure your house number is clearly visible could mean the difference between life and death. Emergency vehicles need to be able to see the number when

responding to a call. The UPS or Fed-X driver would probably thank you as well.

A City ordinance requires that all house numbers be posted, and they should be visible from the street **at night**, and in all kinds of weather.

The City recently audited the addressing system and corrected some addresses in different neighborhoods. The City has been working with the County to ensure that all addresses are appropriate, and that those in use are correct. If you have any questions about your address, or if you would like to know more about the ordinance requirements, please call City Hall.

The Fire District may be able to assist you if you can not hang the numbers!



COMPLAINTS AND MEDIATION

The City receives many complaints each year, and City staff is asked to assist in the resolution of each. The City established a Municipal Court to deal with ordinance enforcement and public nuisances. However, many times the problems that give rise to the complaints are more personal in nature, and the City's court system was not established to handle these types of problems. There are many times when resolution of the problem may be as simple as speaking with the person or neighbor and letting them know what the complaint is. When parties have discussed all the concerns and share a common awareness of the issues they can begin to focus on a solution. When two or more people are cooperating to find a creative solution it is much more effective and welcome than a judgment handed down by a court.

Successful dispute resolution is most effective if you prepare and plan, and keep a cool head. Although you may not agree with what the other person is saying, a workable resolution is possible if you calmly listen and get the issues and feelings out in the open.

Locally the Lincoln Community Dispute Resolution organization assists citizens of Lincoln County in all kinds of disputes, including property damage, animals, litter, noise, money, trespassing, harassment, landlord and tenant relations, victim-offender, and family problems. They are a non-profit organization, and donations are requested from each party. They may be reached at 574-9846.

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**

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