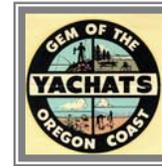




CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



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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

Forgive me for stating the obvious, but these are difficult economic times. Although there are signs of economic recovery, the trauma of the downturn remains. In some cases the negative effects of this financial phenomenon are just beginning to be obvious. In the fiscal year which is about to end, your City staff have been doing some pretty serious belt tightening. They are finding ways to continue all of the services you have come to expect, but they're doing it on a shoe string and forestalling expenses that will eventually need to be addressed. Our current year revenues did not reach the level we anticipated when the 2010/2011 fiscal year budget was prepared and we've adjusted to live within our means. Many of us have had to do the same in our personal finances.

As you probably know, a very large percentage of the City's budget comes from the many tourists that join us when the weather is nice (or sometimes when it is spectacularly bad in the case of the storm watchers). The tourist contribution is collected both in the hotel and transient rental sectors of our community and in the restaurant businesses and paid in the form of Transient Room Tax (TRT) and (Prepared) Food and Beverage Taxes (FBT) respectively. TRT is where the majority of our General Fund comes from. The FBT is helping to pay for a portion of the debt service (the mortgage) on our new sewer plant. Revenues in both of these funds have been down. Personal belt tightening across the country has resulted in curtailed travel. As a result there have been fewer tourists in town "stimulating" the local economy.

We've just finished the majority of the work on the 2011/2012 budget. We've yanked the belt just a little tighter. As I mentioned, there are signs of economic recovery in many locations, however we cannot

responsibly count on a return of former revenue levels until we actually see them. Until then your Budget Committee (as usual made up of a smart and knowledgeable cadre of your neighbors volunteering their time) has taken the number crunching (and I might add brain-numbing) hard work of staff and cobbled together a very lean blue print for the coming year.

It is not my intent to cause concern about the financial stability of the City. In fact, what I want to convey is that we're working very hard to assure that stability. We are financially sound and have every intention of staying that way. As a consequence, we reduced or refused requests for City funding for a number of worthy projects and causes. Less road work will be done this year than last. We will spend less on staff development and avoid business-related travel. We will drop our membership in a couple of governmental coordination organizations that haven't produced enough benefit for Yachats to warrant continued membership in these tough time. We'll be trying to get by with less office supplies, maintenance materials, fuel costs, and just about everything else. All of these efforts are to ensure that a prudent reserve is maintained and that vital City services are there to meet your needs.

I am confident that better times are just ahead. Then we can get back to making some of the improvements we'd like to see. In the meanwhile, I personally want to thank the members of the Budget Committee, the Finance Committee, and the City staff for diligently steering us through some dangerous economic shoals. I'm looking forward to some smooth sailing from here.



Sunday, June 19, 2011



Public Works

By John McClintock, Public Works Director

The dry season a.k.a. summer is the time of the year that Public Works can get a number of outside projects done. That said, we plan to be quite busy this summer.

We have several small water distribution system projects to complete; however, our primary focal points will be the City's Water Treatment Plant, wastewater collection system rehabilitation, and storm drainage maintenance.

At the Water Treatment Plant we will be replacing the original roof, gutters, and down spouts. We will also be painting both the exterior and interior of the building.

As for the wastewater collection system, we will continue identifying infiltration of ground water and inflow from illegal connections, such as building downspouts to the system. Repairs and disconnections will be done as we discover them. We will also continue our wastewater rehabilitation program.

The projects for the primary storm drainage maintenance will focus on ditch and culvert cleaning to help ensure better drainage during the wet weather season.

All of these projects are identified in City's Master Plan and the majority of the work will be done in-house by Public Works staff. If you have any questions please call me weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (541) 547-3243.



Water, Water Everywhere...

By Walt Weyand, Public Works & Streets Chair

Yachats has seen two very wet years back to back. Both creeks (Reedy and Salmon) that feed the Yachats Water Treatment Plant are full of clean, healthy water thanks to the weather phenomenon "La Niña."

However, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (www.noaa.gov), has recently reported that La Niña is weakening and a neutral phase is

beginning. This means that weather patterns will change to a drier state and could have implications for Yachats if we were to begin a prolonged dry spell.

The Yachats Public Works and Streets Commission has been concerned that in a particularly dry summer-fall period, Salmon and Reedy Creeks may have insufficient flow to provide the water Yachats residents and visitors require. The Commission has gone on record numerous times during its monthly meetings stating that a supplemental water source must be developed for the needs of the City's residents and the influx of visitors during holiday periods.

Two supplemental sources have been discussed over the last 5 to 8 years: implementing agreements with other Lincoln County water providers to link their systems with Yachats; or to develop a method to pump a small amount of water from the Yachats River during emergency conditions.

The City's Public Works Director, John McClintock, has been working with the City's engineering firm (The Dyer Partnership) to perfect the Yachats River water rights and to plan the necessary infrastructure so when final regulatory approval is received, the City can move forward with the physical piping and pumps to make it happen.

The alternative plan to connect our water system with other entities within Lincoln County, for long-term access rather than emergency periods, has been discussed frequently but has never been finalized or enacted. The Public Works and Streets Commission discussed the necessary legal and political negotiations required to implement this plan during several meetings, but have elected to urge the Mayor and City Council to move forward with emergency water extraction from the river as a first step toward safeguarding our all-important water supply.

If you would like to share your concern about this matter, please contact the Public Works and Streets Commission or the Yachats City Council at PO Box 345, Yachats, OR 97498 or via email cityhall@ci.yachats.or.us.



Yachats Clean Sweep and Dahl/LCSWD Shredding Event & Food Drive

Bargain hunters take notice!

Beginning Wednesday, June 22 through Saturday, June 25, 2011 the City of Yachats will hold its annual "Clean Sweep."

Wednesday, June 22 Yachats residents may place any **free** unwanted items (no household trash or hazardous materials) at the edge of their street next to the curb.

Thursday, June 23 Residents and friends are invited to cruise the streets—within City limits—in search of "treasures" and take what they want from along the edge of the street.

Friday, June 24 Treasure hunters can continue to cruise the streets—within City limits—in search of "gems" they may have missed the day before. Residents (with ID) may bring any remaining unwanted items to the dumpsters set up behind the Commons until 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 25 Residents (with ID) may continue bringing unwanted items to the dumpsters until 5 p.m.

Special notes

- Proof of physical residence (inside City limits only) must be shown when items are disposed of behind the Commons.
- Seniors or disabled citizens with items too heavy or bulky to move may call City Hall at (541) 547-3565 to schedule a pick up from Public Works no later than 9 a.m. on Thursday June, 23, 2011.
- Clean wood, yard debris, lumber, metal, appliances, blinds, curtain rods, and furniture are okay.
- NO household garbage or hazardous waste is allowed.
- NO electronics, batteries, and compact fluorescent bulbs are allowed—except Saturday during the Shredding Event.

Dahl Disposal/Lincoln Co. Solid Waste District Free Paper Shredding Event & Food Drive

A mobile paper shredding event will be offered this year on Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 9-11 a.m. at the parking lot behind the Yachats Commons thanks to support received from Dahl Disposal and the Lincoln County Solid Waste District. Local residents and businesses may bring two file-size boxes of paper to shred in exchange for two cans of food. A donation of \$5, benefiting to your local food share, is suggested for each additional box of shredding. Dahl will provide participants with a "certificate of secure document destruction" if requested. Dahl will also have recycling containers onsite for such items as batteries and CFL bulbs. For more information contact South Lincoln County Dahl Disposal at (541) 563-3888.

Once the truck is full, no more paper will be accepted at that location. If you have a local business with a large volume of paper, please contact Laura Kriz of Dahl Disposal at (541) 270-9480 in advance to schedule a shred time.



Code Enforcement

By Donald Niskanen, Code Enforcement Officer

I would like to thank the 30-plus property owners who were contacted, and have cleared their properties of invasive Himalayan blackberry bushes. Anytime a violation of the Yachats Municipal Code has been identified either a verbal warning or a letter requesting compliance is mailed to the property owner. In this case an initial letter requesting compliance was sent followed by a second reminder letter. For those property owners who failed to respond to the letters, a phone call will be attempted. If no response received, a citation will be issued and a hearing will be set up in Yachats Municipal Court.

The City is making a concerted effort to combat invasive plant species within City limits. The City's Public Works crew is dealing with City-owned property. In addition, the Trail's Crew (under direction of the Parks and Commons Commission) and the Yachats Invasive Plant Sub-committee (Y.I.P.S.) are making their impact. A couple of months ago, literature about invasive and noxious plants was mailed to all property owners in Yachats so private citizens could do their part.

After completing our survey, the next invasive plant the City plans to attack is English ivy. Compliance letters will be going out this month. English ivy is particularly prolific when it flowers and sets fruit, whereby the birds eat the fruit and spread the seeds in their waste matter.

With summer almost upon us, please remember that anyone hired within the city limits to perform work in or around your home or property must have a current business license from the City of Yachats. For more information, call City Hall at (541) 547-3565 or come by Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Post-Tsunami Evacuation FAQ's

By Betty Johnston, So. Lincoln CERT Coordinator

One of the most frequently asked questions after the tsunami evacuation on March 11, 2011 was, "Why didn't we hear the warning siren?"

Yachats Rural Fire Protection District (YRFPD) did follow its protocol for sounding the warning siren on March 11, based on the information received by Lincoln County Emergency Services. Lt. Landers of the Lincoln County Sheriff's office ordered the first siren go off at 5:20 a.m. In addition, our local first-responders manned their emergency vehicles and travelled up and down the west side of Highway 101 and using their P.A. systems to announce, "Evacuate now, Tsunami arriving at 7:30 a.m.!"

During a tsunami "evacuation" the siren sounds at a **steady** 3-minute blast, two hours before the predicted arrival of the wave and then again one hour and then thirty minutes before the wave arrival (assuming the event is a "distant" tsunami). When the siren is sounded for a "test" it will sound like a **wavering** 3-minute blast. The test siren in Yachats can be heard on the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. The tsunami siren is never sounded for tsunami "advisories."

That being said, the ability to hear sirens on the coast is always "iffy." Depending on the wind speed and direction, the height of the siren and your location, there is a possibility you will not hear it. The tsunami siren in Yachats older model and while it is well-maintained, a new siren is cost prohibitive at this time.

The NOAA Weather Radio Receiver has proven to be the best warning devise. The receiver it can be operated on batteries alone or be plugged into a standard household electrical outlet. Most models have digital displays so the user can see what type of notification is being sent. All of them can be set loud enough to blast a tone that will wake most anyone up immediately. For details and specifications for this type of radio log on to this web address: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/nwrrcvr.htm>.

The second most common question asked about the tsunami event on March 11 was, "Is this a 'local' tsunami or a 'distant' tsunami?" A "distant" tsunami is just like it sound—it comes from a far away as place such as Japan and takes about 20 hours to cross the Pacific Ocean traveling at 450 mph.

A local "tsunami" will most likely come from the *Cascadia Subduction Zone* which lies approximately 70 miles west of our coastline in the Pacific Ocean. Our first **and only** warning will be an earthquake—a hard

shaking of the ground lasting up to 4 minutes. Your first reaction should be to "drop," "cover" and "hold." As soon as the shaking stops grab your survival gear (if able) and immediately walk up the hill.

Now is the time to get prepared. My next class on basic preparedness will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2011. Call me at (541) 547-4934 to register. It's FREE!



Parks & Commons Commission

Donald Niskanen, Chair

Totem Dedication

By now, most residents (and visitors) of Yachats have noticed the new addition to the front of the Commons. A very generous, temporary loan from Ron and Jody Hoiness and the Rogue River Indian History Lodge has made the totem possible. Plans are underway for a permanent home in the History Lodge. Until then, Yachats has the honor of giving the totem a temporary home in front of the Commons. Descriptive signage will be in place this month.

This totem or "story" pole was created by Native American wood sculpture artist Conrad Sandoval, based in San Diego, CA. He created this pole depicting the "Creation" in 17 hours during a chainsaw carving competition in 2001 in Ocean City, Washington. The piece won *First Place* and *People's Choice* awards.

Depending on how long the totem is with us, a more permanent location in our Community Park is being explored.

Many thanks to Rocky, Pearl, Coyote, Vince from the Rogue River Indian History Lodge and Ron and Jody Hoiness for making this possible.

The Commons Building Update

If you were on the west side of the Commons this last month, you will notice that the backside of the multipurpose room has finally been resided. That completes the residing, insulation and any dry-rot repair for the entire building. In addition, flooring insulation under the entire building is almost complete. This will certainly result in savings in energy and heating expenses for the Commons.

Serious discussion is taking place about replacing the steam heating system (boiler) and moving to a room specific electric heating system or a heat pump system. Even though the fuel oil boiler was replaced, the delivery and return system is the original. The area of exposed plywood subfloor seen in the multipurpose room was the result of a steam leak in the delivery system. It has been repaired, but we have identified other such leaks and can expect more. This is all part of the original heating system, when the school was first built.

Trails Committee

We have formed two additional sub-committees, one for additional community programming and another for suggestions for possible policy additions for the use of our outside facilities. City Councilor Sandy Dunn has given leadership on the community programming and Parks and Commons Commissioner Fran Morse has agreed to chair these subcommittees with help from Parks and Commons Commissioner Mari Irvin.

Our Trails Crew continues to make amazing progress on our City Trail system. If you haven't been on the Prospect Trail you need to see it! What used to be a slippery slope has now become a series of stairs that go from East 2nd Street, past East 3rd Street and all the way to King Street. The next section they will work on is from King and Radar Road.

Parks and Commons Commissioner, Lauralee Svendsgaard chairs this subcommittee and deserves a huge "Thank You" for her effort and to all of her volunteers as well.



Yachats Trails Committee

By Lauralee Svendsgaard, Chair,
Joanne Kittel (Subcommittee
Leader, and Wally Orchard, YIPS
Leader

Elderberry blossoms, the return of the swallows, grosbeaks and our fair weather friends a.k.a. snowbirds who winter in the warmer climes, have heralded the coming of our balmy summer months; and as expected we're ready to hit Yachats' trails with gusto.

Encouraging our endeavor, we're very please to announce that in April, the Yachats Chamber of Commerce honored the Trails Committee for outstanding volunteer service to the community and in recognition of trails' value to tourism, and the health

and well-being of our local friends and neighbors. This honor is deeply appreciated by all of us trails folks and demonstrates that trails and economic development go hand-in-hand.

Upcoming Trails Activities

Join us on Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. when Yachats Trails Crew meets at the upper stretch of the Prospect Trail, between King Street and Radar Road. We'll be making some final improvements to the stretch between East 3rd and King Streets; and beginning the final phase of the improvements from King Street to Radar Road.

On Thursday, June 16, 2011 as guests of OSU's Professor Paul Jepson, a group of us will take a daylong field trip to the Corvallis Plant Materials Center to learn about plants that can be used as replacements for unwanted weeds. This promises to be a great experience and we plan to mix some play into the work. All interested Yachadians are welcome to join the party. Please contact Wally Orchard at (541) 547-5474 or worchard@peak.org for more details.

The public is welcome to sit in on the Trails Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 21 at 10 a.m. in Room 8 of the Commons.

It's been several months since we met, so there's much to discuss and plan, including: updates on the trail link between Fistera and the Gerdemann Botanical Preserve; updates on the replacement of the Amanda Bridge; discussion on a potential summer hiking program; and the report following the Corvallis Plant Materials Center field trip.

Mark your calendars for the *4th Annual 804 Trail Ivy Pull* hosted by the Overleaf Lodge & SOLV on Saturday, June 25, 2011 9 a.m. (meet in the parking lot). This is a wonderful opportunity to join a great group of people in helping to restore native habitat along the 804 Trail. 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 finish to this very worthwhile endeavor.

Development Subcommittee Updates

It is with great joy and relief that we can finally announce the award of a State Parks' grant for the replacement of the Amanda Bridge. Special thanks for their contributions are extended to Layne Morrill, the

Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Siuslaw and Lower Umpqua, and to "View the Future" for their support. The prefabricated bridge will be installed in two phases. Labor assistance will be provided by the Tribes and the Trails Crew.

A formal request was submitted to the Siuslaw National Forest seeking permission to create a trail link between the Gerdemann Botanical Preserve to the Fisterra/Fern Gully Trail.

Y.I.P.S. News

The brochure and supplement Y.I.P.S. produced, dealing with the worst of Yachats' invasive plants and some suggested replacement plants has proven to be an effective resource in helpful neighbors identify invasive plants of concern. Copies of the brochure can be obtain by emailing Y.I.P.S. Leader Wally Orchard at worchard@peak.org or logging onto <http://www.yachats.info/> (and look under "Invasive Plants" navigation bar.

At the request of the City's Code Enforcement Officer, Don Niskanen, Y.I.P.S. has produced one-page information sheets on especially popular invasives (i.e., blackberry and ivy) to assist land owners in complying with a city ordinance requiring removal of specified invasives.

Our fieldwork has focused on clearing knotweed at Sea-Aire, Scotch broom from the (defunct) Yachats Village, and Earth Day collaboration with YYFAP. Since fall, Y.I.P.S. and the Trails Crew have put a lot of effort into the Prospect Trail and removing blackberry, ivy, knotweed and other invasives. Now the weeds are returning to the exposed areas and follow up operations are needed. We are fortunate that Bette Perman and friends, and neighbors from East 2nd Street have offered to keep the weeds at bay and plant habitat friendly plants within the East 2nd & East 3rd Streets section of the trail. Hat's off to these volunteers. If you haven't walked the Prospect Trail recently do yourself a favor and visit it—you won't be disappointed with the recent upgrades.

Later this year we'll be making a bulk purchase of native and habitat-friendly plants to replace the weeds we have been pulling from the public areas. Fall is the best time to plant many of the habitat-friendly plants, because it allows them to establish their roots during the wet season. The plants are available at attractive prices, and local residents are invited to add their requests to the order for use in their own properties. Sample price for a bulk order of 12-18" bare root plants

is 60¢ each or less. Contact Wally for more details at worchard@peak.org or (541) 547-5474.

Wanted: Weed of the Month

The all so insidious Scotch broom, with its attractive bright yellow flowers is a problem up and down the Oregon coast. The flowers may also have red markings. Yes beautiful, but dangerous—it will totally dominate the landscape, eliminating all wildlife-friendly plants and destroying habitat. Highly flammable and hot-burning, makes broom an added danger when present adjacent to or within residential properties and forests.



Town Hall Meeting

A task force of interested parties has been meeting to discuss future improvements to the Yachats Community Park and its surrounding properties. The public is invited to attend this town hall event, view conceptual drawings, hear descriptions of the proposed additions and give comment on the plan. Yachats Community Park - General Plan

The plan will maintain continuity, accommodate multi-use utility of the property, while protecting and preserving the site's natural features. The plan indicates size, shape and dimension of current and future park components.

Your input and comments will be important to this process. Sunday, June 12, 3:00 PM Civic Meeting Room Yachats Commons.



Yachats Farmers Market Open

The Yachats Farmers Market began its 19th season on May 15, 2011. The market will continue to be open every Sunday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. through October 16, 2011 outside the Yachats Commons.

The Yachats Farmers Market is an informal gathering place where residents and visitors alike can browse, shop, and visit neighbors and vendors in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. There are locally grown plants and produce and locally created crafts, all offered by the growers or craftsmen themselves. The Friends of the Yachats Commons sponsor the market. For more

information, e-mail Peter Karassik, Manager at yachatsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.



Yachats Public Library

By Marie Green, Library
Commission Chair

Library Expansion

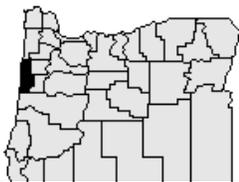
The Friends of Yachats Library received another Trust Management grant this spring to fund an expansion of our collection of books-on-CD (audiobooks are great to have during your long commute to/from work or a road trip). In addition the grant will fund the long-awaited barcode checkouts. Volunteer librarians are completing their barcode training, so bring those yellow library cards to check out books and materials. Also, by the end of June patrons will be able to access the collections via a computer near the workroom. Instead of flipping through the card catalog a couple of key strokes will show whether the library owns the book or CD and if it is checked out.

Thanks to the success of our recent book sale, we are adding a fourth public-use computer that will be up and running this summer (and an additional VCR rack is on order).

Weird Oregon: Your Travel Guide to Oregon's Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets by Al Eufrazio and Jefferson Davis is on the new non-fiction shelf and is a fun read for both Yachadians and visitors.

Summer Reading Program

Readers will travel the globe this summer as the library presents "One World, Many Stories." The program is designed for children ages 4-10 years old. We will explore people and places around the world through age-appropriate stories, crafts and presentations. Children will have the 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 already planned 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 be leading the program. Join us each Tuesday from June 21 thru August 16 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Library.



Little Log Church and

Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator

It seems that as a volunteer at the Little Log Church and Museum I am continually presented with the opportunity to learn more about our local history—or retrieve what has slipped from my pea brain.

Recently, for example, I learned that there was no "Lincoln County" in Oregon until 1893. That little nugget of information surfaced when a couple from southern Oregon visited the museum one Sunday afternoon. Our visitors were interested in old maps and spied one of Oregon and Washington displayed in a reversible glass frame on our wall. They noted that Newport was in Benton County. Neither Yachats nor Waldport were listed.

I removed the map from the wall so we could look at the data on the reverse side. It gave a county by county breakdown of the state's population according to the census returns of 1885. At that time Benton County had 1,759 legal voters. There were 1,803 males over age 21 and 1,402 females over 18.

Some further research in our archives revealed that Lincoln County was born February 20, 1893 after a man named B.F. Jones of Toledo went to Corvallis to ask for lumber to repair some bridges. Apparently he was told "cherry poles would be good enough for your clam diggers down there!" That made Jones so mad he returned to the coast and set in motion the steps to create a new county.

There were some practical economic factors that were important considerations as well. A man would have had to spend money on stage and railroad fare, lose several days time, and have to pay for hotel and meals, just to get to the county seat. It made sense for the coastal area to have its own county seat.

The action caused quite a stir and Benton County fought against it. After a great deal of lobbying in Salem the pro-county faction persuaded the legislature to approve Bill 119 that created Lincoln County.

I enjoyed my history lesson that Sunday afternoon. One never knows what a visitor's questions might unearth. We invite you to come by and see us. You just might learn something!

On another matter, don't forget the LLC&M still hosts a silent meditation Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m. It's a peaceful place to just "be."



From the Garden of the Little Log Church & Museum

By Louis Mensing, Gardener

This past month the garden was in bloom with rhododendrons. Now a camellia and the Japanese cherry tree (probably *Prunus serrulata* "Kanzan") are blooming and some native shrubs (*Lonicera*) are sprouting some almost unnoticeable flowers.

I am in the process of pruning the pines as well as the shrubs that also need opening and cross-branches removed. Don't toss those pine needles—they make great mulch.

Soon I will take on the huge task of bringing to an end the takeover of the *Maianthemum dilatatum* (false lily of the valley), which in gardeners' language is a "thug."

Come by and enjoy all the garden at LLCM has to offer.



Yachats Youth and Family Program

By Debbie Jackson, Director

Concert with Terry Robb Paul Chasman

Music lovers will have a great opportunity to hear the music of two virtuoso guitar wizards on Friday, June 3, 2011 when Terry Robb and Paul Chasman take the stage together at the Yachats Commons.

Terry Robb is a passionate, precise player whose ability to grind out hotshot licks makes for a commanding onstage presence. It's like watching Clark Kent turn into Superman: the transition, while seemingly effortless, is astounding nonetheless. Terry Robb began his career in the Pacific Northwest as a guitar player who could play any style of music and excel at them all. As he began cultivating an original style that combined traditional blues elements with more eccentric licks drawn from the jazz world, he developed a following of his own, winning the Cascade Blues Association's prestigious "Muddy Award" a record sixteen times and vaulting to their Hall of Fame in both electric and acoustic categories.

Paul Chasman made his mark in idioms as diverse as blues, bluegrass, ragtime, jazz, and classical. He pioneered the use of harmonics, and has composed a substantial body of music for guitar, cello, and other instruments.

Terry and Chasman played together in the Acoustic Guitar Summit, and are looking forward to reuniting on June 3. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Waldport Video in Waldport, at Mari's Books in Yachats, or by calling YYFAP at (541) 547-4599. Proceeds of this concert will support YYFAP programs for children and families.

Zumba® all Summer

Certified Zumba® Gold Instructor, Lisa Bursey, turns the heat up this summer when she returns to the Commons June 6th through September 6th.

Classes will be held in the Commons' multipurpose room every Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m. Classes are \$5 each in advance or \$6 each for drop-ins. Children under 17 can attend the classes at no charge.

Yoga for Moms Mini-Retreat

Are you a mom in need of a break? Do you need a moment just to stretch your aching back? Then join us for a 2-hour "moms-only" respite as we find balance through yoga with Ursula Adler followed by a reinvigorating cup of tea. Instruction is appropriate for all levels. Bring your yoga mat. We recommend you are free from major injuries, and have some prior yoga experience. Freewill donations accepted. Advanced registration is required. Space is limited so sign up now. (541) 547-4599 or email yapkids@peak.org Class will be held Thursday June 16, 2011 from 10 am-12 pm at the Yachats Commons, Room 3.

YYFAP Summer Schedule

Recreation PLUS (Passages to Learning, Understanding, and Success) a.k.a. RecPLUS, YYFAP's program for school-age children, will take a short break after school lets out (June 13-20) On June 23, 2011 the summer session of RecPLUS will begin and continue Monday through Friday from 2-6 p.m. in the Commons basement until Friday, August 26, 2011.

Children and youth ages 6 and up are welcome to participate in indoor and outdoor activities from cooking and crafts to field games and outdoor

explorations. Fees for local families are assessed on a sliding scale of \$60-\$400 for all ten weeks. Drop-in rates are \$10 per day or \$40 per week. For more information call YYFAP at (541) 547-4599 or email yapkids@peak.org.

Follow Your Food...

Families with kids ages 0-6 can join us as we tour a local farm one day and take a cooking class the following day. We'll explore life on a farm, gather food, and make a meal and eat it together. The first "Follow Your Food" will take place on July 6 and 7 from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The second session will be on July 20 and 21, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Each session will feature a different farm and different foods. Parents will be responsible for providing their own family's transportation to 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 email yapkids@peak.org.

Register Now for Preschool in So. Lincoln Co.

Registration is now open for the Yachats Preschool, serving families from all over South Lincoln County. Classes for 3-5 year-olds will take place at the Yachats Commons on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until noon, beginning in September.

The objective of the Yachats Preschool is to meet the needs of the total child: physical; emotional; social; and intellectual. Children will be provided learning opportunities that encourage growth and development in a fun, warm, secure and educational environment.

Families are asked to pay whatever they can afford on a sliding scale from \$20- 180 per month. Parents who are unable to pay the full cost of \$180 per month are expected to participate in fundraising activities throughout the year. To enroll or for more information, call YYFAP (541) 547-4599. Space is limited.

This program is made possible by grants from Trust Management Services, the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon, the City of Yachats, and many individual donors.



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Paul Niblock, Coordinator

Let's try and clear up a possible misconception: Lunch Bunch is

not a private club. It's open to everybody 55 or older which means 90% or more of us in Yachats qualify! It's run entirely by volunteers, is largely self-funding, and is one of the least known "gems" in our rich village tapestry. The best part is, it's a monthly chance to meet old friends and make new ones.

The June luncheon will take place on Thursday June 30, 2011. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and we begin serving lunch at noon. There will be entertainment, fresh flowers and linen tablecloths. A donation of \$4/pp is suggested.

We will have a "Pre-Independence Day" theme, with colors of the U.S. flag, red-white-and-blue, predominating. The menu will be traditional 4th of July fare with hot dogs, baked beans, water melon, 'tater chips, and more. Who knows, we may even sing a few patriotic song as the mood takes us (or not) and celebrate our tenth year of operation.



Social Marketing

By Andrea Scharf, GoYachats Marketing Director

Social marketing is sometimes called "viral" marketing, in recognition of the speed with which a message or image can be passed on and circulated via electronic media—Facebook, Twitter, emails among friends and acquaintances. With all due respect to the colds, flu, bronchitis and the like which have been spreading through our population, let's drop the virus image and just look at the value of social media to pass along ideas and information.

The role of Facebook in recent developments in the Middle East is now legendary. Here in Yachats, things aren't quite so serious, but our GoYachats Facebook page is alive with revolutionary ideas for bringing visitors to our cool little village. Our Facebook ad campaign last month tripled the number of visitors to the site. We're hoping to double that in the coming months.

The GoYachats Facebook page is very dynamic, with new postings and comments every day. You'll find up-to-the-minute announcements of Yachats events and very practical information such as the closure of highway 20 and the scheduled maintenance at Heceta Head Lighthouse. We have contests, promotions, and great images of the beach and fabulous sunsets. Plus—and this is really important, so take note—

announcements of postings to the very new Yachats {Beach} Blog.

Our blog contains short articles about people and places in Yachats. Find out what bird species inhabit our beautiful wetlands park, who are the “nicest people in the universe,” and what motivates people to live here. It’s a fun site to visit for residents and visitors alike.

You can post comments on both Facebook and the blog, and we would love to hear from you. Please visit—and pass it on!