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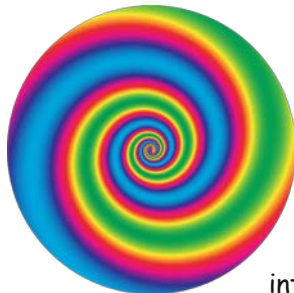


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THE YACHATS CITY COUNCIL VISION

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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

There is a term that is used by planners, architects, and even natural history interpreters that, in my mind, is one of those key factors that make Yachats special. The term is "Spirit of Place". I looked it up seeking to find out about its origins and what discipline might claim authorship. I didn't find its origin, but I did find a Wikipedia definition that lays out the concept better than I might hope to do myself. It read:

Spirit of place (or soul) refers to the unique, distinctive and cherished aspects of a place; often those celebrated by artists and writers, but also those cherished in folk tales, festivals and celebrations. It is thus as much in the invisible weave of culture (stories, art, memories, beliefs, histories, etc.) as it is the tangible physical aspects of a place (monuments, boundaries, rivers, woods, architectural style, rural crafts styles, pathways, views, and so on) or its interpersonal aspects (the presence of relatives, friends and kindred spirits, and the like).

If Wikipedia had gone further and sought to illustrate the concept by example they would most assuredly have posted an aerial photograph of Yachats. We have our share of artists and writers and visitors who illustrate, describe or appreciate the natural beauty of the place. We

have our share of stories, and history, and quirks that make us unique. We have our share of festivals that celebrate music, mushrooms, agates, and whatever else strikes our fancy. And we certainly have relationships that form the fabric of our community from relatives to friends, and to kindred spirits whether they are our neighbors or have simply been drawn here by Yachats' charm.

It has been said that there is a vortex in Yachats that spins so powerfully it sucks the right people in and flings the wrong people out. The people that get sucked in are those that have the most acute spirit of place and the greatest affinity for the spirit in this place.

This month that vortex has sucked in another new Yachatian. Our new City Administrator has been feeling the pull of the coast for years and the spin of that vortex has finally gotten a firm enough grip to bring her to us. Joan Davies comes from Hines, Oregon where she has been working in a similar capacity for the City of Hines. Joan is excited to become a part of our community and arrives with an already well-honed spirit of the place that is Yachats. The City Councilors all feel that she is a great fit that will only be drawn in deeper by that vortex. Joan will be climbing a steep learning curve relative to the specifics of our village, but she brings a belt full of well-used tools that are perfect for the job at hand.

If you find yourself in City Hall be sure to introduce yourself. Better yet, come and meet

her at a reception in her honor on Sunday, June 26th. It will begin at 3:00 P.M. in the 501 Building (the former bank building adjacent to the Commons). It will be a good chance to meet Joan, but also an opportunity to catch up on some on-going projects such as the future of the 501 building and the status of plans to implement the Highway 101 sidewalk project. It will also be a good chance for Joan to better understand you and your own contribution to our collective spirit.



City Council Briefing

By Barbara Frye, Council Member

All Yachatsians Invited!

Please join the Mayor and the City Council for a Meet & Greet with our Yachats' new City

Administrator, Joan Davies, on: Sunday June 26 from 3:00-5:00 PM at the "501 Building" (aka "the bank building").

There will also updates on the future plans for the 501 Building and the Highway 101 Sidewalk Project.

Join us on Sunday June 26 at Farmers Market and enjoy their many wonderful creations, before strolling past the beautiful new mosaic planters and stone benches, as you make your way to the meeting at the 501 Building at 3:00pm See you there....



Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook,
Events
Coordinator

We have an exceptionally beautiful garden at the Little Log Church, and from late May through July it hits the glory time. The garden is quite happy largely due to the loving care of our

landscapers Jack and Mary Eriksen, who began caring for our grounds about three years ago.

Jack and Mary owned the Oregon Coast Greenhouse just a few miles north of Yachats for many years. In fact, Jack's family started the greenhouses over 50 years ago. When the business closed in 2011 they opted to do independent work in landscape maintenance and then began operating *The Plant Stand* during the spring and summer in Waldport.

Recently I had a nice chat with Mary about the treasures in the LLC&M's garden. She helped me identify some of the gems there. The white and pink *Watsonia* are especially stunning now, with their very tall spikes reaching to the heavens. Next month, around July 4th, we will be seeing the fire-cracker like *Lucifer Crocosmia*, a *monbretia* plant, bursting alive on the north side of the grounds. For those of you interested in monsters, take a walk to the southwest corner of the garden, just behind the sea lion sculpture, and find the gunnera. This giant very broad leafed green plant looks a little like rhubarb on steroids, or may have come out of the *Little Shop of Horrors*. It grows best in a boggy area, and that's just what we have in that corner. When you see it you will understand why it's also called "dinosaur food". The honeysuckle vines planted last year along the walkway to the museum are also thriving, and we've seen an increase in hummingbird activity there.

One of our goals at the LLC&M is to create identification signage for these plants so folks can get acquainted with these beautiful plants, trees and herbs. We'll keep you apprised.

Meanwhile Jack and Mary will be working their magic on grounds. We thank them for their work. Mary says, however, they don't think of it as work; this is "fun time" for them.

Take a walk-through sometime soon. The garden will be glad you did.



Yachats Public Library By Janet Rackleff

"On Your Mark, Get Set, READ"

June, school's out for the year and the Summer Children's Reading Program starts. The library will be offering an eight-week program on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. starting June 28th and continuing through August 16th.

The theme for the program this year will focus on health and fitness and we will be doing a lot of games and sports to support that as well as a story time each week. Children can take out books and earn a t-shirt and book bag if they attend weekly and complete their reading (or being read-to) goal.

On July 26th as part of the program, we'll welcome Juggler Charlie Brown for a free performance open to the public at the Commons at 10:30 am. Charlie Brown is brought to us through the Oregon College Savings Plan.

The Summer Reading Program is free and open to children ages 4 - 10 years.

Younger children can attend story-time if accompanied by an adult.

Registration materials will be available at the front desk of the library starting mid-June.

And one update for those of you who like to access the library catalog from home to search or reserve books. The city's new website is: <https://yachatsoregon.org/> The library's catalog is now under the "Government" drop down menu.

been such a high demand for summer programs that we have added an additional camp this year to our regular offerings. We will be offering a camp for preschool aged children, a camp for children K-3rd grade and a camp for youth ages 9-12. Information about the specifics of each camp and registration materials can be found at our website www.yachatsyouth.org. Many of our parents can't afford the full cost of camp. If helping to send a child to camp is something you would like to help with, please send donations to PO Box 151 or you can always donate in person or online.

As you may have heard through the grapevine, Yachats Youth will be seeing some changes in the fall. Our preschool teacher, Ms. Angie Deriberprey, who has been with us for the last six years is moving on to offer tutoring to school aged children grades k-8 who are being homeschooled over at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church. Our current preschool assistant, Ms. Patricia Hettinger will be moving into the lead teacher position and she is well qualified to do so, with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a Master's Degree in Reading. Ms. Jill Taglia, a new member to the community here in Yachats, will be joining us as the assistant teacher. She has already been substituting with us and is also a certified teacher with lots of experience. We are very excited to have such high quality teachers to start off the new school year in the fall. Class registration is already happening so be sure to call and get your child on the list for fall before we fill up!



Ms. Angie has been well loved, by all the children and parents of the community, as well as by us, and we wish her the very best on her new endeavor! Her parent group "Yachats Home School Co-Op" is hosting a garage sale June 26th out in the picnic shelter starting at 9 am if you want to give them a little support. For more information about the garage sale or to donate contact Lucy Loew at Lfulmor@gmail.com 503-706-6866. They are not affiliated with YYFAP, although we expect many of the students



Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program By Alice Beck, Executive Director

Summer is quickly approaching and here at Yachats Youth we are getting ready! There has



will continue to attend Rec. Plus in the afternoons next year as they have grown up as part of our YYFAP family. Thanks to Quiet Water Homeowners Association, we will be offering our Water Safety/Swim Lessons again this summer. They start the end of July and we will have more information on them on our website and in the July newsletter.

We wish you all a happy June and beginning to summer and thank you all for your ongoing support of our programs for local children and families. We couldn't do it without you!



Commons Events

By Leon Sterner,
Coordinator

I noticed recently that along with the variety and number of events

taking place inside the Commons building - that there is also a lot going on outside! The Rainspout Festival recently held its Sunday events outside in the Picnic Shelter. The skate park has all its new elements in place, and three beautiful Mosaic Planters now grace the corner of the 501 building (the former bank building).

The Rainspout Festival was held on the last weekend of April - hosting a number of both local and visiting bands playing Bluegrass, African drumming, Old-time and Cajun music. The Festival was sponsored by Polly Plumb Productions - a recently formed local tax exempt organization whose mission is to produce dynamic and innovative arts and culture programming for the benefit of the Yachats community and visitors.

Early on Sunday morning of the last day of the festival, it was apparent that the unfolding day was a most beautiful one weather wise - and a unanimous decision was made to move the entire

event outside and sound system from on the MP stage out into the Picnic Shelter. This was no small feat as the decision included moving the sound system, catered food, seating and the musicians and audience all outside! It turned out to be a wonderful move as the temperature was perfect for the two bands that played that afternoon. People listened and danced to the music. And as part of the celebration, a May Pole dance was held on the field north of the shelter. It was agreed that outside in the Picnic Shelter was a perfect venue for this type of performances and activities.



The three new Mosaic Planters and the two benches on the 501 Building corner were created and

installed by the 25 Ford Institute Leadership Program participants from Waldport and Yachats. This is the fourth such leadership program in our area over the past 6 years sponsored by The Ford Family Foundation. While learning about and practicing skills in decision making, communication, community organizing, conflict resolution - the group moved through a process of brainstorming ideas for a community project - and choosing, developing and completing a \$12,000 community project. The class chose mosaic planters that artistically connect the three communities of Yachats, Waldport and Seal Rock. Over the course of the project, some 100 people participated from the initial class sessions through the planning and decorating of the planters with the mosaic tile patterns. A community group effort indeed! The result is groups of 3 decorated planters and two benches in each of the three participating communities.



And after many years of attempts at creating a skate park - we have finally succeeded! All the elements are in place for the new skate

board area behind the 501 building. This venture, sponsored by the Friends of the

Commons, has also been an example of a community group effort. A number of local organizations along with youth and adults have contributed to planning, fundraising and installing the skating elements. Watch this summer for the creation of a final touch on this project - a 200 foot mural behind the skate park that will be compiled from drawings of local children and youth.



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams, Coordinator

The June luncheon will take place as usual at the Yachats Commons on the last Thursday in June, the 30th. Doors open at 11.30 and lunch is served at noon. The event is open to everyone

55 or over and there is a suggested donation of \$5. This is our Pre-July-Fourth shebang! All brought to you by our valiant Yachats Lunch Bunch Team of volunteers. It will be a typical Fourth type fare: Hot dogs, Buns, Fixings, Cole Slaw, Chips, vegetarian Baked Beans, Lemonade and Brownies with whipped cream. There will be fun and fare! Don't forget to wear your red, white and blue for the grand event!



Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Chair
Communications Leader

Due to enthusiastic turnouts recently by so many super-duper extraordinary volunteers, Yachats

trails are looking great! And this coming month... even better... Thank you all for your fantastic work and dedication!

First up on the calendar this month is **National Trails Day** on June 4th. Each year on the first Saturday in June we plan community projects to celebrate National Trails day. This year will be different though. While there will be no public

celebration event, it is our target date for re-opening the Amanda Trail that was washed out and closed last December. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Siuslaw National Forest, Urban Forestry crew from the Angell Job Corps, ODOT and Trails Crew members have been working collaboratively on the project and made tremendous progress toward this goal. If all goes according to plan, a group of assigned Trails Crew volunteers will spend the morning of the 4th sprucing up the trail in preparation for opening it to hikers beginning at 1:00 p.m. that day.

That is the logistical aspect, but the magical part of the story is how Amanda's presence will be reawakened at a new gathering space along the trail. Many years ago a woman named Beth Cook saw a drawing of a statue of a Native American woman and fell in love with it. She took her vision of how it might be modified to artist Sy Meadow and commissioned him to create a new statue that also included his own aesthetic sense. He made a mold and cast two statues that went to live with Beth and her wife Joan Wilker. Eventually he cast one more statue which he gave to his friend George Copage. George, in turn, named her Amanda and eventually gifted her to the Trail in 2003. This is the statue that we lost to the December storms.

Fast forward 5 months and a new symbol of Amanda's spirit and reawakening has emerged along with the trail. Knowing Amanda's importance to the cultural and spiritual history of this area Beth and Joan have generously donated one of their statues (in effect one of the Amanda statue's ancestors) to honor the trail and be a guardian of the land and its history. As a community we cannot thank them enough for their sensitivity and generosity which is turning loss into new life. Once the trail opens on the 4th be sure to visit the Amanda spirit's new home. You'll find it in a cleared area north and slightly upstream of the creek crossing - a beautiful serene space to begin the next chapter of Amanda's story.



YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

Another big yearly event for YIPS! and the Trails Crew is the **Annual 804 Trail Ivy Pull**. This year, on Saturday, June 18th, the Overleaf Lodge & Spa, Yachats Trails Committee, SOLVE and Dahl Disposal Service will host the 8th annual occurrence of this event. It has become a VERY popular volunteer opportunity that continues the community's effort to manage invasive ivy on the Trail and restore natural habitat. Anyone wishing to participate is invited *and* in appreciation of the time and work that volunteers put in, the Overleaf will provide each participant with day passes for their spa facility and a chance to win a gift certificate good toward a variety of luxurious spa treatments.



Plan to meet in the Overleaf Lodge's parking lot (280 Overleaf Lodge Lane) at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday the 18th. Bring a water bottle, work gloves and weeding

tools if you have them or choose from gloves and tools that will be on loan at the site. At about noon we will return to the parking area where we expect to enjoy some refreshments and you are invited to bring snacks and sweets to share if you like. We hope to see you (and your friends, neighbors and relatives) there!

For your calendar: Summary of 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 and ability so come join in the fun. We guarantee you a warm appreciative welcome and, if you are so inclined, a friendly social get-together to celebrate our accomplishments at the end.

June 4th (Saturday) National Trails Day (Crew members assigned to work that morning will receive directions by email from Joanne Kittel.)

June 18th (Saturday) 8th Annual 804 Trail Ivy Pull 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Meet in the parking lot of the Overleaf Lodge.

July 2nd (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Trails Crew work event (Location (TBA))

July 16th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:
YIPS! work event (Location TBA)

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

- Joanne Kittel, Leader, Development Committee & Amanda Trail at 541.547.3144 or jnkittel@peak.org
- Loren Dickinson, Leader, Trails Crew at 541-547-4559 or loren.dickinson@gmail.com
- Wally Orchard, Leader, YIPS! at 541.547.5474 or worchard@peak.org
- [Bob Langley, Co-Leader for Trails and YIPS! Crews](mailto:BobLangley@lindabob.com)
- Jan Brown, Leader, Communications at 541.547.4927 or espressobrown@gmail.com



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

By Frankie Petrick, Fire Chief, Yachats Rural Fire Protection District

The Yachats Fire Department must issue a FREE permit to ALL fire pits at summer homes, vacation rentals and full time residents! Last year's permit will expire on June 1, 2016. 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.

Oregon Dept. of Forestry tells us that we could expect this summer to be as dry as last year and may even include a late summer closure for the pit permits. If you have a vacation rental with a

pit permit be sure your manager renews yours before June 1, 2016.

As always try to have your yard debris hauled off before it gets to dry and becomes a fire hazard.

Thanks you for your effort for keeping our fair city fire safe.



Yachats Farmers Market

Come support our NEW local ORGANIC growers and artists while enjoying the friendly atmosphere of the Market and all the beauty and charm that Yachats has to offer. Located at the Yachats Commons, the Yachats Farmers Market is open Sundays thru October 9:00am until 2:00pm.



Fourth of July Fireworks

By Fire Chief Frankie Petrick

Spring has arrived and summer is not far behind. With the end of the school year and folks planning vacations at the coast it is time to remind everyone (vacation rental folks, vacation home owners and motels) that Oregon has some restrictions on fireworks. Flyers concerning what is legal and what is not legal are available at the fire station for motels and vacation rentals. We have already had a few instances of illegal fireworks being set off in our end of the county. Reminding folks when they make reservations at motels and vacation rentals (maybe post it on the website) will really help.

The other part of spring is the seal pups coming ashore and sea lions resting on the beach. Again harassing marine life is illegal and carries quite the fine. We have posters for motels and vacation rentals concerning marine life as well as the fireworks issue.

Please help with getting the word out to visitors to our area about these issues.



Yachats Clean Sweep in JULY this year!

Bargain hunters take notice! Beginning Wednesday, July 14th through Saturday, July 17th the City of Yachats will hold its annual "Clean Sweep."



Yachats Public Works Department

Reminder: Noxious weeds go into the regular garbage and are not to be mixed with in with the woody debris at the brush box at Public Works. Specifically: ivy, scotch broom and morning glory. Also no grass clippings.

Yachats fireworks donations














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



Duck Tickets On Sale Now!

It's that wonderful time of year again when YYFAP adds to the July 4th fun with our annual Duck Race for Kids! We hope you will come join the fun on July 4th on the beautiful Yachats River at 2:30 pm. Prizes this year include but not limited to an amazing array of gift certificates from several local stores and restaurants, a bicycle, and even lodging packages. Tickets are 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. They can be purchased at; Yachats Visitor Center, Yachats Farmers Market and of course in the basement of the Commons at our YYFAP office. We thank everyone for your past support and hope you will buy lots of tickets this year!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1 8am T'ai Chi (Rm8) 9:30am City Council Work Session (CivicRm) 10am Exercise Class (MP) 1:15pm Picklet Ball (MP) 1pm Art in the Kitchen 6pm Zumba (MP)</p>	<p>2 3:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8) 7 pm Yachats Big Band Dance (MP)</p>	<p>3 10am Exercise Class (MP) National Donut Day</p>	<p>4  National Trails Day</p>
<p>5 9am Yachats Farmers Market </p>	<p>6 8am Tai Chi (Rm 8) 10am Exercise Class (MP) 1:15pm Picklet Ball (MP) 6pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Open Gym + ping pong (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm3)</p>	<p>7 8am Heidi's YOGA (Rm3) 8:30am Marketing Mtg. 9:30 Cosmic YOGA (Rm3) 8:30am Qigong (Rm8)</p>	<p>8 8am T'ai Chi (Rm 8) 10am Exercise Class (MP) 10am Finance Cmte (CivicRm) 1:15pm Picklet Ball (MP) 1pm Art in the Kitchen 6pm Zumba (MP)</p>	<p>9 2pm Uban Renewal Agency Meeting 2:10pm City Council Meeting (Civic Mtg Rm) 3:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8)</p>	<p>10 10am – 3pm Emergency Planning Committee (Rm8) 10am Exercise Class (MP) 1pm DRILL – Evacuation-City Wide</p> 	
<p>12 9am Yachats Farmers Market </p>	<p>13 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) 1:15pm Picklet Ball (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 6pm Open/ Honest (Rm5) 7pm Open Gym+ping pong (MP)</p>	<p>14 8am Heidi's YOGA (Rm3) 8:30am Qigong (Rm8) 9:30 Cosmic YOGA (Rm3) 2pm Emergency Planning Cmte (Civic Mtg Rm) 3pm Public Works & Streets (Civic Mtg Rm) Friends Bd Mtg 5:30pm</p>	<p>15 8am T'ai Chi (Rm 8) 10am Exercise Class (MP) 1:15pm Picklet Ball (MP) 1pm Art in the Kitchen 6pm Zumba (MP)</p>	<p>16 11am Gentle Healing Yoga 3pm Parks/Commons Commission Mtg (Civic Rm) 3:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8)</p> 	<p>17 10am Exercise Class (MP)</p>	<p>18 5pm Yachats Ladies Club Benefit Dinner</p>
<p>19 9am Yachats Farmers Market </p>	<p>20 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) 1:15pm Picklet Ball (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 6pm Open/ Honest (Rm5) 7pm Open Gym + ping pong (MP)</p>	<p>21 8am Heidi's YOGA (Rm3) 8:30am Qigong (Rm8) 9:30 Cosmic YOGA (Rm3) 2pm Planning Comm Work Session Civic Rm) 3pm Planning Comm Meeting (Civic Rm)</p>	<p>22 8am T'ai Chi (Rm8) 10am Exercise Class (MP) 1:15pm Picklet Ball (MP) 1pm Art in the Kitchen 6pm Zumba (MP)</p>	<p>23 3:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8)</p>	<p>24 10am Exercise Class (MP)</p> 	<p>25 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER JUNE 21 </p>
<p>26 9am Yachats Farmers Market  <small>© Can Stock Photo</small></p>	<p>27 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) 1:15pm Picklet Ball (MP) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 7pm Open Gym + ping pong (MP)</p>	<p>28 8am Heidi's YOGA (Rm3) 8:30am Qigong (Rm8) 9:30 Cosmic YOGA (Rm3)</p>	<p>29 8am T'ai Chi (Rm8) 10am Exercise Class (MP) 1:15pm Picklet Ball (MP) 1pm Art in the Kitchen 6pm Zumba (M)</p>	<p>30 3:30pm Cosmic Lotus Yoga (Rm8) 11:00am Yachats Lunch Bunch 55+ (MP) </p>	<p>14 JUNE FLAG DAY </p>	

Take every CHANCE you get in LIFE, because some things only happen ONCE!