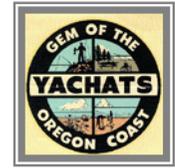




CITY OF YACHATS

NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2014

THE YACHATS CITY COUNCIL VISION

Adopted: April 2, 2009

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

Early each year the Council and I go through a goal setting process. The result of that process usually results in limited adjustments to

the existing goals. Since there is little change in the overall goals it may suggest to you that the process is a waste of time. But it is actually to be expected that the umbrella goals won't change much since the job of the City doesn't really change.

Our responsibility is to govern well; handle routine city business routinely; create (or at least not inhibit) the kind of city environment in which citizens can learn, grow, and enhance their quality of life; provide infrastructure (water, sewer, streets and the like); and to foster long term thinking about what we all do...as the Iroquois put it "seventh generation" thinking. Those things have been the responsibilities for which cities are chartered, their *raison d'être*, pretty much forever. As a consequence, our goals are all about trying to do those things well. The tricky part is apparent when you begin to recognize that those goals are never finished products. We will never be able to check a box and say, "Well, we did that and we're done with it." The best we can hope to say is that we're achieving our goal ...so far.

I'll give you an example. In that infrastructure category we will be on target for our goal as long as you can turn on your faucet and good, clean water comes out. As long as that happens we are achieving our infrastructure goal relative to water. In order to achieve it well we need to provide that water at as little cost to you as possible. Further, we need to plan ahead so that goal is achieved tomorrow, and the next day, and at the end of the summer when less water comes off the watershed, and in future summers that may be warmer and drier. We need to make sure we have enough water for future needs, for businesses, for domestic use, and for fire protection. As a consequence we can't just pat ourselves on the back for what we've done so far and call it a goal achieved.

So the tricky part isn't the overarching goal. It is figuring out what must be done to stay on track and improve. It is figuring out what needs to be put on the "to-do" list. Then we have to figure out what to measure in order to know that we're moving the program in the right direction. So we will be refining that to-do list for water in the next few months. We will develop specific targets for water delivery capacity, water efficiency, water storage capacity, and infrastructure maintenance and replacement. We will create specific, measureable benchmarks and we will assess our performance against them.

Now, there you have the water example from the infrastructure goal. A similar assessment will be needed for the sewage processing, for

maintaining and repairing our roads, and for all our building and trails and parks and facilities maintenance needs. Some of the to-do lists for the other goals will not be as linear. Seventh Generation Thinking or Quality of Life Programs can't be as easily measured as the number of gallons of water we deliver. In some of those areas what you think success is will be what determines success.

For a while we have talked about creating a feedback mechanism to give us a better idea of how successful our goal reaching efforts are. We need a citizens' feedback loop that is more sophisticated than the rumor mill or citizens' complaints. I plan to work with the Council in the coming months to create a survey that will help us know if we are meeting your needs and desires. That's the first thing on my own "to-do" list. I think our "Good Governance" goal can benefit from creating a report card that gives you the chance to tell us what you think about how well the City is doing.

Don't worry. We'll try to make it easy and to create a sampling format that will give us the information without having to bug everybody all the time.



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Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Trails Committee Communications Leader

In last month's newsletter I was celebrating the

glorious warm summery winter we were experiencing. So much for that! Drought and floods, snow, and wind and ice... recently these have all created challenges for our trails and the plantings we have done to enhance them. So this spring we will be taking it slow, giving plants who look like they've abandoned all hope a chance to sleep in, recover, test their environment before giving it another

heave-ho. We'll see who's adapted, and who has not before we start pulling and clipping and shoveling in earnest. We will wait for the wilderness to tell us when the time is right and then celebrate the new life that emerges. And... come June, we will celebrate the wilderness and its gifts in another way too.

In partnership with the Siuslaw National Forest, Yachats will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act with a kick-off on National Trails Day, June 7th. The 1964 Wilderness Act defines Wilderness as "areas where the earth and its communities of life are left unchanged by people; where primary forces of nature are in control; where people themselves are visitors who do not remain." This Act at the time of its passage in 1964, acquired 9.1 million acres for preservation. There are now over 100 million acres in preservation throughout the United States. Siuslaw National Forest is fortunate to have three wilderness areas: Drift Creek, Cummins Creek, and Rock Creek Wilderness Areas. Festivities and hikes will take place from the Cape Perpetua Visitor's Center and the Yachats Commons. There will be Siuslaw National Forest lectures occurring throughout the summer in celebration of this milestone plus the fact that our Angell Job Corps (which has put tremendous time and talent into helping to build and maintain our trails) is celebrating its 50th anniversary as well. Hold the date on your calendar now and watch for more information to come in the April newsletter.

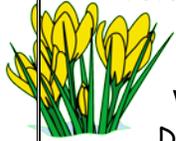


YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

Our Weed(s) of the Month are Pampas Grasses; Cortaderia Selloana and Cortaderia Jubata. While these South and Central American natives have long been used as ornamentals in the U.S., many have escaped cultivation. They will aggressively compete with seedling trees, slowing

their establishment and growth and are known to threaten native plants and the ecosystem of the birds and animals that rely on them. In addition,

they can create a fire hazard with their excessive buildup of dry leaves, leaf bases and flowering stalks - certainly a concern during times of drought. Physical control is easiest when the plants are seedlings but for more information on how and why to attack specimens of all sizes, just Google the names of these grasses or contact one of our YIPs! experts listed below.



This spring we're delighted to see the impact of our past restoration work at Whale Park and the Prospect Garden.

Daffodils have already begun to bloom and even Rhodies are showing their faces around town. Soon we will be sowing wildflower seeds at both these locations. But... it's the busy season for weeds as well so we'll be looking for lots of volunteers to show up for the YIPs! brigade when we tackle these two spots. Hope to see you there!

If you have questions about weeds, call our experts 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 out and enjoy some spring frivolity and wildflower wonderfulness with these merry bands.

Upcoming events to add to your calendar include: March 1st and April 5th (Saturdays)

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

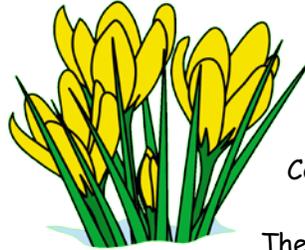
March 15th and April 19th (Saturdays) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. YIPs! work event (Location to be announced via email to the Trails Committee's contact list.)

June 7th - National Trails Day Events (details to come)



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



Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator

There are a few patches of daffodils a-bloom in the garden at the Little Log Church, along with other teasers of springtime. We cut a few to place in a small vase on the lectern for our annual Valentine's Day vow renewal last month. We had a record attendance for our 19th year. Our Celtic harpist, Khlo Bretang, performed elegantly. One couple travelled from Cameron, Missouri for the event; another from Vancouver, Washington re-visited to celebrate the 28th anniversary of their Valentine's Day wedding at the LLC. Next year will be the 20th year the Log Church has hosted renewals. It promises to be a grand celebration for our little museum and for Yachats.



Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 22nd at 4:00 p.m., when the LLC&M will host its second "speak-and read" by award winning writer Bruce Holland Rogers, of Eugene.

Bruce will be a judge for the second annual short story competition sponsored by *Isabella Dog Biscuits* - perhaps you've seen the announcements for the contest around town. Last year the entries were limited to 500 words. This year the rules are: the story must be no more than 1000 words, and a dog must appear somewhere in the story. Deadline for entries is March 8th. The winners will be awarded \$25.00, and be able to read their stories at the LLC&M on March 22nd,

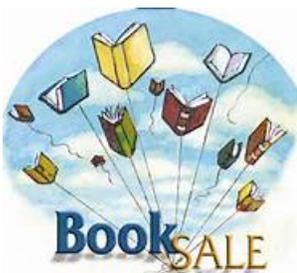
to the huzzahs and applause of those in attendance, and the stories will be published on Isabella's website. For more details go to Isabelladogbiscuits.com



Bruce Holland Rogers has taught creative writing in Hungary and Finland, and has been to Japan to do story research under a Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Fellowship. His stories have been translated into over two dozen languages and have won two World Fantasy Awards, Two Nebula Awards, and a Pushcart Prize.

He is on the permanent MFA faculty at the Northwest Institute for Literary Arts. We are honored to have him return to Yachats. He is a fine writer and a very engaging speaker.

So whether or not you decide to test your skill at short story writing (a 1000 word limit is quite a challenge), you are sure to enjoy hearing this accomplished writer tell his own story. We're sure it will be a doggone good afternoon. Hope to see you there!



Yachats Public Library By Sandra Calkins

"Superscongogicalfantasmigorical!" That was my grandma's word for something really yummy or something else that was fantastic.

Coming this month to the Yachats Commons is a "superscongogicalfantasmigorical" happening. The dates of March 28th and March 29th have been set aside for the Friends of the Yachats Library annual book sale.

All year long as people clean out their bookshelves, they donate books to the library. These books have several different destinations. Some become part of the library's collection. Some go on the "For Sale" shelves. But most of

the books are sorted into categories, stored, and saved for the sale. The day before the sale begins; all of these thousands of books are taken to The Commons and placed on tables according to category so that it is easy to find what you want.

The books always fill the large Commons multipurpose room. The first day of the sale, hardbound books and trade paperbacks sell for one dollar. Regular paperbacks sell for fifty cents. There is also a table with special books such as antiques, signed books, first editions, and coffee table books. These are individually marked. Usually there are also DVDs, VHS tapes, and other categories.

On the second day of the sale, you can fill a bag for a great price. This is the way to gather your spring and summer reading materials at a super price and to help your library earn funds.

Donated books will be accepted for the sale up to and including the sale date.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Dates: March 28th and March 29th, 2014
- Time: All day!
- Where: The Yachats Commons
- Help Needed: The afternoon of March 27th to set out books, just come by the library and sign up.

**A
SUPERSCONGOGICALFANTASMIGORICAL
EVENT!**



The Parks and Commons Commission chaired by Donald W. Niskanen is in need of **THREE** new volunteers.

They are down to four (a quorum) Commissioners.

Please contact Don if you have questions about the commission. The Volunteer application can be found on the City's web site under forms and be brought into City Hall for processing.



Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck, Executive
Director

Little Sweethearts Spring Fling Dance - March 7th

We were so sad to have to cancel the Little Sweethearts Valentine Dance due to bad weather but we are so excited to replace it with the Spring Fling! If you have a little sweetheart we sure hope you will bring them to this fun family dance. Mother/Son, Father/Daughter or any couple combination of friends and family young and old. Each adult receives a flower to give to their special little person and there will be refreshments and couples photos too. Bring that special little someone in your life and create a sweet memory together. Music by DJ - JD. Friday, March 7th from 7-9 pm at the Yachats Commons. Cost is \$10 per couple or \$15 per family. Cash, check and credit/debit accepted.



Families Together - March 14th - 6-8 pm

Come join us for a fun family time this month where we explore the lives of Sea Turtles. Our featured book is a National Geographic Kids book by Laura Marsh. This program includes a free dinner, story time and craft. Each child attending will receive a copy of the featured book. For more information call YYFAP 541-547-4599. Dinner and books are provided free thanks to generous grants from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and our own Mari's Books. This program is offered in partnership between Yachats Community Presbyterian Church and Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program and is held at the church at 360 W. 7th Street.



Live life to the
fullest
& have no regrets!



Code Enforcement Report

Donald Niskanen, Code
Enforcement Officer

I have been receiving increased complaints about dogs at large and failure to clean up wastes from the dog.

The City does not have a "leash law", nor does the County. Our code reads "all pets must be under control at all times", and "no owner or person in charge of any animals he or she owns shall permit the animal to run at large".

I am not an Animal Control Officer. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department does have an Animal Control Officer. She is Deputy Kerri Tyler and can be reached at 541-265-4277 ext. 7139 or 541-265-4231.



The sports field behind the Commons gets a lot of use. Our YYFAP program frequently has activities out there. Many people use the

field as an exercise yard for their dogs and play fetch games with them. Most dog owners are responsible and clean up wastes from their dogs; however, some are not and ignore this responsibility.

More and more complaints are coming in from dog wastes being left in the sports field. I am pushing for more dog waste bags in convenient places. Please do your part and clean up after your pet.

Section 4.08.030 I.

All pets must be under control at all times. Methods of control include a leash or demonstrated effective voice control. The person having the control, custody or possession

of a dog shall clean up after the dog by using a dog waste bag or other suitable method.

Section 5.08.030 Animals at large.

No owner or person in charge of any animals he or she owns shall permit the animal to run at large, included, but not limited to dogs, chickens, or other domestic fowl, horses, mules, cattle, goats and sheep.



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams,
Coordinator

The Yachats Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, March 27th, 2014 in the

multipurpose room. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch served at noon. Everyone 55 or older is welcome.

Our "guest chef" for March is Jesse Badger, Sandy White, Huck Huckins & Claudia Price. They are preparing: Pulled Pork on buns with coleslaw and Bundt Cake for dessert. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Don't forget to wear St. Patty's Green!

One very important partner to the Friends is One of Us Productions our local community theatre nonprofit organization. The Friends have had a "life-long" relationship with One of Us - meaning that the individuals who helped start the Friends were friends with the individuals who helped start One if Us. We have "held hands" on numerous projects over the years - sharing the joint goal of creating an exceptional experience for local theatre goers at the Commons. One of Us financially helped the Friends acquire the comfy chairs upon which we sit, as we watch nicely lit performances and listen to the enhanced sounds of the stage productions which One of Us continues to produce.

We have just completed a project to enhance the theatre's lighting by acquiring six new instruments and accessories. These will greatly increase the flexibility and quality of our lighting system. The Friends worked with Carl Miller of One of Us to design the upgraded system and to create the grant proposal which Carl submitted to the Lincoln County Cultural Coalition for \$1,000. An additional match of \$1,000 was contributed by One of Us to complete the project. This teamwork proved to be successful and we were recently awarded our grant. The equipment has now been ordered and received and is ready for use in the One of Us Production of "Harvey" which is now in rehearsal and will open on April 25th in the Commons Multi-Purpose Room.

Sincere thanks from the One of Us board of directors go out to Robbie Schoonover, Karl Christianson, Carl Miller and Jacqee Christnot for helping with this recent project. Thanks, again and again, to the numerous volunteers from both the Friends and One of Us who have worked together over the years on so many other joint projects. This partnership reflects the collaborative nature of both the Friends and One of Us - working with local organizations to enhance the vitality of our cultural experiences in this community.



Commons Events

By Leon Sterner,
Coordinator

The Friends of the Yachats Commons has been around for a while; actually, for quite a while. I am reminded of this when helping the Friends' grant writing team. As we prepare grant project proposals, an important part of what we do is to describe how the Friends interact with others in the Yachats Community; with the City, with other organizations and groups, and with individual folks.





2014



SUNDAY

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TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



Don't wait for the Perfect Moment
take the moment and make it PERFECT!

1 Beachside Writers Workshop (Commons)

6pm Starlight Mardi Gras Costume Parade
7pm Costume Ball – Lions Club

2 Beachside Writers Workshop (Commons)

3 8am Tai Chi (Rm 3)
9am Yoga w/Dennis (Rm3)
10am Exercise (MP)

6pm Zumba (MP)
7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP)

4 2pm Emergency Planning Cmte (Civic Mtg Rm)
3pm Public Works & Streets (Civic Mtg Rm)

5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm8)

5 8 am Tai Chi (Rm 3)
9am Yoga w/ Dennis (Rm 3)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)
Monthly Tsunami Siren Testing 11 am (Citywide)

6pm Zumba (MP)
7pm Rhythm Weavers (Rm3)
7:05 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm7)

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5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm3)

7 pm Yachats Big Band Dance (MP) (541) 265-2514

7 9am Yoga w/ Dennis (Rm 3)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)

YYFAP Little Sweethearts Dance 7pm (MP)

8 Our Coastal Bridges 6:30 (MP)


9 3pm Yachats Song Circle (Rm8)

7pm Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra Winter Concert (YCPC)

10 8 am Tai Chi (Rm 3)
9am Yoga w/ Dennis (Rm 3)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)

6 pm Zumba (MP)
7pm Basketball / Ping-Pong (MP)

11 2pm Yarn Over Yachats (Rm3)

5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm 8)

6:30 pm Salsa Dance (MP)

12 8 am Tai Chi (Rm 3)
9am Yoga w/ Dennis (Rm 3)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)

6 pm Zumba (MP)
7:05 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm7)
7pm Rhythm Weavers (Rm3)

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5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm3)

14 9am Yoga w/ Dennis (Rm 3)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)

YYFAP Families Together 6pm YCPC

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2pm Stage Production of Carla Perry Novel "Riva" (MP)

17 8am Tai Chi (Rm 3) 
9am Yoga (Rm 3)
9:30 am City Council Work Session (Civic Mtg Rm)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)
6 pm Zumba (MP)
7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong
St. Patrick's Day

18 2 pm Planning Commission Work Session (Civic Mtg Rm)
Planning Commission Meeting 3 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)

5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm 8)

19 8 am Tai Chi (Rm38)
9am Yoga w/ Dennis (Rm 3)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)
6 pm Zumba (MP)
6:30 pm City Council Mtg (Civic Mtg Rm)
7:05 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm)
7pm Rhythm Weavers (Rm3)

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Spring equinox
3pm Parks/Commons Commission (Civic Mtg Rm)

5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm3)

21 9am Yoga (Rm 3)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)

Spring Whale Watch Week starts....

22 12th Annual Spring Craft Bazaar - Ladies Club 10am
Plant exchange 12pm (Picnic Shelter)
44th Annual Yachats Crafts Fair 10am
Great Oregon Beach Clean-up Day!

23/30 Lions Pancake Breakfast 7:30-11:30am
12th Annual Spring Craft Bazaar - Ladies Club 10am
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24/31 8 am Tai Chi 8 am (Rm3)
9am Yoga w/ Dennis (Rm 3)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)

6 pm Zumba (MP)
7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP)

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5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm 8)

26 8 am Tai Chi (Rm 3)
9am Yoga w/ Dennis (Rm 3)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)

6 pm Zumba (MP)
6pm OM YOGA (Rm3)
7pm Rhythm Weavers (Rm3)

27 11:30 am Yachats Lunch Bunch 55+ (MP)

5:30 pm Altruh's Yoga (Rm3)

28 9am Yoga w/ Dennis (Rm3)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale 10am (MP)

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 If you only look at what is, you might never attain what could be. 