



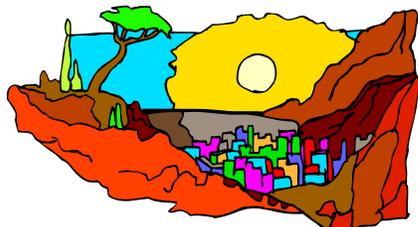
NEWSLETTER



CITY OF YACHATS

May 2002

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From the Mayor

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Along With Spring coming we'll soon be having the La De Da parade and (hopefully) fireworks. Here are some other events that you may wish to know about that will be coming soon:

- ODOT has let the contract for widening Hwy 101 around the curve to provide safer pedestrian/bicycle traffic through "the gorge". Work to be completed before July 15.
- The TGM (Transportation Growth Management) task force is selecting the contractor for a definitive study of traffic issues, parking, pedestrian and bicycle travel and access and streetscape design. Lots of exciting stuff here with plenty of opportunity for public input. Your ideas and concerns are much needed. This should begin in July.
- Thanks to the Master Gardeners, the front of the Commons is taking on a new look with more to come in the way of landscaping improvements.
- ODOT is moving forward with plans for the "T" intersection with the South end of Yachats Ocean Road and Hiway 101.
- Lincoln County Public Works, with input from the City, is designing improvements for Ocean View Road. Once this is done to city standards, the city plans to accept future responsibility for this road. This is scheduled for later this summer.
- The City will be modifying the main sewer pump station at Marine Drive and Ocean View; bringing the controls that have been below ground up to allow for more effective and safer maintenance Adding a standby generator and

enclosing all of this in a pump house should occur by this fall.

- Courtesy of The Friends of the Commons, the newly "certified" kitchen will be completed and be available for rent for those preparing food items for sale. Also funded by the Friends are improvements to the stage including vastly improved stage lighting and ventilation.

As you can see there is a lot going on. Keep tuned for more to come.



PARKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTED

John Toepfer was appointed by City Council to serve on the Parks and Commons Commission until December 31, 2004.

Toepfer is a retired aerospace-manufacturing engineer who has a long history of volunteer work including 2 1/2 years on the Silverado Park and Recreation Board in Orange County California, 15 years as a volunteer firefighter and 4 years as a Librarian.

Toepfer said that he wanted to help out on the Commission, which has been having a hard time getting a quorum for meetings lately.

Vacancies still exist on the Parks and Commons Commission and the Library Commission. Anyone interested in serving should stop by City Hall and pick up an application.

SEWER MASTER PLAN RECEIVED



Garrett Pallo and Steve Major of Dyer Partnership presented the first part of the sewer master plan to City Council at the May meeting. Pallo and Major reported that there are some good things with the system but there are a lot of problems as well. Deficiencies in the system

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- Inadequate pipe slopes to ensure gravity flow. This reduces capacity and grease accumulates.
- Infiltration (direct from the ground) is not bad, however inflow from the surface is a problem. Inflow comes from leaky manholes and storm water, including down spouts or other drains that are connected to the system. Inflow sources are usually easy and inexpensive to correct. Smoke testing will show where the inflow originates.
- Pump stations have inadequate backup power for emergency operation and no battery backup for the alarm system. There is a significant amount of wear, rust, and corrosion at the stations.
- Existing storm flows exceed capacity.
- The main pump station is nearing the end of the rated life, it has access problems, and the anti-corrosion system is failing.
- The Quiet Water pump station has odor problems in the off season due to low flows.
- The Pontiac pump station has significant corrosion and wear; and, has safety and access issues.
- The Ocean View pump station is operating well below the design capacity. This may be due to damage.
- The projected flows exceed the pump capacity for the Riverside pump station.
- The grit removal and screening equipment at the plant is undersized so if the pump stations are improved the plant will overflow.
- The equipment installed in 1995 is already failing due to the corrosive environment since the plant is so close to the ocean.
- The aeration basin is undersized for projected flows and there is no redundancy.
- The clarifier is undersized, there is no redundancy, and there is a poor return activated sludge control system. There needs to be a second (redundant) clarifier that could be used if the main one fails.
- There are risk management issues related to using chlorine gas.
- The aerobic digester is undersized for projected solid loading, there is no means available to decant liquids from the digester, and there are inadequate storage facilities for sludge.

Major said that the outflow will be adequate to take care of the flow for at least the next 25 years, and after that the system could be pressurized and pumped; and, it is possible that if the inflow problem is taken care of the plant will no longer be undersized for the projected flows; however the lack of redundancy will still be a problem. Dyer Partnership's

recommendation is to verify the flows and to make the improvements needed to meet DEQ's required redundancy. Major said that it appears that the City has enough room to complete the needed improvements at the current site.

Pallo and Major will be at the June Council meeting to discuss these improvements and the related costs.



YACHATS RIVER WATER QUALITY REPORTED

Jim Adler reported to City Council about the water quality of the Yachats River as ascertained by tests conducted during the summer of 2001. Alder stated that the pH was good; however, there were some spikes in the E.coli, which will need to be investigated. Temperatures were generally very high in the estuary; however there are, at times, steep drops in the temperature that indicate the tide is going much further up the river than previously thought.

The City of Yachats has a permit to draw water from the river, but that has only been done in times of extreme emergency. Reedy Creek continues to be the main source of water for the City, with Salmon Creek as a backup.



IN OTHER CITY COUNCIL NEWS

- Council approved the sale of the small backhoe to Southwest Lincoln County Water District and the purchase of a larger backhoe. The Water District will buy the small backhoe for the same price the City bought it for last year. The larger backhoe will allow the City do more work in-house, which will reduce the cost for many projects. The larger piece of equipment will also allow the public works crew to reach deeper lines more safely.
- City Council approved the use of alcohol at the Commons for a private wedding reception in September.
- Council adopted Resolution No. 389 - Declaring the week of May 19-25 as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By John McClintock

- Everything seems to be functioning the way it should as far as the meter reading, software, and all other components regarding the water



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distribution system. It is very important that the figures are dependable as the City begins the rate study.

- The public works crew has been busy taking care of a couple of sewer line blocks.
- The City's grease trap ordinance should be reviewed.
- A street inventory will be completed by the next City Council meeting and the Commission will be looking at a plan for improvements, including developing a list of criteria.

(Please note that Public Works and Streets Commission meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month.)

YACHATS COMMONS BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT.

by Nancy Dixon

Led by veteran Master Gardener Betty Bahn, recent graduates of the MGA program are undertaking a beautification project of the Yachats Commons front entrance landscape area



facing Highway 101. The project, proposed by Master Gardeners Judy Kauffman, has the following objectives: 1) to improve the looks of the landscape areas in front of the building, 2) to include and involve Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program participants, and 3) to help educate the public about coastal gardening and composting techniques.

The three long rhododendron beds directly outside the main door of the Commons were the first recipients of the master gardeners' skills. After weeding and fertilizing the beds, the gardeners covered them with bark chips; the rhodies are already showing their appreciation. At the same time, Yachats Commons youth volunteers helped clear and bark the area north of the building.

Currently, the gardeners are working on the area behind and adjacent to the circular stone bench directly in front of the Commons main entrance. The gardeners have weed and turned the dirt and have placed a six-inch layer of compost over the area. They are now in the process of putting in plants that are tolerant of coastal weather. So far, Shasta Daisies

(*Chrysanthemum maximum*) and *Viburnum tinus* 'Spring Bouquet' have been placed behind the stone bench. Barberries (*Berberis* 'Crimson Pygmy') grace either side of a stone extension provided by Mary Hirsch and Lou Caputo. Lou did the original rockwork on the bench. The gardeners plan to complete the bench area with heather. Meanwhile, the Angel Job Corps has agreed to clear the northeast corner of the front area, and the volunteer gardeners will plant red currant there.

Also in the works are plans to build planter troughs made from hypertufa that will be placed on either side of the Commons front door. Once the summer youth program begins, young people, under the direction of Debbie Jackson, will be helping the gardeners water, weed, and maintain the garden areas. The youth group also will be responsible for making, planting, and maintaining the hypertufa planter troughs.

Project volunteer, Nancy Hull, donated a plastic composter for the project. Not only with the gardeners be able to make use of the composter during the service project and future maintenance, they'll be able to teach people about the composting process. To educate the public about the program, information about the project and composting will be posted inside the Commons.

Besides Betty Bahn, master gardeners volunteers involved in this project include Judy Kauffman, Nancy Dixon, Jo and Bob Bakker, Nancy Hull, Jerry Kimmel, Mary Hirsch, and Kathy Plunk. Local volunteers Cheryl and Jerry Musial are providing additional help.

The Lincoln County Master Gardeners Association, the Yachats Parks and Commons Commission, and the Friends of the Commons have provided funding for the project.

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COMMONS NEWS

By Susan Garner, Commons Coordinator

Have you got a family reunion coming up, or a big birthday party? Come see the new and improved kitchen here at the Commons. The Friends of the Commons have been amazing. They wrote for grants, and got them!, to improve the facility for all of us to enjoy. Now the kitchen, according to the County Health Department, is certified and can be rented by caterers and casual cooks. These improvements, a new center food preparation island, new commercial dishwasher, large convection oven, are here for everyone to rent.

Meanwhile, Alice James, of the Friends, has been painting the stage and overseeing the installation of the new venting system for the stage. Again, all work was paid for by the Friends of the Commons. Now they're considering purchasing new curtains for the back of the stage. The hard work of this amazing group never seems to stop.

Now we have another group, the Lincoln County Master Gardeners, who are devoting many hours and much sweat to seeing that the grounds around the building are ready for summer and the number of visitors this community hosts. It is an amazing community, this wonderful Yachats area, full of good people and common goals, to make our community the best it can be.

Now, another good thing is beginning here at the Commons. This will be the third year that the Yachats Farmers' Market meets here on the grounds. The market starts up again on Sunday, May 26 from 9 to 1 pm. Incidentally, that's also the weekend of an arts and crafts fair here. Keep your eyes on the calendar and the readerboard for many great events at the Commons.

Volunteers Wanted - I am looking for a crew of people willing to spruce up the Yachats playground. The playground belongs to the City and it does not get a great deal of attention, if you are someone willing to pull some weeds, slap on some paint and have a good, gratifying time, please call me at 547-4734.



NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING & OREGON STATE REVENUE SHARING

A meeting of the Yachats City Council will be held on June 13, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. in the Civic Meeting Room of the Yachats Commons. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 as approved by the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Yachats City Hall, 441 Hwy 101 N. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on June 13, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in the Civic Meeting Room of the Yachats Commons. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds in the 2002-2003 budget year. Interested persons are invited to attend. Written testimony will be taken at the City Office, PO Box 345, Yachats, 97498. The meeting place is handicapped accessible. Those needing assistance please contact the City Recorder at 547-3565 before the meeting.

Annual Budget Summary Report for Fiscal Year
July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

<i>Reporting Through</i>	<i>4/30/02</i>	
Program	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Administration	\$467,190	\$359,409
Library	\$13,000	\$9,859
Little Log Church & Museum	\$9,499	\$4,449
Parks & Commons*	\$92,948	\$77,123
Streets	\$99,555	\$56,983
Water	\$581,775	\$343,419
Sewer	\$330,209	\$226,974
In Reserve for Future Uses	\$885,229	\$655,427
Debt	<u>\$178,509</u>	<u>\$134,842</u>
	<u>\$2,657,914</u>	<u>\$1,868,484</u>



LICENSES REQUIRED

If you rent your home for less than 30 days you must have a Transient Rental License. Forms are available at City Hall.

Anyone you hire to do work in and around your home must have a City Business License even if the physical site for their business is located outside the City limits. You may check with City Hall for those that are licensed.

HELP FUND THE FIREWORKS



The Fireworks Committee needs money to burn, or more correctly - to send up "the bombs bursting in air" on July 4th. Send your contribution

to P O Box 940, Yachats, OR 97498 For further details you can call Toni at (Coldwell Banker) 547-3171 or (home) 563-4438.



Great Water Saving Tips Inside and Out

- When buying a new washer, purchase one with conservation features. Choose a washer with load size selector and variable water level control.
- Install water saving devices outside. Use a nozzle that can be shut off or adjusted to a fine spray. When finished, shut off at the house instead of at the nozzle to avoid leaks. Consider a water saving drip irrigation system that provides a slow, steady supply of water to garden and shrubs.
- Warm weather means more outdoor activities, and more outdoor water use. Be as careful and efficient outdoors as you are inside the home.
- Presoak grills and oven parts overnight, then wash with an abrasive scrub brush or pad and use plenty of elbow grease to minimize water use.
- Check faucets and hose connections for leaks. Repair or replace when necessary. Inspect pipes for pinhole leaks.
- Check the filtration systems on your hot tubs and spas; and repair any leaks.
- Composting is an alternative to using the garbage disposal, and all that water. Several styles of containers are available to hold the materials while minimizing the odor and unsightliness.



HAND VALVES ARE NOT JUST FOR COLD WEATHER PROTECTION!

Leaks can spring up anytime, even when you aren't in the house. There have also been rare cases of unauthorized water use... faucets left on by kids filling water balloons or somebody who "borrows" your hose to put in a cement foundation or ... Well, you get the picture. The hand valve should be used to turn the water off when the house will be left empty anytime during the year. A leak inside the house can cause a lot of damage before anyone would know about it. And while a leak outside will not cause damage in your house, you will still see a big bill. Unauthorized water use could cost you big time too!

And remember having a hand valve installed will not do any good if you can't use it because it's covered up with dirt or debris, or if the handle has rusted off. Twice a year, at the same time you change your smoke detector batteries and change your clocks...make sure your hand valve is accessible.

If you need to repair or replace your hand valve the City can turn off your water service free of charge so you can do the work.



"In a Boy's Eye" - A Poem about Early Yachats By Frank Carpenter

Born to a village, too small to call town.
 Where its warmth and appeal made it a community.
 Sincerity was the way of life, no one was put down,
 And neighbors lived in trusted unity.
 Where a large crowd, was only a few.
 The shake of the hand, replaced the pen.
 Debts were not forgotten, but never overdue.
 The freedom that is yours is cherished by all men.
 When help was needed, there was no lack,
 And you made due with what you had.
 Whatever you owned was from the sweat of your back.
 Where playgrounds were large and free of crime.
 Nothing could be better for this young lad.
 It's a life, sadly, lost by changing time.

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