

NEWSLETTER

CITY OF YACHATS May 2005



YACHATS SAFETY PATROL

Mayor's Message - Susanne Smith

A little over a year ago, I began looking into the formation of a Safety Patrol in Yachats. My research included talking to the cities of Junction City, Eugene, and Waldport as well as doing some Internet research. What I found was that the citizen patrols that have been created in cities throughout the country have been successful as long as they have the support of the local law enforcement authorities. With the support of City Council, I was directed to form a task force to pursue the concept of a safety patrol in Yachats. The committee, consisting of Leslie Carter, John Toepfer, Max Glenn, Keith Perkins, George Fisher and me, began meeting in the fall of 2004 to try to determine how best to approach this process. Monthly reports were made to Council as this was occurring. Sheriff Dotson and Alan Canfield, who is the coordinator for the very successful Waldport Citizens Patrol mentored us as we developed a mission statement, goals, procedure and application.

The mission statement of the Yachats Safety Patrol is:...to address issues of safety, public assistance and ordinance enforcement by serving as 'extra eyes and ears and helping hands' to enhance the quality of life in the City of Yachats for residents and visitors alike. Its purpose is "to increase a 'presence' in the community in support of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department." The project goal is "to observe possible safety, security or assistance problems and to report those to the proper authorities; or to provide assistance to individuals by helping them make contact with the appropriate public or private services to meet their needs."

The application process was very carefully adapted from several sources and designed to authorize the Sheriff's department to institute a background check, which was performed for each candidate. After that, an interview committee (consisting of a few Yachats residents with backgrounds in psychology and/or social work) talked with each candidate. An official training session was held in April conducted by Sheriff Dotson in which volunteers were helped with understanding what their functions are and how to perform their functions. The Sheriff's office generously donated a half dozen reflective vests and two sets of magnetic door signs to help the patrols get started. More vests and sets of door signs, as needed, will be purchased by the City. Each "charter" patrol member has been given a hat that says Yachats Safety Patrol and each member has a photo ID badge created by the City. Patrols will go out in pairs.

Schedules are being created now; they will be adjusted as needed and as more volunteers come on board. Applications for participation are available at City Hall and training is continuous. I would be happy to discuss this with any on you who would care to get in touch with me at City Hall (547-3565); my home (547-4679) or my e-mail (suemiks@pioneer.net).

If you see a patrol team out, smile, wave and thank them. They are helping us!

South Gateway Site Approved

At the May meeting City Council discussed the proposed site for the south gateway sign. ODOT has approved a site for the south gateway on the east side of Hwy. 101 near the City Limits at East Windy Way. That site would meet the ODOT standards and the sign will be allowed within ODOT right-of-way. This is a complete change from the originally proposed site at the T-intersection of Yachats Ocean Road and Hwy. 101.

ODOT has agreed to move the existing 40-MPH speed sign so that it does not block the new gateway sign.

City Planner, Larry Lewis, wrote the adjoining property owners requesting an easement so that the area could be landscaped and maintained.

City Council authorized the Mayor and the Public Works Director to continue negotiations with ODOT for the East Windy Way site. The funds for the new gateway are in the approved budget for 2005-2006 fiscal year.



City Council Highlights

- City Council approved three applications for use of alcohol on City Property. One for a benefit concert and two for private parties.
- Council adopted a resolution requiring that all ancillary signs mounded on the gateway signs be no more than 18" and round. Local non-profit organizations that wish to have a sign on the gateway can apply to City Council.
- City Council adopted a Resolution reallocating budget funds in the 2004-2005 Budget.
- Council authorized the City Recorder to draft an ordinance, using the wording as proposed by the Public Works and Streets Commission, making property owners, rather than renters responsible for all water and sewer bills. This ordinance will be considered at the June meeting.
- Council repealed a couple of administrative policies that are no longer used.
- City Council discussed the Oregon Coast Community College's desire to purchase land in Waldport for a south county campus. Council authorized the Mayor to sign a resolution and a letter supporting OCCC's efforts to acquire a parcel of land at the old Waldport Forest Service Ranger Station.



Public Works Director's Report

By John McClintock reported:

- The Department of Environmental Quality gave the City notice on May 12 that the environmental impact study for the wastewater plant was accepted. The Confederated Tribes of the Siletz was the only agency that raised any questions.
- The DEQ said that now that the study has been accepted they would forward the loan contract to the City for review and acceptance. Once the City and the bond counsel have accepted and signed the contract, the Department of Justice will review and sign off on it. Once the loan is secured the next 10 EDUs will be released. This will take *at least* 30 more days.
- The water efficiency was 94% last month.
- The annual consumer confidence report will be mailed out next month.
- The signs on the north side of 4th Street designating that area as City Hall parking have been installed.
- Cautionary signs will be installed on King Street. Currently there are no speed limit signs on that street and the customary speed of 25 MPH would be too fast, so no speed limit will be posted.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Budget and Revenue Sharing

The City Council will hold two public hearings on June 9, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Civic Meeting Room of the Yachats Commons. The purpose of these hearings is to receive public comment on the proposed uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds and the Approved 2005-2006 budget. 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. The City of Yachats is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.



City of Yachats - Proclamation

Whereas the Reverend Doctor John A. Waide has given over thirteen years of outstanding community service to the City of Yachats and as pastor of the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church,

Now, Therefore, the City Council hereby proclaims the week of June 5 - 12, 2005 to be JOHN WAIDE WEEK.



Proclamation Designating the week of may 15 - 21, 2005 as emergency medical services week

Whereas, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

Whereas, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

Whereas, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

Whereas, emergency medical services providers have traditionally served as the safety net of America's health care system; and

Whereas, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technician, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others; and

Whereas, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers are volunteers; and

Whereas, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

Whereas, Americans benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals; and

Whereas, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week; and

Whereas, injury prevention and the appropriate use of the EMS system will help reduce national

health care costs;

Now therefore, the City of Yachats proclaims the week of May 15 - 21 Emergency Medical Services Week in Yachats, Oregon, and everyone in the community is encouraged to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.



City of Yachats - Proclamation - Older Americans Month - May 2005

WHEREAS, Yachats is home to more than 250 citizens aged 60 years or older; and

WHEREAS, the older Americans of Yachats are a vital part of our nation's demographic makeup; and

WHEREAS, older citizens are members of our community entitled to dignified, independent lives free from fears, myths, and misconceptions about aging; and

WHEREAS, each community in America must strive to recognize the contributions of our older citizens, understand and address their evolving needs, and support their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, our society is dependent upon intergenerational cooperation and support, and benefits from our collective efforts to serve older Americans and the people who love them; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Older Americans Act by the United States Congress;

NOW THEREFORE WE, the Yachats City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2005 as Older Americans Month.

Budget Comparison - Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005		
<i>Reporting Through</i>	<i>4/30/05</i>	
Program	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
General Administration	\$615,500	\$520,419
Library	\$15,758	\$11,645
Little Log Church & Museum	\$13,418	\$11,712
Parks & Commons*	\$117,412	\$108,995
Streets	\$121,913	\$94,747
Water	\$405,769	\$303,416
Sewer	\$690,714	\$585,710
In Reserve for Future Uses	\$1,350,199	\$1,266,769
Debt	<u>\$128,138</u>	<u>\$80,615</u>
	<u>\$3,458,821</u>	<u>\$2,984,029</u>



XRCIZE

By Mayor Sue Smith

(Reprinted from April Newsletter)

Whew! Are you up for an hour of serious exercise? Join a growing number of folks on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 10 A.M. or Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 for some serious heart-rate-increasing workout time. It can be as strenuous or as gentle as you decide to make it. Your Mayor is doing it (along with some Councilors and some of your neighbors) and enjoying the rush! Taught by Joe Valenti, accompanied by his wife, Julie, in the multi-purpose room at the Commons, music sets the beat for a great time. For more information, call Susan Garner, Commons Coordinator, at 547-4734. For a workout of a different sort, consider Tai Chi, an Asian exercise program that requires great concentration and flexibility, or Yoga. Yoga is growing in popularity among people who are reaping the benefits of increased flexibility, mental and emotional balance, and overall well-being. Yoga classes are offered by Ursula Adler and by Dennis McSharry. Be sure and check with the Commons Coordinator for times as schedules change frequently. Now there's no longer any excuse for NOT being fit!



Citizens Encouraged to Remove Noxious Weeds from their Property

Tansy ragwort, scotch broom and purple loosestrife are all among the list of noxious weeds that are quite a problem on empty lots, in ditches beside the road, and on local hillsides. City Code requires property owners to eradicate the pests, and City Council has noted that it is important that the proper methods be used to ensure that more damage is not done.

Also, City Code requires that any vegetation that could become a fire hazard needs to be removed before July 1.

Please contact the OSU Extension office at 574-6534 or Lincoln County Weed Control District at 574-1248 for more information about identification and removal of the weeds. There are pictures of the various weeds on-line at the City website and in City Hall.



House Numbers

Making sure your house number is clearly visible could mean the difference between life and death. Emergency vehicles need to be able to see the number when responding to a call. The UPS or Fed-X driver would probably thank you as well.

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



PARKING

Summer is coming and with that comes an increase in visitors to our City. Sufficient parking, particularly in the downtown core is always a challenge. City Council and City Hall staff regularly receive complaints about vehicles parked in violation of the code. Those vehicles inconvenience residents and business owners alike.

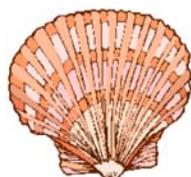
Vehicles are not suppose to be parked on the public right-of-way for more than 72 hours, nor are they to be parked on a street for the principal purpose of displaying the vehicle for sale; repairing or servicing the vehicle except for repairs necessitated by an emergency; or to sell merchandise

from the vehicle, except when authorized. Owners of vehicles parked longer than that may be cited into Municipal Court and fined.

Homeowners are required to have off street parking for their vehicles. As a courtesy to our guests, leaving downtown parking for their use would be appreciated by the guests and the merchants.

RVs owned by visitors may be parked on friends' property for up to two weeks as long as the sanitation facilities in the lot owner's home are used.

City Council continues to work on solutions to the parking problems in the city, and citizens can help by being thoughtful and courteous of their neighbors.



YACHATS BROCHURE

By Mayor Susanne Smith

Stop by City Hall, the Visitor's Center, The Log Church, the Library or many restaurants or hotels in Yachats and pick up one of our lovely brochures created in collaboration with Oregon State Parks entitled "While Visiting YACHATS please remember to.....". It is designed and intended to educate our many visitors, as well as residents, about our coastal environment. It encourages leaving animals where they are, touching gently, using designated beach access points, leashing and picking up after dogs, etc. The City was very pleased when State Parks offered to cover the cost of making this information available. If you see any State Parks personnel, you might want to offer a word of thanks.



YACHATS CLEAN SWEEP

Help us help you clean up our community! The City of Yachats, with cooperation from Dahl Disposal, is sponsoring a community wide clean up the week of June 8th, culminating on Saturday, June 11th.

****Wednesday, June 8th:** Yachats residents place any unwanted items (no household trash or hazardous materials) at the **edge of the street next to the curb**.

****Thursday, June 9th:** "One person's trash is another's treasure." Yachats' citizens and Friends are invited to "cruise" the City streets in search of treasures and take what they want from along the edge of the street.

****Friday, June 10th:** Shoppers and Treasure Hunters continue to "cruise" the City streets in search of treasures they may have missed the day before. Residents may bring any remaining unwanted items to the back Commons parking lot where there will be dumpsters marked for disposal.

****Saturday, June 11th:** Residents may continue bringing unwanted items to dumpsters until 5 p.m.

Proof of residence (physical address within the City limits) will need to be shown when items are disposed of at the Commons.



Commons News

By Susan Garner - Commons Coordinator

The Village Music Foundation had its first concert here at the Commons last weekend. It is encouraging to see a new group being formed here to bring more great entertainment to this community. Thanks to everyone involved. The next concert will be here on June 23 and it will feature LA musician John Doe.

Good weather is finally here and there are all sorts of activities going on around the Commons. The Parks Task Force is going ahead with the plans to improve the land behind the building. Syri Hamilton has been working hard at creating an arbor, which will lead from 4th Street to the picnic shelter. The Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program has great plans for a garden which will be going in soon between the picnic shelter and the playground. New benches and an expansion of the boardwalk is going in on the library trail behind the picnic shelter.

A dedication, "Jazz on the Boardwalk," is scheduled for July 30 with a concert by Daryl Grant planned for the evening.

Last weekend was the first Sunday for the farmers' market here. Come support local growers every Sunday from 9 am to 2 pm.

Many thanks to **Dennis McSharry** who stepped forward to put upcoming events on the readerboard outside the building.

June/July Calendar

June 2, 7 pm, Big Band Dance

June 3 & 4, 10-4 pm, Yachats Health Fair

June 23, 7 pm, John Doe Concert

June 29, Lunch Bunch

July 2, 7 pm, Hot Flashes production

July 4, 12 pm, La De Da parade

July 7, 7 pm Big Band Dance

July 9, Smelt Fry

July 16, 7 pm, Chautauqua talk

July 17, Garden Tour

July 30, Jazz on the Boardwalk

On-Going Events

Mondays- 8 am – Tai Chi

10 am & 4:30 pm – Exercise Class

3:45-6 pm - Youth Program

Tuesdays – 8 am & 9:30 am – Yoga

3:45-6 pm - Youth Program

7 pm - Basketball

Wednesdays – 8:30 am – Yoga

10 am & 4:30 pm – Exercise Class

3:45-6 pm – Youth Program

6:30 pm – Volleyball

Thursdays – 3:45-6 pm, Youth Program

4:45 pm – Yoga

Fridays – 8 am – Yoga

10 am – Exercise Program

3:45-6 pm – Youth Program

Sundays – 9 am – Farmers' Market

6:30 pm - Volleyball

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