



CITY OF YACHATS

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2015



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

There is a measure on the ballot that has to do with changing the Yachats City Charter. More accurately, it is a measure to change the

charter back to what it used to be. This issue is one of the more interesting pieces of governance history for our city.

It all started when the school district decided that the Yachats School property was surplus to their needs. They offered the City the chance to acquire the property for public use in exchange for a token payment. At that time the City Charter allowed the City Council the authority to make real property deals, to buy and sell property. The council favored the acquisition of the school property for a park and community center, what we now know as the Yachats Commons. They had the authority to make the deal and move on, but they didn't exercise that authority.

A vocal group of Yachadians felt that acquiring the property would be burdensome on the City for long-term maintenance and that the benefit the City would derive wouldn't be worth the cost. They made that argument to the Council which decided to ask the general population of the village what its collective opinion might be. They did this by placing a measure on the ballot asking if the community thought the Commons property should be acquired. Overwhelmingly the voters

endorsed the concept, the Council exercised its authority to buy land, and a community center and park, and the Yachats Commons and its programming is the result.

The folks that thought it was a bad idea weren't pleased and attempted to make real property acquisition more difficult by changing the City Charter to require the kind of advisory vote that the Council voluntarily used in the case of the Commons. People who support the acquisition of the Commons feared that the influence of the other side of this issue might result in an abrupt sale of the property. Consequently they signed on to the idea of the Charter amendment and by popular vote the authority of Yachats governing body to make real property acquisition or sales decisions was eliminated.

As it relates to the Commons issue, at the time both sides felt more secure. The Council could not make a decision to buy additional property which the anti-Commons side feared, and the pro-Commons set were assured that the City couldn't divest the Commons property without a ballot measure.

Because of this one significant issue, Yachats is the only City in Oregon whose City Council does not have the authority to solve problems through acquisition or sale of land. On the one hand this assures that voters will have a more direct say in whether or not land should be acquired or sold. On the other it denied us an effective seat at a



negotiating table to try and prevent clear-cut logging on one of our two water sources. It prevented nimble acquisition of properties suitable for parking when their prices were depressed during the economic down turn. It prevents the Council from playing a potential real property role in luring another bank back to town after the close of our only local financial institution.

The change from the more normal real property authority was intended to be limiting. The question on the ballot is whether the benefits of this limitation are worth giving up problem solving options. What do you think?



City Council Briefing

By Nancy Batchelder City Recorder

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committees of the **Yachats Urban Renewal Agency**, Lincoln County, State of Oregon, and the **City of Yachats** to discuss the budgets for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 will be held at the Civic Meeting Room, Yachats Commons. The meeting will take place on the 26th day of May 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 18, 2015 at City Hall, 441 Hwy 101 N., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Any person may appear at these meetings and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

The **City of Yachats Budget Committee** will hold a **public hearing** on May 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Civic Meeting Room of the Yachats Commons. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the possible uses of State Revenue Sharing Funds in the 2015-2016 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. The City of Yachats is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.



Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

Families Together May 29th 6-8 pm
Join us on May 29th for our last Families Together of the school year! This will be a very special evening as we will have guest author, Bob Welch, reading his children's book, "Keyboard Kitten Get's Oregonized". You won't want to miss this special Oregon book by our local author. Every child will receive their own free copy of this wonderful book. There will also be free dinner and crafts for the whole family from 6-8 pm at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church. See you there!



May in the Library

By Janet Rackleff

A big thank you to The Trust Management Grant of Waldport, who have awarded us our library a grant. Some of the monies will be used for purchasing local and Oregon author books. Come in over the next couple months and check out the new Oregon author books as they come in. We will also use some of the funds for a new bookshelf in the kids' room. We're developing our collection of Spanish and Bilingual books and will place them on the new shelves.



We'd also like to thank the Friends of the Library for their ongoing support of our volunteers, most recently a lovely evening of good food, gift bags and great talk.

Finally a big thank you to the Ladies Club for once again supporting our upcoming Summer Reading Program. They have contributed beautiful baskets as incentives for the kids to read all summer long. If you'd like to volunteer with the kids summer program, please contact Janet R. at the library.



Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Leader,
Communications

Every month I think, oh yes!
THIS is the very best month
for being out on our local trails!

But in truth, it's hard to beat May and June. That's one of the reasons the American Hiking Society's National Trails Day will be celebrated on June 6th. This day is celebrated in many ways around the country with a goal of promoting healthy living, protecting green space and reinforcing the importance of trails to local communities. (You can find out more about the national effort online at <http://www.nationaltrailsday.org/>.)

Locally, National Trails Day activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Cape Perpetua Visitor's Center. In collaboration with our friends and colleagues from the Siuslaw National Forest, there will be a hike along the Cummins Ridge Trail into the beautiful Cummins Creek Wilderness area. There, participants who wish to will also spend time pulling several stands of Tansy Ragwort, an invasive plant species that is toxic to many grazing animals in the area. The work session and scenic hike will be followed by a free luncheon (for participants who RSVP) at the Cape Perpetua Visitor's Center Deck (weather permitting) or, in case of rain, the Yachats Commons Picnic Shelter. If you've been thinking about hiking on Cummins Ridge, but didn't want to

go alone, this is a great chance to join companions on the trail.

If you would like to carpool from Cape Perpetua to and from the Cummins Ridge trail and/or attend the lunch following the hike, you must RSVP by May 30th to Joanne Kittel at 541.961.8374 or jkittel@peak.org or to Susan Fox, from the Forest Service, at tildedplanets@gmail.com. Note that cups of water will be available for hikers, but you are encouraged to bring your own water bottle to reduce the number of plastic bottles used overall. Also, as always, plan to dress in layers for changeable Oregon weather.

If you want to hear more information about all the events of the day you can tune in to KNPT AM1310 at 9:00 a.m. on June 2 where host Kiera Morgan will interview Yachats Trails Committee Development Leader Joanne Kittel, Cape Perpetua Visitor Center manager Brian Hoeh and Paul Engelmeyer, Cape Perpetua Foundation and Audubon Manager for this area on plans for the day and this summer's activities at the Cape.

Something else to look forward to this month will be an article on the Amanda Trail in the May 8th *Discovery* magazine insert in the Eugene Register Guard. This popular publication is used by many to plan summer vacation destinations so if you have renters or guests visiting your home this summer be sure to keep a copy handy for them to explore.

YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

YIPS! continues its work against invasive weeds, mostly blackberry, in the Yachats Community Park behind the Commons. Blackberry thickets have been growing unchecked there for many years, so we have a lot to catch up on. Along the way we also deal with holly, ivy, morning glory and any other undesirables that get in our way. Once everything is cut into manageable lengths and stumps are dug out, the debris goes into the large brush dumpster at the waste water treatment plant.

Our progress has been great due to outstanding citizen volunteers but the more the merrier! Come and join us on the third Saturday of every month. You can also find out more about YIPS! and/or weeds by contacting Wally (541-547-5474) or Don (541-961-6695), who are always happy to answer any questions.

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 join in the fun. We guarantee you a warm appreciative welcome and a friendly social get-together to celebrate our accomplishments at the end.

Upcoming events to add to your calendar:

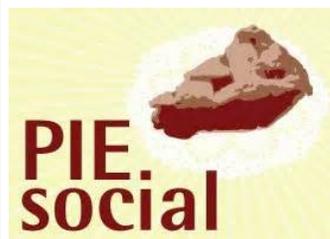
May 2nd (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:
Trails Crew work event (TBA)

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

June 6th - National Trails Day

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



Yachats Ladies Club Pie Social **By Sandy Dunn**

They are all flavors of pies that you will find at the Yachats Ladies Club Memorial Day Weekend Pie and Ice Cream Social on May 24th. These along with many other options will be available starting at 11:00 am.

Pies are sold till they are gone or 3:00 pm. Can't make this event then mark your calendar for other Pie Socials on July 4th and August 30th (Labor Day Weekend). Yachats Ladies Club was formed on January 25, 1927 and the old Yachats Dance Hall was purchased by the ladies and the building moved to its current location on May 31, 1929. Thanks to the support of the community this organization is able to contribute to many organizations in Yachats and Lincoln County. Join us at the clubhouse at 286 W. 3rd Street on May 24th for good food, fun and help us help others.

Yachats Lunch Bunch



By Will Williams, Coordinator

Our May luncheon will take place as usual on the last Thursday of the month—Thursday May 28th. Anyone 55+ is welcome. Our guest chef if

Robbie Schoonover. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon (suggested donation is \$5 per person).

This month's menu will be Citrus Chicken and Cheesy Cauliflower, spiced carrots, rolls with butter. Dessert is a big SURPRISE! Come and meet old friends and make new ones!



The Yachats Farmers Market coming Soon!

The Yachats Farmers Market features fresh organic produce, meat, poultry, hot food and fine art & crafts. The season opens Mother's Day - May 10th
Email: yachatsfarmersmarket@live.com
Website: www.yachatsfarmersmarket.webs.com
also find us on FaceBook and Twitter!



Friends of the Commons: *In consideration of those who are sensitive to the chemicals in fragrances. Please refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes during activities at the Commons. Your Cooperation is appreciated*



Fire Permit for use within City Limits

By Fire Chief Frankie Petrick

Permits are allowed under Yachats City Code 5.12.020 A, E & F. All fire devices or pits must be inspected before use. YRFPD must be contacted prior to onstruction of a fire pit or fire device. Location of a pit or device will be expected to be clear of overhanging branches. A screen cover to prevent fire brand travel will also be required. It is also required that briquets, dry wood, presto logs or other prepared material be used so as to have a clean burning fire. This permit will be good for the calendar year only.

Fire permitted on five acre parcels or larger shall be yard debris only, piles must be covered with black plastic to allow material to dry, a mechanical device to aid in introducing oxygen shall be used , and a propane torch to facilitate fast heat for the materials needing to be ignited. Fire shall be allowed to burn during daylight hours only and individuals burning must monitor smoke and take appropriate action to prevent smoke from drifting to areas occupied by people.

5.12.020 Outdoor burning prohibited - Exceptions.

No owner or other person responsible shall cause or allow to be initiated or continued on the owner's property any agricultural, commercial, construction, demolition, domestic, or industrial outdoor burning, except that the following shall not be prohibited by this section:

A. A fire used only for ceremonial or cooking purposes and fueled only by commercially available fireplace or barbecue fuel or by wood, with the fire contained in a fireplace, barbecue grill, chinaria, or other similar structure or equipment (but not a burn barrel) specifically designed for outdoor ceremonial or cooking purposes and permitted by the Yachats Rural Fire Protection District;

E. A fire permitted by the Yachats Rural Fire Protection District on properties over five acres, provided mechanical means, as approved by the

Fire District, for introducing oxygen to accelerate the burn are used;

F. A campfire in a fire pit structure provided by the State of Oregon in any State Park.

(Ord. No. 316, September 13, 2012, Added)

5.12.030 Violations



Attention: Home owners, Please post in your Vacation Rental or Long term rental.



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. Reminding folks when they make reservations at motels, vacation rentals (don't forget your long term renters, also) 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

Bargain hunters take notice! The City of Yachats will hold its annual "Clean Sweep" in June! Time to start spring cleaning!



Commons Events

By Leon Sterner, Coordinator

And the curtain opens on...

...Sordid Lives, a theatrical production directed by Carl Miller, starting on May 2 and running for three weekends. Some of you may not know that this is the second time that 'Director of Renown' Carl Miller has brought this show to Yachats as part of One of Us Productions' annual offerings.

...A preview and dinner theatre viewing of Sordid Lives on May 1, in partnership with Yachats Youth and Families Activity Program and as a significant fundraiser for YYFAP programming. Thank you fundraiser extraordinaire Jo Crooks for all of your efforts on coordinating this annual effort and Michelle and Anthony at Ona Restaurant for donating your time and efforts to create another great meal!

...New and continuing events that bring community members together at the Commons. New and new-ish events that have/will be happening include the Dances for Universal Peace (now held monthly on Sunday evenings), the Village Mixers (another one coming soon) and a May 18 event called the Power of the Heart. Kudos to continuing and vital activities such as exercise classes galore, Lunch Bunch, Big Band and lectures from the Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences (YAAS), to mention a few. All of these events occur because volunteers step up with curiosity and ideas and plans and they follow through with others to make things happen.

...And lastly, on with a new curtain! Stop by the multipurpose room to see the new color of the curtain (no spoilers here). Congratulations to One of Productions and the Friends of the Yachats Commons for securing the grants and local community support needed to purchase and install the new curtain. The Hurtin' for a Curtain fundraiser, held on April 10, was a testament to the creativity and zaniness of our local color. Again, well done!

I so appreciate these local efforts. We live in a community of opportunities. The opportunities match the many interests, demonstration of talents and well wishes of those who live and visit here.

What Meter Box?



With winter behind us, it is not only essential to know where your hand valve is located, but if it is functioning, and if the meter box is free of dirt and debris. The City recommends that customers check the hand valve on their property twice a year in the spring and the fall when the time changes over. In addition, we recommend that customers turn their water off at the hand valve if their property will be vacant for more than 3 consecutive days. Turning on a faucet after the water has been shut off at the hand valve will allow any water remaining in the pipes to drain out.

The City charges the account holder \$20 to turn off water services from 8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday, or \$40 after hours or on holidays. Homeowners may also receive \$100 citation for having a non-functioning or inaccessible hand valve.

Yachats Municipal Code 8.04.140 requires that *"All residential and commercial connections to the city's water system shall have a hand valve installed on the property owner's side of the meter. The valve must be installed inside the meter box or within twenty-four (24) inches of the meter to enable city staff to turn off the water without going on to the property..."*



Happy Mother's Day	Happy Mother's Day	Happy Mother's Day	Happy Mother's Day	Happy Mother's Day	Happy Mother's Day	Happy Mother's Day	Happy Mother's Day	Happy Mother's Day
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday
			<p>Monthly Tsunami Siren testing 11am November 6th</p>		<p>Exercise Class 10 am (MP)</p> <p>YYFAP : Dinner Theater Fund Raiser Play: Sordid Lives (Comedy) 5:30pm</p> <p>MAY DAY</p>	<p>1pm Foodie Group (Rm5) 7:30pm One of Us Productions presents: Sordid Lives (Comedy) Directed by Carl Miller</p>		
<p>3 2pm One of Us Productions presents: Sordid Lives (Comedy) Directed by Carl Miller</p>	<p>4 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP)</p> <p>Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 6pm Open & Honest (Rm5) 7pm Open Gym + ping pong (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm3)</p>	<p>5 8:30am Marketing Comm. 8:30am Qigong (Rm8)</p> <p>Emergency Planning Cmte 2 pm (Civic Mtg Rm) Public Works & Streets Mtg 3 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)</p> <p>Cinco De Mayo</p>	<p>6 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP)</p> <p>1pm Art in the Kitchen Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm8)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Big Band Dance 7 pm (MP)</p>	<p>8 Exercise Class 10 am (MP)</p> <p>7:30pm One of Us Productions presents: Sordid Lives (Comedy) Directed by Carl Miller</p>	<p>9 7:30pm One of Us Productions presents: Sordid Lives (Comedy) Directed by Carl Miller</p>		
<p>10 Yachats Song Circle 3pm(Rm 3) 2pm One of Us presents: Sordid Lives Happy Mothers Day!</p>	<p>11 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) 9:30am City Council Work Session (Civic Mtg Rm) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) 6pm OCCA Web Session(R8) 6pm Open & Honest (Rm5) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 7pm Open Gym + ping pong Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm3)</p>	<p>12 8:30am Qigong (Rm8)</p> <p>7pm Free Movement Dance (MP)</p>	<p>13 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) 11am Qigong (Rm8) Finance Committee 10 am (Civic Mtg Rm) 1pm Art in the Kitchen Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm8)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>2pm City Council Meeting (Civic Mtg Rm)</p>	<p>15 Exercise Class 10 am (MP)</p> <p>7:30pm One of Us Productions presents: Sordid Lives (Comedy) Directed by Carl Miller</p>	<p>16 7:30pm One of Us Productions presents: Sordid Lives (Comedy) Directed by Carl Miller</p> <p>Armed Forces Day</p>		
<p>17 2pm One of Us Productions presents: Sordid Lives (Comedy) Directed by Carl Miller</p> <p>Dances of Universal Peace 6:30pm (MP)</p>	<p>18 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) 6pm Open & Honest (Rm5) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 6:30pm FRIENDS: Power of the Heart Movie (MP) 7pm Open Gym+ping pong (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm3)</p>	<p>19 8:30am Qigong (Rm8)</p> <p>Planning Commission Work Session 2 pm (Civic Mtg Rm) Planning Commission Mtg 3 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)</p> <p>Friends Bd Mtg 5:30pm</p>	<p>20 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) 11am Qigong (Rm8)</p> <p>1pm Art in the Kitchen Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm8)</p>	<p>21 Gentle Healing Yoga 11am(Rm3)</p> <p>Parks & Commons Commission 3 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)</p>	<p>22 Exercise Class 10 am (MP)</p> <p>Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert 7pm YCPC</p>	<p>23 10am Crafts on the Coast 11am SHARP! Yachats Ladies Club Memorial Day Pie & Ice Cream Social</p>		
<p>24 7:30am Yachats Lions Pancake breakfast 10am Crafts on the Coast</p> <p>31</p>	<p>25 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) 6pm Open & Honest (Rm5) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) 7pm Open Gym + ping pong Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm3)</p> <p>Memorial Day City Hall Closed</p>	<p>26 8:30am Qigong (Rm8)</p> <p>5pm Budget Comm. Public Hearing (CivicRm)</p>	<p>27 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) 11am Qigong (Rm8)</p> <p>1pm Art in the Kitchen Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm8)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:00am Yachats Lunch Bunch 55+ (MP)</p>	<p>29 Exercise Class 10 am (MP)</p> <p>6pm Families Together @YCPC Dinner & Story!</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30pm YAAS: Max Glenn on Appalachia</p>		

In memory of many, In Honor of all, Thank you!