



# NEWSLETTER

YACHATS CITY COUNCIL VISION

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. Adopted: April 2, 2009

## Mayor's Message

By Mayor Gerald Stanley [Gerald@yachatsmail.org](mailto:Gerald@yachatsmail.org)

As I write my October Mayor's Message on a beautiful September afternoon, I want to express to all of you my profound gratitude for all that our City Manager, Joan Davies, has accomplished during the regrettably short time she has been with us. As most of you now know, deliberations of the State Legislature concerning the retirement of public employees threatened Joan's planned retirement income. To secure her financial future, Joan had to declare her retirement.

To detail the hugely impressive way Joan organized and formulated the various parts of our City government would be beyond my ability to summarize. I witnessed it all happen, along with the talented contributions of my fellow Council members and other Yachats citizens, whose personal expertise played key roles. For me, the daily give and take with Joan was both challenging and enjoyable. I came into office with experience in management and leadership, but none of it in the area of city governance. I know that my attempts to offer my insights must have challenged Joan's patience significantly. But as I SLOWLY learned the ropes, we became a team, and it was ever more enjoyable and fulfilling as the days passed by.

Joan's sense of humor rivals mine for wackiness, and when the two "senses" connected, we had more than a few hilarious interchanges. Thank you, Joan. It is a delight to know you are staying on as a Yachatian!

Now I look forward to meeting and working with our new City Manager, Shannon Beaucaire. I was in telephone contact with her in a three-way

conversation with Max Glenn, who ably directed the whole hiring process. This was done due to my having to leave town on a family health-related issue, and I informed the Council that I was positively impressed with all the applicants for the position. The choice of Shannon was thus good news. I am fully optimistic about what lies ahead.

I am grateful to those of you who have inquired about my family situation. I know my physical presence where it was needed was clearly helpful in removing the serious anxiety that was causing the problem for my family member. I have no reason to think that I will ever again have to miss a meeting as important as hiring a city manager.

My afternoons at City Hall will be a little disrupted next month, because we have a project going on in the council room on Mon., Oct 2 and I have a conflict on Wed., Oct. 16.

MAYOR'S MORNING COFFEES (8:00 to 9:30 am):  
Oct. 6 (Bread and Roses) Oct. 11 (Blue Whale)  
Oct. 18 (Drift Inn) Oct. 25 (Green Salmon)  
MAYOR'S "OFFICE HOURS" (12:30-4:30 pm):  
Mon/Wed/Fri, except Oct. 2 and 16

## DO YOU HAVE BUILDING HISTORY FOR LITTLE LOG CHURCH & MUSEUM?

We are conducting an analysis of what needs to be done to repair the damaged logs in the Little Log Church & Museum; help bring it back to its best condition; and strengthen what remains. Do you have any photographs or history about remodeling that was done, or who might have worked on it?

Please email [cityhall@YachatsMail.org](mailto:cityhall@YachatsMail.org) and let us know, or call City Hall at 541-547-3565.



## Seeking Balance in an Unbalanced World

By Greg Scott, Council President

Recent city council changes in vacation rental regulations are an attempt to seek a better balance between the interest of property owners who wish to rent their homes and the residents that have moved to Yachats seeking peaceful neighborhoods. The outcome represents more than eight months of community discussion and council effort.

Perhaps less clear is that the ordinance imposes requirements on the property owner to maintain accurate information in the City's on-line database to retain their license. All existing vacation rental license holders need to be able to login to their City account for their VR property to manage changes to their contact information. There are a couple of information boxes that can be updated only by staff – a letter will be sent out to owners.

In addition, the City Council has approved an amnesty program for property owners operating a vacation rental without a license. Application for amnesty must be made on or before October 15, 2017. That is a Sunday, but the application system will show a date and time stamp on all documents.

Information on the amnesty program, the vacation rental account access process and documents: <https://yachatsoregon.org/Documents/Download/VR.pdf>.



## Yachats Lunch Bunch +55

Last Thursday of each month  
At Yachats Lions Club at 344 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Guest Chef on Thursday, **Oct. 26** is Robbie Schoonover, serving Halloween specialties:

*Spooky Pot Pie with Witches' Shredder Salad  
Weird Dessert (Beware!) and Very Orange Drink*

**WEAR A COSTUME, IF YOU DARE!**

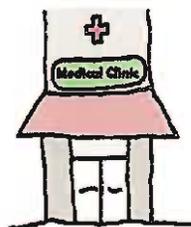
Lunch Bunch is at Yachats Lions Club, 344 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, at noon on Thursday, **Oct. 26**. Doors open by 11:30am. Suggested donation: \$5.00

## Yachats Library 2+2 Committee update

By Barbara Frye, Council Member

The "2+2 Committee" (two Council members and two Library Commission members) have been meeting every two weeks, discussing options and making plans about the Library moving to the 501 Building. We have an ambitious timeline and are working hard to meet it. We have gotten amazing input from the volunteer librarians and managers, and other interested people, about how they visualize their "dream" library in this new spot.

We just met to review and prioritize all the suggestions, and will narrow down all the information into the collective best vision, knowing revisions will need to be made, eventually, as we learn what we can and cannot change (or afford). We have hired a consultant who is evaluating the condition of the building, codes for libraries, and other requirements. Once he has completed that, he will meet with the committee and present a report with his findings and recommendations.



## Yachats Lincoln Community Health Clinic Update

By Barbara Frye, Council Member

Monthly planning meetings concerning a health clinic for Yachats continue. A basic agreement to work toward

locating a clinic in Yachats has been agreed on by the Yachats City Council and Lincoln County Department of Health and Human Services, on behalf of Lincoln Community Health Center.

Possible sites are being evaluated. A strong possibility for a clinic is the current Yachats Library, and we hope to have an agreement that this would be an appropriate site. There are many details to work out and discuss, but the good news is, we are moving forward.

Remember, the City of Yachats will not own or operate this clinic. Federally-funded Lincoln Community Health Center would own and operate the clinic, which provides health for all.

## Yachats Ladies Club Place in the History of the Yachats Community

A look back at Yachats history, by Sandy Dunn

Besides having “the” place for meeting and having fun, the ladies of the Ladies Club have played an important part in the activities of the community. In 1931, the Home Beautiful Committee planted the triangle created at the intersection of the Roosevelt Highway and Yachats Road with flowers, fenced it, and named it Swastika Point. The Committee also handed out Port Orford Cedar seedlings for planting in yards in February 1932, and in the spring of 1942 they dispensed Calla Lilies and other plants to residents to plant. You can still see the lilies in various places in town.

The City streets were just packed-dirt wagon roads, so in 1929, the Ladies Club helped pay for the gravelling of the road serving the Club. In 1945, a Club member was on the street lighting committee and the Club helped get that project started. In 1963, they paid for the curbing at the Club and donated \$100 to the Little Log Church, to pay for their curbs. For 25 years, from 1932 to 1957, the Club organized the annual Christmas party for the children in town. Stockings filled with oranges, candies, raisins, and nuts were handed out. Gift baskets for shut-ins were delivered and food was donated for needy families in town.

## YACHATS FOOD PANTRY

OPEN M-W-F, 11a-1p

By Pam Luderitz  
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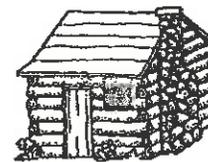


We'd like to extend a big “thank you” to everyone who donated produce from their gardens this summer. It was well received and appreciated. We would also like to send a big thank you to the generous person who donated a nearly-new Maytag fridge to replace our old rusted unit.

We are open Mon. Wed., and Fri., from 11a to 1pm except holidays. If you wish to donate, but the pantry is not open, come on down to the YYFAP office downstairs Monday-Friday 10am-5pm. All donations of food and money are welcome. Make checks to YACHATS FOOD PANTRY.

## Little Log Church & Museum

328 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street 541-547-3976  
12pm-3pm Mon-Wed; Fri-Sun  
Closed on Thursdays



Article by Mary Crook

The Little Log Church & Museum is pleased to announce we have received delivery of the carillon bells, donated by two very generous supporters of Yachats and the LLC&M.

Last May, we reported to the community that the Friends of the Little Log Church were offered the opportunity to acquire a carillon bell system and we asked for your input. Response was overwhelmingly positive. The concerns of the few who had reservations were assuaged when we assured them the carillon would ring only about twice a day – say, noon and six pm – and occasionally for a special occasion or when seasonally appropriate. We certainly want to respect and maintain the peaceful ambience of our special town.

Delivery was September 14, from BRG Precision Products, in Derby, Kansas. We checked their references and found them to have a solid reputation, with satisfied customers in Oregon and throughout the country.

Installation will be coordinated by LLC&M board member Leon Sterner, who will be working with local people knowledgeable in the required electronic and technical matters. The five boxes we received contained wiring, speakers, the programming PC, and all necessary accoutrements to make it happen.

We are excited to have the opportunity to add this charming enhancement to our village and to our living history. We will announce the date of dedication – very likely at holiday time. Stay tuned.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WED., OCTOBER 11 AT 6PM**  
**WILL BE HELD IN THE CIVIC MEETING**  
**ROOM (NOT MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM)**

## Uncommon News from The Commons

By Leon Sterner, Commons User Support

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Now I can truly say that it has been a "Banner Year" for the Friends of the Yachats Commons. Last night, over 150 residents and visitors attended the first annual artist reception and banner auction at the Yachats Commons. The 29 artistic banners created by local artists hung on the new light posts along Highway 101, welcoming residents and travelers throughout the summer. They were auctioned off to a delighted group of bidders.

The Friends Board members and other friends created fabulous appetizers, and a local band, They-Went-That-Away, provided musical entertainment. The proceeds from the event will be used to continue the project next year, and to fund arts and culture programming at the Commons. Thanks so much for everyone who admired, attended and participated. We will do it again next year! Watch for new information.

### Farmers Market on W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Open Sundays 9am-2pm along W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Come support our local growers and artists while enjoying the friendly atmosphere of the Market, in the area around the Yachats Commons. Clothing, art, pottery, jewelry, hot soup with grilled cheese, and locally-raised fruits and veggies are offered each Sunday, thru mid-October.



## Yachats Public Library

560 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street

541-547-3741

Mon/Fri 12p-4p

Tue/Thu 12p-5p

Wed 12p-6p

Sat 10a-4p

By Sandra Calkins, Library Volunteer



Fall has just begun in Yachats. Fall with its changing colors—fall with crispness in the air—fall with shorter days—fall with fewer visitors. Fall has begun and with it, Yachats returns to the small, peaceful village that we love.

For those of us still working, the pace is slower. For those of us retired, the visitors have left. For the children, school has begun and they are learning and growing, starting to become the citizens of the future who will make the big decisions facing our world.

We cannot stop the advancement of time any more than we can stop the changing of the seasons. We can all only do what we can to hold onto the things about our village, our state, our country, and our world that we love. And we can work to improve the future of all of these. This is what we Yachadians do best—we care!

So as we enter this fall season with a slower pace, we can discover new ways to keep and improve the things we love. One way to do that is to read some of the great works of the past—the essays and stories of our country's founders. We can read about the lives of the people who came before us in this special corner of the world. We can read about the environmentalists and those who worked to discover and invent things which make our lives easier, but sometimes more dangerous.

My challenge to you, our readers is to visit our library and find a book about a subject that interests you or instructs you. My challenge to you is to escape from your traditional reading and branch out into new subject matter. Try it, and the new knowledge that you learn may lead you to great discoveries of your own.

Our library has a world of information and ideas and our volunteers are here to maybe give you some ideas to expand your world. Whatever you choose to read this month, let the reading give you new thoughts and pleasant times.



## **Trails Committee News**

By Jan Brown, Communications Leader  
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First, a BIG thank you to all the YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plant Subcommittee) volunteers who turned out to rid the Whale Tail Park of ever-sneaky Ivy, Morning Glory and other assorted bad weeds as well as to prepare good plants for winter.

You may have seen Trails and YIPS! crews in our bright Trails safety vests at work on similar activities. This is one of the many ways we reach out to make visitors aware of our trails and Yachats as an overall destination. It's been a great way to promote local activities year-round.

Coming up October 7-8 is Rainshadow Running's annual 50K and 30K Oregon Coast races which follow routes along the 804 and Amanda Trails, with loops through Cape Perpetua. They have sold out entries every year, bringing in new business during the traditionally slower "shoulder" season.

SIERRA, the national Sierra Club magazine, has published an exceptional article, *Oregon's Trail of Tears* at <http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2017-5-september-october/explore/oregons-trail-tears>.

At the end of the month, several members of the Trails Committee go to the Oregon Trails Summit in Bend. It is sponsored by Trailkeepers of Oregon, whose mission is to "inspire action for the protection and enhancement of the Oregon hiking experience through advocacy, stewardship, outreach and education". These gatherings always provide new opportunities for learning.

## **Trunk or Treat Families Together**

By Alice Beck, Director 541-547-4599

Join us Friday night, Oct. 27 at 5 pm for lots of Halloween fun! We will start with a Halloween story time and dinner. Then afterwards, the local *Retro Road Gypsies*, *HHR-PT Cruiser Club* once again is hosting Trunk or Treat for all our little ghosts and ghouls! You don't want to miss out! In addition we will have a carved pumpkin contest (you bring the pumpkins in, already done) and lots of Halloween activities.

## **The Queen is dead. Long live the Queen**

By Joan Davies, City Manager (for a little bit longer)

You could say I left the best for last, or you could say that I wanted to be sure you read the whole newsletter. Or you could say I told the Mayor I didn't want to write a column and procrastinated.

This will be my last newsletter to you – many of you don't even know I put them together. We have lots of good article contributors to the content, and I try to make them as readable as possible, both in content and appearance.

It has been a rich and full experience for me, serving as the first Yachats City Manager in history. Only 16 months, but as you have read previously, I needed to make a choice between making sure the Oregon Legislature did not cut my retirement, or taking the risk that five bad bills would fall apart at the end of the session. I understand 40,000 Baby Boomers joined me in early retirement. "It is what it is" and "everything happens for a reason".

After months of advertising the vacant code enforcement contract, and a panel interviewing a number of applicants that didn't work out for various reasons, I applied to them for the contract myself. Before my City life, and a Bachelor's in Small City Management, I had also obtained an Associate's in Criminal Justice. After that, I was licensed as a private investigator, and then became an abuse investigator for DHS (Seniors & Disabled).

I am grateful I was awarded the contract. Even more glad that I won't be chained to a desk 24/7. I have been keeping up with the code complaints as well as I could, for most of the year, writing letters at night or on weekends, and taking photographs before and after work. Now I get paid for it. I will also be doing code enforcement for Waldport.

I ask that you keep this in mind, as you go about your life in this beautiful environment: If you have a legitimate issue, call the place or person who can do something about it. Facebook is a convenient place to vent, but if you are trying to do something constructive – call City Hall. If you don't like what your council members accomplish, run for office. If you have extra time on your hands, volunteer.

# OCTOBER 2017

Especially when the October wind with frosty fingers punishes my hair, caught by the crabbing sun I walk on fire and cast a shadow crab upon the land...

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>FARMERS MARKET 9a-2p</b> <b>W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street &amp; parking lot</b>  <b>3p Blessing of Animals</b> <b>Little Log Church</b> <b>328 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street</b>	<b>2</b> 8a Tai Chi 501 10a Exercise Class 501  <b>PRIVATE EVENT</b> <b>IN COMMONS 10/02-10/12</b>	<b>3</b> 8a Community Yoga 501 <b>8:30a Marketing Com Rm1</b>  <b>PRIVATE EVENT</b> <b>IN COMMONS 10/02-10/12</b>	<b>4</b> 8a Tai Chi 501 <b>9:30a Council Work Rm1</b> <b>Session</b> 10a Exercise Class 501  <b>PRIVATE EVENT</b> <b>IN COMMONS 10/02-10/12</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>7p Yachats Big Band</b> <b>AT LIONS CLUB THIS TIME</b> <b>344 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street</b>  <b>PRIVATE EVENT</b> <b>IN COMMONS 10/02-10/12</b>	<b>6</b>  10a Exercise Class 501  <b>PRIVATE EVENT</b> <b>IN COMMONS 10/02-10/12</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>15</b> <b>FARMERS MARKET 9a-2p</b> <b>W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street &amp; parking lot</b>  <b>2p Native Bee Conserv</b> <b>YAAS MP</b> <b>Suggested \$5 donation</b>	<b>16</b> 8a Tai Chi 501 10a Exercise Class MP  <b>3:30 Volleyball MP</b>  6p Zumba® MP 7p Ping pong Rm 8	<b>17</b> 8a Community Yoga 501 <b>1:15p Pickleball MP</b> <b>2p Planning Comm</b> <b>Work Session Rm 1</b> <b>3p Planning Comm</b> <b>Meeting Rm 1</b> <b>7p Racism conversation Rm 8</b>	<b>18</b> 8a Tai Chi 501 10a Exercise Class MP  11a Ping Pong Rm 8 1p Art in Kitchen Rm 5  6p Zumba® MP	<b>19</b> 8a Community Yoga 501  11a Gentle Yoga 501  <b>3p Parks &amp; Commons</b> <b>Comm Meeting Rm 3</b>	<b>20</b>  10a Exercise Class MP  <b>MUSHROOM FESTIVAL</b>  <b>7p Chamber Orchestra</b> <b>Concert Presbyterian Ch</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>MUSHROOM FESTIVAL</b>
<b>22</b> <b>(LAST ONE THIS YEAR)</b> <b>FARMERS MARKET 9a-2p</b> <b>W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street &amp; parking lot</b>  <b>MUSHROOM FESTIVAL</b>	<b>23</b> 8a Tai Chi 501 10a Exercise Class MP  <b>3:30 Volleyball MP</b>  6p Zumba® MP 7p Ping pong Rm 8	<b>24</b> 8a Community Yoga 501  <b>1:15p Pickleball MP</b>	<b>25</b> 8a Tai Chi 501 10a Exercise Class MP  11a Ping Pong Rm 8 1p Art in Kitchen Rm 5  6p Zumba® MP	<b>26</b> 8a Community Yoga 501  <b>11:30a Lunch Bunch LIONS</b> <b>344 4<sup>th</sup> Street CLUB</b> <b>Suggested donation: \$5.00</b>	<b>27</b>  10a Exercise Class MP  <b>5-7p Yachats Ladies Club</b> <b>Scholarship Fund Raiser</b> <b>286 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Yachats</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  <b>2-4p Milo &amp; Friends MP</b> <b>Fundraising Concert</b>	<b>30</b> 8a Tai Chi 501 10a Exercise Class MP  <b>3:30 Volleyball MP</b>  6p Zumba® MP 7p Ping pong Rm 8	<b>31</b> 8a Community Yoga 501  <b>1:15p Pickleball MP</b>	8a Tai Chi 501 10a Exercise Class MP  11a Ping Pong Rm 8 1p Art in Kitchen Rm 5  6p Zumba® MP	8a Community Yoga 501  <b>PLEASE REMEMBER:</b> The Commons and 501 are scent-free and smoke- free. We appreciate you not wearing cologne, perfume or strong- scented clothing when visiting	<b>"501"</b> means the former bank building at 501 Hwy 101N In The Commons, "MP" means the old gym, aka multipurpose room in The Commons	