



# 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 W. John Moore [mayor@yachatsmail.org](mailto:mayor@yachatsmail.org)

As I reported last month, the Council had been considering a 1% increase in our Transient Rental Tax. We took public input from our hotel owners, motel owners, and vacation rental property managers at our second meeting in February. This increase would have raised about \$115,000 in additional revenue, with about \$80,500 of that being restricted in the Visitor Amenities funds, and the balance would be available for the general fund. After considerable discussion at our first meeting in March, the Council decided not to pursue an increase in the Transient Rental Tax at this time, but to consider appointing an ad hoc committee to recommend additional ways to bring groups to Yachats during the slow season, make recommendations for uses of the Visitor Amenities funds, and maybe to make recommendations about revitalizing our Chamber of Commerce. We will continue this discussion in April 2019.

Some people have asked if I have regular office hours. I decided not to do that, as Mayor Stanley frequently lamented how few people actually showed up during his office hours. I am available, however, for any of you. If you would like to make an appointment to talk with me, you can email me at [mayor@yachatsmail.org](mailto:mayor@yachatsmail.org), or my home phone is 541--547-4945.

On March 20, 2019, we had our annual joint meeting with the County Board of Commissioners. They addressed issues of concern to all local governments – single use plastics, homeless & mental health, affordable housing, vacation rentals, biosolids, solidifying a partnership relationship between the City and County, and an update on Ocean View Drive.

Speaking of Ocean View Drive, our Council meeting on April 17, 2019 will be focused on the transfer of Ocean View Drive to the City, and the issues still outstanding. We will also be asking for public input on traffic directional flow once the paving has been done. About a year ago at the Public Works & Streets Commission open meeting on this topic, we had about 100 people in the audience, and about two-thirds of you were in favor of making Ocean View Drive one way Northbound from W 2<sup>nd</sup> to W 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and one way westbound along the Yachats River from Pontiac Street to the State Park. We're getting much closer to making the final decision on traffic flow, and wanted to give each of you the opportunity to voice your opinions and concerns. The meeting will be at 6:00 pm on April 17, 2019 in the Multipurpose Room of the Commons. See you there!

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS THIS MONTH**

Wednesday, April 3 at 9:30 am

Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm

Special Topic: Ocean View Drive

## New City Hall Office Hours

**Monday – Friday**  
**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
**Closed Noon – 1:00 pm**



### Summary of Recent Council Activity

The Council took the following actions in  
**February 2019:**

- Discussed with Public Works the causes of the December 2018 water leak from a fire hydrant that became dislodged. Water Treatment Plant Lead Rick McClung assured Council remedies were underway to address the back pressure issue.
- Discussed input from the public on the Transient Lodging Tax and decided to not enact a 1% at this time.
- Began development of a plan to assemble a committee to examine how to bring more visitors to town in the off-season, how to best use Visitor Amenities Funds, and how to revitalize the Chamber of Commerce.
- Discussed revisions to the Council Rules document.
- Adopted Ordinance 355 on the Finance Committee composition and function through a second vote.
- Heard a presentation from Bob Bennett, Public Works and Streets Commission Chair, on the Emergency Operations Plan update.
- Agreed that Public Works could proceed with getting new legal signage to replace the round noncompliant Tsunami Evacuation Route signs.
- Set the agenda for the March 20, 2019 joint meeting with the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.
- Heard Manager Beaucaire's report on updates around insurance and risk management that were presented at the annual Oregon CIS Conference (Citycounty Insurance Services).
- Held a joint meeting with the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on March, 20, 2019.

## Public Works Department

As part of its yearly maintenance program, the Yachats Public Works Crew will be flushing the water mains for most of April beginning Tuesday, April 2, 2019 and ending May 1, 2019.

The flushing will take place between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm.



Residents may notice a loss of pressure and possibly discolored water while flushing is in progress. This inconvenience should be limited to the time work is being done on your street. If you experience discolored water after 3:30 pm on the day of flushing, allow your taps to run until the water turns clear. If you experience other problems, please call City Hall at 541-541-3565.

## City Charter Update

The City reminds you that there will be a public vote on the adoption of a revised City Charter in the May 21, 2019 election.



The City Council is proposing three updates to the City Charter. All of these updates follow the model language recommended by the League of Oregon Cities.

**1. Clarification of quorum requirements:** The following sentence was added to Section 12 on Quorums: In the event of a vacancy due to resignation or other events, the quorum is reduced accordingly.

**2. Language for City Manager position:** The Committee that evaluated the organizational structure of the City in 2016 recommended that the City move to a Manager – Council structure which combines the strong political leadership of elected officials with the strong managerial experience of a manager. This system is representative where all power is concentrated in the elected Council and where Council hires a

professional manager to oversee the delivery of public services and manage the day to day operations. In 2016, the Council hired the first City Administrator, a position that combined many of the duties of the City Recorder and Public Works Director along with the administrative role that the Mayor had held. Making this update to the Charter recognizes this change in governance.

**3. Formilization of the Municipal Court and Municipal Judge:** the City has long retained a judge to operate a Municipal Court for violations of the Yachats Municipal Code. While the Court has not had any cases in the last several years, the City must remain able to process any citations from Code violations. The added language outlines the role of the judge and the jurisdiction of the court, including the ability of having hearings outside of the Yachats city limits.

### City Projects

**Ocean View Drive:** Lincoln County is planning to begin re-paving in May or June 2019. Replacement of the guard rails and re-gravelling the 804 Trail will occur sometime after the new fiscal year (July 2019) and after the archeological testing is complete. The County will restripe the pavement once the City has finalized the traffic flow decisions. The Council will again be taking input on traffic flow at their April 17, 2019 meeting.

#### **Multipurpose Room Flooring:**



The Multipurpose Room floor is installed and the Commons is back to normal activity. Stop by to see how great it looks. Facilites Manager Hoen thanks everyone for being flexible about where they met during the construction. The new

floor is warrantied for 30 years.

**Website Redesign:** A Civic Plus consultant visited Yachats for three days to meet with groups to get input on page content. She met with Staff, the Council, Commission Chairs, the Library, the City Planner, Public Works, Yachats businesses, and the general public. Your input was much appreciated and will be reflected in the design.

The City is now in the process of getting documents and information updated for the new site and of setting up the rooms in the Commons for the facilities management software.

The City learned much information about best practices with municipal websites. Given that Civic Plus only does sites for municipalites, they are in a great position to know what the latest laws are. One issue we learned about concerns being compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). We learned that an industry has evolved around suing cities for posting non-ADA accessible documents on their sites, and that this practice has become very profitable for companies searching for non-compliant sites.

The City also learned that advances in internet use and online searchability has resulted in users having the ability to find information from a variety of sources. Therefore, best practices suggest that a website not try to be everything to everyone. The new website will highlight the services the City provides as well as attractions for tourists.

We expect to have a first glimpse of the proposed design in May 2019. The anticipated launch date for the new site is the end of June 2019.



**Little Log Church & Museum Repairs:** The City is working with an engineer and an architect on proposals to rebuild the Little Log Church and Museum. The Board of the Friends of the Little Log Chuch met and recommended that the City rebuild the building as a replica of what exists now. The plans for the rebuild are in early stages of development. See Mary Crooks' article on the Little Log Church on page 5 of this Newsletter.

**Library Renovation:** The City has received sketches of the proposed Library remodel and the Library Commission will discuss the next steps at their April 9, 2019 meeting at 10:00. The proposal is to add a 400 square foot room on the east side of the building and to spruce up the interior and exterior of the existing building.

### **City Meetings this Month**

All meetings in Room 1

April 3: City Council Work Session – 9:30 am

April 4: Emergency Preparedness – 3:00 pm

April 9: Library Commission – 10:00 am

April 9: Public Works & Streets – 3:00 pm

April 10: Finance Committee – 10:00 am

April 16: Planning Commission – 2:00 pm

April 17: City Council – 6:00 pm

April 18: Parks & Commons – 3:00 pm

### **Yachats Trails**

By Jan Brown, 541-547-4927  
Communications Leader  
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Trails and YIPS! crews accomplished a lot in March. Come join the group in April. The Trails Crew will meet on April 6 and YIPS! will meet on April 20, 2019 behind the Commons. Watch for an email.

While the Trails and YIPS! crews work hard, it is not all work and no play. Be sure to mark your calendars for the very popular annual Yachats 804 Trail Ivy Pull, co-sponsored with the Overleaf Lodge. We will also be celebrating National Trails Day in June, but this time a week later than usual. Due to the popularity of this day there are now a number of overlapping events going on so we will hold ours on June 8, 2019 instead.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

The Trails Crew meets on the first Saturday of each month and the YIPS! Crew on the third Saturday, both from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. We guarantee a warm and appreciative welcome and, if you are so inclined, a friendly social get-together at the Drift Inn to celebrate our accomplishments at the end. Watch the Trails Committee's website ([yachatstrails.org](http://yachatstrails.org)) for the locations each month. You can also contact the leaders listed below for information on any aspect of Trails or YIPS! or to

sign up for the mail list. We hope to see you on the trails in the new year!

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Loren Dickenson, Trails Crew  
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Wally Orchard, YIPS!  
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Bob Langley, Trails Crew and YIPS!  
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### **New Belly Dancing Class Added**

Belly dancing has been added to the assortment of ongoing classes at the Commons. Belly Dancing will meet at 6:00 pm in Room 3 on Mondays.



### **Ongoing Events in the Commons**

Tai Chi: Mon & Wed at 8 am

Exercise Class: Mon, Wed, Fri at 10 am

Yoga: Tue at 9:30 am, Thu at 3 pm,  
and Fri at 8 am

Ping Pong: Mon at 7 pm, Wed at 11 am

Picketball: Wed at 1:15 pm

Art in the Kitchen: Wed at 1 pm

Whiffle Ball: Thu 12:30 pm

Belly Dancing: Mon at 6 pm

Zumba: Mon & Wed at 6 pm

Basketball: Mon at 10 pm

### **Yachats Food Pantry**

Open M,W,F 11a-1p  
Pam Luderitz, 541-547-4599



The Food Pantry is going very well. I would like to thank everyone who has donated food and money to the Pantry. Since we are not government sponsored, every bit helps. I would like to thank a new member of our village who is generously giving monthly donations. I am also going to meet with people who can give us food at a cheaper price and would have a constant supply of fresh products.

As always thanks to our wonderful volunteers who keep our pantry open. Volunteers are always welcomed and especially needed in the summer

months. If you have a spare 2 hours on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, please call 541-547-3493 to volunteer.

### Little Log Church & Museum

328 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St 541-547-3976

12pm-3pm every day except

Closed on Thursdays



By Mary Crook

Back in 1992, the Little Log Church had to close due to safety issues. The building was suffering the woes of most coastal log buildings: dry rot, poor insulation, inadequate foundation, and more. Its fate was debated in City Council meetings and coffee shops. Some said it was too costly to repair. Others said it was beyond repair. A proposal was even made to tear it down and pave it over – voila! A much-needed parking lot!

The outrage in the community brought forth a group of concerned citizens who wanted to preserve the memory of the 63 year-old building. It was decided to restore what could be restored, modernize with sheetrock, new plumbing and lighting, and make the Little Log Church a landmark again. The lead contractor was Charlie Canfield, age 87. When Charlie had to stop working, Verlin Post, age 77, took over. The crew of about 25 volunteers worked through the wet spring of 1992 and finished sometime late in 1993.

It was a good decision, albeit an arduous undertaking. I started as a volunteer host at the Little Log Church shortly after it re-opened and have been there ever since. I have witnessed many weddings, poetry readings, concerts, ceremonial mayoral declarations, lectures and more. Thousands of visitors have passed through its portals, taking with them a bit of the spirit and hospitality of this little burg.

Now we are facing the same dilemma folks faced 27 years ago. Inspections by engineers, building consultants, and restoration experts have drawn the same conclusions: the building is severely compromised due to dry rot, mold, and damage from carpenter ants. In some places the logs are deteriorating before our eyes. Repair is not an option. Professional restoration is possible, but

would be extremely expensive as well as a prolonged process that could take years.

After meeting with City representatives and reviewing detailed reports from consultants, the Little Log Church Board unanimously agreed to remove the existing building and replace it with a building that not only replicates the structure of the original building but also maintains the spirit and design of the present Little Log Church. All artifacts, furnishings, collections and valuable historical documents will be preserved and returned to the replicated building.

We are heartened the precious memory, history and spirit of the Little Log Church will stay with us. We are already exploring multiple creative ways to finance this undertaking. We will certainly keep you apprised. We would also appreciate input from the community about this very significant project.

### Yachats Lunch Bunch +55



Last Thursday of each month  
Yachats Lions Club - 344 W 4<sup>th</sup> St  
Doors open at 11:30am \$5.00 donation

Lunch Bunch will be on Thursday, **April 25, 2019**. Our featured chefs are the wonderful duo of Sandy White and Jesse Badger.

#### Menu for April 25

*Hot French Dip Sandwiches on Soft Roll  
Onion Au Jus \* Broccoli Salad \* Potato Chips  
Pineapple-Apple Dump Cake with Ice Cream*

Doors open at 11:30, and lunch is served at noon. We meet at the Lions Club, 344 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and our regular age group is 55 and above, though we never check ID's.

### Central Coast Chorale



The Central Coast Chorale will perform at 7:00 pm on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

# Yachats in APRIL 2018

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>NO SMOKING OR VAPING ON ANY CITY PROPERTY</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>8a Tai Chi Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP 6p Belly Dance Rm3 6p Zumba MP 7p Ping Pong MP 10p ONA Basketball MP</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30a Yoga CLY Rm8</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8a Tai Chi Rm8 <b>9:30a Council Meeting Rm1</b> 10a Exercise Class MP 11a Ping Pong Rm8 1p Art in the Kitchen Rm5 1:15p Pickleball MP 6p Zumba MP</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>3p Emergency Preparedness Cmte Rm1</b> 3p Yoga VinyasaFlow Rm3 7p Yachats Big Band MP</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8a Yoga CLY Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP <b>7p Village Mixer MP</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>10a Trails Crew - meets behind the Commons</b></p>
7	<p>8</p> <p>8a Tai Chi Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP 6p Belly Dance Rm3 6p Zumba MP 7p Ping Pong MP 10p ONA Basketball MP</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30a Yoga CLY Rm8 <b>3p Public Works Rm1</b></p>	<p>10</p> <p>8a Tai Chi Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP <b>10a Finance Cmte Rm1</b> 11a Ping Pong Rm8 1p Art in the Kitchen Rm5 1:15p Pickleball MP <b>3p City Manager's Meeting Rm1</b> 6p Zumba MP</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>10a Library Commission Rm1</b> 3p Yoga VinyasaFlow Rm3</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8a Yoga CLY Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP</p>	<p>13</p>
14	<p>15</p> <p>8a Tai Chi Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP 6p Belly Dance Rm3 6p Zumba MP 7p Ping Pong MP 10p ONA Basketball MP</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30a Yoga CLY Rm8 <b>2p Planning Work Session Rm1</b> <b>3p Planning Commission Rm1</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>8a Tai Chi Rm8 9:30a Arts Guild Rm5 10a Exercise Class MP 11a Ping Pong Rm8 1p Art in the Kitchen Rm5 1:15p Pickleball MP <b>6p City Council Meeting Rm1</b> 6p Zumba MP</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>3p Parks &amp; Commons Rm1</b> 3p Yoga VinyasaFlow Rm3</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8a Yoga CLY Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP <b>PASSOVER BEGINS</b></p> 	<p>20</p> <p><b>10a YIPS! - meets behind the Commons</b></p>
<p>Happy Easter!</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>8a Tai Chi Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP 6p Belly Dance Rm3 6p Zumba MP 7p Ping Pong MP 10p ONA Basketball MP</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30a Yoga CLY Rm8</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8a Tai Chi Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP 11a Ping Pong Rm8 1p Art in the Kitchen Rm5 1:15p Pickleball MP 5p YYFAP Parenting Rm3 6p Zumba MP</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3p Yoga VinyasaFlow Rm3</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8a Yoga CLY Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>5-7p Benefit Dinner for CASA - Ladies Club MP</b> <b>7p Central Coast Choral</b> <b>PASSOVER ENDS</b></p>
28	<p>29</p> <p>8a Tai Chi Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP 6p Belly Dance Rm3 6p Zumba MP 7p Ping Pong MP 10p ONA Basketball MP</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30a Yoga CLY Rm8</p>	<p>PLEASE REMEMBER: The Commons is scent-free and smoke-free. We appreciate your not wearing cologne, perfume or strong-scented clothing in the Commons.</p>			