



# 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)

At our May 1st Council Meeting, the Council agreed with the majority of the public that spoke on the issue to re-configure Ocean View Drive from W 2nd to W 7th Streets to one-way traffic Northbound once the County completes the resurfacing of that road. We will end up with 2 lanes on that section – one for vehicular traffic and one for pedestrians and bicycles, so it will finally be safe to walk along that section of Ocean View Drive.

After considerable discussion the Council decided that the section between Pontiac Street and the State Park should be one way headed East (towards 101 from the park). Given that many vehicles enter the park from 2nd Street and how difficult it is for longer rigs to turn around in the park, the Council felt that this was the most prudent course to take for traffic flow. This section will also have 2 lanes – one for vehicles and one for pedestrians and bicycles for additional safety for all.

The County will install reflective "turtles" every few inches on the line separating the lanes so you can see them at night, and also so pedestrians walking along Ocean View Drive will be able to hear vehicles that cross over that line while coming up behind them. Just one more thing to increase pedestrian safety in that area. We still have to wait for the State Archaeologist to finish the testing before the

County can replace all of the guardrails, so that part will probably take a few more months.

The Council again considered a single use plastic ban, but agreed to wait a couple of months to see what the Legislature ends up doing. The State House recently passed a single use plastic bag ban, and the bill has moved to the Senate, so we'll see what the final outcome turns out to be.

We began discussion on the current vacation rental ordinance, which was enacted in September, 2017 on a two-year trial basis. At our second meeting in May, we had a number of vacation rental managers and owners give their input on the topic for over two hours. The Council will begin deliberations on this issue at our first meeting in June. And oh yes, the Budget Committee passed the 2019-2020 Budget for the City after a marathon six-hour budget meeting. It was long, but we got the job done.

I would also like to say "Thank You" to all of you that voted in the Special Election on May 21. It was a good turnout for an off-cycle election, and thank you for approving the City Charter revision. With 99% of the votes counted, you voted Yes – 237, No – 95. Well done!

Just a reminder to everyone, Clean Sweep is scheduled for June 20 – 23 this year, and the Public Works and Streets Commission would

like to have a lot more volunteers to help out. Hint – being a volunteer gives you first crack at “adopting” things that people drop off during the event, so if you’re a bargain hunter, this is a fun opportunity for you to help your community. Just contact Bob Bennett of the Public Works & Streets Commission to volunteer (or the City office). Let’s help keep Yachats beautiful!

### **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS THIS MONTH**

Wednesday, June 5 at 9:30 am

Wednesday, June 19 at 6:00 pm

### **Summary of Recent Council Activity**

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

- Proclaimed May 5-11, 2019 Municipal Clerks Week.
- Proclaimed May 12-19, 2019 as Police Week.
- Proclaimed May 19-25 as Emergency Medical Services Month.
- Proclaimed May 2019 as Mental Health Month and Older Americans Month.
- Discussed citizen feedback on traffic flow on Oceanview Drive.
- Voted to establish one-way traffic flow in two areas on Oceanview Drive: from W 2<sup>nd</sup> to W 7<sup>th</sup> Streets northbound and from the State Park to Pontiac Street eastbound (toward Highway 101).
- Decided to wait to see what the State legislature does regarding banning single use plastic bags before the City takes an action.
- Began a discussion on the relationship between the Parks and Commons Commission and the Little Log Church and Museum.
- Interviewed two vendor groups to operate the Yachats Farmers Market and entered into a contract with Blythe Collins to have the Market rent the area for \$35 per week.
- Heard 23 testimonies from the public on the pilot Vacation rental program.
- Discussed a revised Volunteer Manual.

### **City Meetings this Month**

All meetings in Room 1

June 5: City Council Work Session – 9:30 am

June 6: Emergency Preparedness – 3:00 pm

June 11: Public Works & Streets – 3:00 pm

June 19: City Council – 6:00 pm

June 18: Planning Commission – 2:00 pm

June 20: Parks & Commons – 3:00 pm

### **Code Enforcement**

#### **Weed Abatement July 1 Deadline**

It’s late spring in Yachats! The daylight hours are longer. The temperatures are rising. It’s time to get out and take care of your yard. Here’s a list of what you need to do...

Remember to:

- Trim/prune any bushes and trees you have so they don’t creep over onto your neighbor’s property.
- Keep those hedges and bushes at a height of 3 feet in the front yard (the street side).
- For clear vision, on corner lots or driveways, keep the hedges at 2 1/2 feet high a distance of 10 feet back for driveways, 15 feet for street corners.
- In these areas, as well, keep your trees trimmed so the branches remain 8 feet above the ground.
- Remove the weeds (noxious vegetation) and the blackberry bushes from your property.
- And keep that lawn mowed.

The city encourages you to continuously maintain your property on a regular basis.



Yachats Municipal Code prohibits property owners from allowing the growth of noxious and invasive vegetation, as well, and any vegetation that – because of uncontrolled growth and accumulation of dead or dormant vegetation – could become a health hazard, a fire hazard or a traffic hazard. (YMC 5.08.110).

**What is noxious vegetation?** Noxious vegetation includes weeds and other invasive plants. A handout with a list of what types of plants are noxious is available at the City Commons Building. The priority noxious weeds that should be completely removed are:

- Himalayan blackberry
- Scotch or French broom
- Canada thistle or creeping thistle
- English holly
- Gorse
- Hare barley or foxtail
- Hedge bindweed or morning glory
- Japanese and giant knotweed
- Old man's beard
- Pampas grass
- Purple loosestrife
- Spurge Laurel
- Tansy ragwort

City code requires noxious vegetation to be removed or eliminated by July 1st of each year. That date is quickly approaching. This not only prevents all of the above-mentioned hazards, but it keeps plants from extending onto neighboring property (reducing neighbor to neighbor disputes), and it allows your yard to become a place to enjoy aesthetically as well as mentally and physically.

If this is you, and your yard has gotten out of control, please consider this article a notice to abate the nuisance of uncontrolled growth of vegetation or noxious plants on your property in the City of Yachats.

After July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the next step that the City will take is sending the individual notices to abate to property owners in violation. According to Yachats Municipal Code 5.08, Nuisances, if you fail to comply with this notice or a following notice, the City is authorized to contract with a firm to bring your property into compliance, and recover all costs of the abatement (plus a 15% administrative cost) by placing a lien on your property.

Feel free to contact the City if you have any questions about this issue. You may call the code enforcement officer directly at 541-590-0053, or City Hall at 541-547-3565 or send an email to [planner@YachatsMail.org](mailto:planner@YachatsMail.org) to discuss the issue or advise us that you prefer to have the City contract

for abatement and place a lien on your property. We are here to help.

Together, we can make the City of Yachats a wonderful place to visit, to stay and to live!

### City Projects

**Ocean View Drive:** Paving of Ocean View Drive will take place in June 2019. Residents will be given notice prior to the work being started. Replacement of the guardrails will occur after the state archeologist has completed their study.

**Paving W 1<sup>st</sup> and E 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets:** The City received bids on the repaving of W 1<sup>st</sup> and E 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets which came in slightly under budget. The City Council asked the City Manager to proceed with completing the contract to do the work.

**Website Redesign:** The new City website is on schedule to launch at the end of June. Final design revisions are in progress.

### City Planner – onsite availability

Planner Dave Mattison will be on vacation for his regular days at City Hall on Tuesday, June 11 and June 18, 2019. He will instead be available at City Hall for consultation on Friday, June 7 and Friday, June 21, 2019.



### Clean Sweep June 20-23, 2019



The Fourth of July is fast approaching. That also means that it is time for Clean Sweep! This is the time for the citizens of our treasure village to get rid of all things which are cluttering our homes, garages, and yards so everything looks neat and tidy our country's birthday.

Clean Sweep is set for Thursday thru Sunday, June 20–23, 2019. This event is sponsored by Yachats in partnership with Dahl.

We will accept:

- Brush – the same Dahl rules for curbside brush pickup apply: “If it grows it goes”
- Metal – NO glass
- Trash – the same Dahl rules which include plastic (but no bags please), finished wood, Styrofoam, waxed containers. Dahl rules can be found on-line at [www.dahldisposalservice.com/recycling-and-services-guide](http://www.dahldisposalservice.com/recycling-and-services-guide)
- Electronics – microwaves to electric toothbrushes
- Batteries
- Light Bulbs

**Items that will NOT be accepted include:**

- Tires
- Paint
- Chemicals
- Plastic bags
- Glass

Most of these items (except plastic bags) can be accepted at Dahl’s recycle location just off Crestview Drive in Waldport.

We are issuing a Casting Call for more help. We need volunteers to help the Public Works and Streets Commission monitor the collection site and assist folks getting their articles into the correct container. There are morning and afternoon shifts available during the 8:00 am to 6:00 pm hours of operation on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If you have four hours to spend, this is an ideal time to get a first look at items coming in and to help beautify our village. One person’s trash is another person’s treasure!

Volunteers can either sign-up at City Hall or email Bob Bennett at [rmbenn@casco.net](mailto:rmbenn@casco.net). We need your name, contact information (either phone or email) and your preferred day and time. You will be notified about final schedules after the June 11 Public Works and Streets Commission meeting. Thank you for your help to keep Yachats cleaned up for the Fourth!

**Yachats Trails**

By Jan Brown, 541-547-4927  
 Communications Leader  
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By the time you read this, our June 1 National Trails Day celebration on the Restless Waters Trail at Cape Perpetua will already be past. But if not, check out the details on the Yachats Trails Web page and also plan to attend a second national trails event from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

At that session, the Trails and YIPS! crews, in collaboration with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), will work on cleaning up and further preparing the future Amanda Bridge site for construction. Due to limited parking, participants should plan to meet at the north parking lot of the Commons and carpool to the site. Tools and gloves will be available to borrow or bring your own. Layered clothing and a water bottle are recommended. Following this session there will be potluck picnic at the Commons picnic shelter. If you plan to carpool and if you plan to attend the potluck, please RSVP to Joanne Kittel at 541-961-8374 or [inkittel@peak.org](mailto:inkittel@peak.org).

This is such a beautiful time of year to be outdoors with lush new growth appearing everywhere. Unfortunately, many of those fast-growing plants are nefarious invasive species and just plain bad weeds. Luckily, we have Wonderful Wally Orchard leading our YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) crew to fight back.

If you would like to know more about weeds lurking in and around Yachats, take a look at the Weeds page on the Trails Web site ([yachatstrails.org/weeds-in-yachats.html](http://yachatstrails.org/weeds-in-yachats.html)). There you will find fantastic printable information on a wide variety of Yachats weeds, including why they are bad and how you should go about dealing with them. Of course, you can also always contact Wally directly via the information below. Thank you, Wally and crew, for the great work you do to banish weeds and reclaim native habitat.

**Mark Your Calendar:** The Annual 804 Trail Ivy Pull is set for August 24, 2019. Meet at the Overleaf Lodge at 9:00 am.

For ongoing Trails and YIPS! updates, and to sign up for e-mail notifications, contact any one of us via phone or e-mail. You can also check out our

Web site at [yachatstrails.org](http://yachatstrails.org). For more information, and to sign up for e-mail notifications, contact any one of us via phone or email. You can also check out our Web site at [yachatstrails.org](http://yachatstrails.org).

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### 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

Many memories have been made at the Little Log Church & Museum over the last 90 years – weddings, memorials, family gatherings, poetry readings, concerts, and more. It's a living testimony to Yachats then, now, and the future. A very special memory was made last Easter Sunday in the garden of St. Francis of Assisi in the form of a dedication of a dogwood tree donated by the family of Dr. Esther Palmer and planted in her memory.

There are many varieties of dogwood. Ours is called, "Eddies White Wonder," and seems to do well in the Pacific Northwest. It's just a baby. We will enjoy seeing it mature and thrive.

Esther Palmer's family thought planting a tree in her memory was a fitting tribute to her. Dr. Palmer was an herbalist, a lifelong gardener, and naturopathic doctor. She was also a member of "The Incredibles" – the historic team that designed and built the first Boeing 747. She lived in the Puget Sound area for most of her life, and later moved to California to be closer to her daughter and granddaughter. She brought her family to Yachats as often as she could, for she loved this little village. The Little Log Church was always on her itinerary, and she made sure she came during the annual Celtic festivals, which she loved. She passed away September 4, 2018 at the age of 93.

Her memorial service was held at the Little Log Church last October.

In keeping with acknowledging the Little Log Church & Museum as a repository of memories past, present and future, the family requested that a time capsule be placed on the property. The capsule is a WWII ammunitions box, and contains items honoring Dr. Palmer, some historic mementos from the Little Log Church & Museum, as well as small tokens from local businesses (notes, business cards, local maps and menus, etc.) – a veritable potpourri of who we are today. The items were wrapped in special material that will help preserve them, and covered with a sheet of beeswax for extra protection. A letter was written to whoever will open the time capsule in 100 years. A map and instructions will be retained by the Little Log Church & Museum. An exhibit will be created at the museum to tell future generations the story of this remarkable woman and the treasures of the past, present and future that reside here.

### Yachats Library

By Jane Rackleff

June is here and no matter our age, we know that school is almost out. At the Library, we're getting ready for another summer of the Children's Reading Program, and since this summer marks the 50th anniversary of the first moon walk, we will tie it in with the year's theme: *A Universe of Stories*.

Our program will be all about space, with seven weeks of stories about astronauts, aliens and UFOs, the planets, rockets and space stations, going to Mars, and that amazing lunar landing.

Summer reading will start July 11, 2019 and continue on Thursday mornings through August 22, 2019. Our last week we will have performer Michael Bradley sing and share puppets while the children have a party and receive their gift bags donated by the Ladies Club and earned by each child meeting their reading goal.

The youngest children, 4-5 years will meet 10:00 - 10:45 am at the Library for stories and book selection.

Older kids, 6-12 years of age will meet 10:45 -11:30 am at the Library.

This year we will also have an all ages story teller, Tracy Chipman, on August 23, 2019 at 10:30 am. Don't miss this special community treat! You can get a preview of Tracy's performance at her website: [listentoatale.com](http://listentoatale.com)

### 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  
Pickleball: 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 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, **June 27, 2019**. The Lunch Bunch Team will be serving you a traditional 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic lunch.

#### Menu for June 27

*Polish Sausage or Hot Dogs on Sandwich Rolls  
Potato Salad \* Baked Beans  
Devilled Eggs \* Chips  
Watermelon & Cantaloupe*

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.

### Yachats Food Pantry

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



Just wanted to thank all the people who continue to donate to our Food Pantry. Many people in town give monthly monetary donations and many people give food. Please say thank you

to Creight & Dave who donate their tips and Yvonne at Just Local who also donates monthly. Thank you to people who share their wonderful fresh produce from their gardens and who share fresh products purchased from the stores.

We can always use more volunteers especially with summer travel coming upon us. Please call Pam at 541-547-3493 if you are able to give 2 hours once each month.

### CERT Volunteers Visit Lodging Places

The volunteers of South County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) will be visiting the hospitality industry in South Lincoln County beginning the first part of June. Our goal is to share information with the owners/managers of the lodging places in South County so as to mitigate disasters as well as how to recover from disasters that we may be prone to here on the coast. Owners, employees and guests at the coast are all vulnerable when disasters strike; we believe we have information that can make living through and recovering from natural disasters much more likely. We are working with the support of our sponsors, Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue and Lincoln County Emergency Management. Please contact South County CERT at [slcocert@gmail.com](mailto:slcocert@gmail.com) if you have questions. We look forward to meeting you and making some new friends!

### Yachats Pride – May 31-June 2, 2019



The third annual Yachats Pride festival is May 31 to June 2, 2019. The event runs Friday through Sunday. The festival features dances, contests, drag shows, educational programs, live music, puppy parades, picnics, and more.

See the Yachats Pride website for more details at [yachatspride.org](http://yachatspride.org).



# Yachats in JUNE 2019

SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>NO SMOKING ON ANY CITY PROPERTY, PLEASE</b></p> 	<p><b>PLEASE REMEMBER:</b> The Commons is scent-free and smoke-free. Please refrain from wearing cologne, perfume, or strong scented clothing in the building.</p>				<p>8a Yoga CLY MP 10a Exercise Class MP</p> <p><b>YACHATS PRIDE</b> 6p 2nd Chance Prom MP</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>10a Trails Crew - meets behind the Commons <b>YACHATS PRIDE</b> noon Gender Kiki LionsClb 3p Loud &amp; Proud Pavilion 6:30p Pepper Show MP 8p Dance MP</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9a-2p FARMER'S MARKET <b>YACHATS PRIDE</b> Noon Picnic Pavilion 1p Best in Show</p>	<p><b>3</b></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><b>4</b></p> <p>9:30a Light Yoga Rm8 6:30 Fitdance Rm8</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8a Tai Chi Rm8 9:30a City Council Rm1 10a Exercise Class MP 11a Ping Pong Rm8 1p Art in the Kitchen Rm5</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>3p Emergency Preparedness Cmte Rm1 3p Yoga Vinyasa Flow Rm3 7p Yachats Big Band MP</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8a Yoga CLY Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9a-2p FARMER'S MARKET 2p Coreal Riday-White MP YAAS - Our Children's Trust: legal right to safe climate</p>	<p><b>10</b></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><b>11</b></p> <p>9:30 Light Yoga Rm8 3p Public Works Rm1 6:30 Fitdance Rm8</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8a Tai Chi Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP 11a Ping Pong Rm8 1p Art in the Kitchen Rm5 1:15p Pickletball MP 6p Zumba MP</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>3p Yoga Vinyasa Flow Rm3</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8a Yoga CLY Rm8 10a Exercise Class MP</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>noon-3p Trails Picnic Pavilion</p>
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