



NEWSLETTER



CITY OF YACHATS

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FROM THE MAYOR

YACHATS COMMONS PARK

Yachats is being afforded an extraordinary opportunity to create a unique park experience in the open land that is part of the 4.3 acres that makes up the Commons. In memory of her husband Jerry, Cheryl Kraft is making an extremely generous donation for the purpose of development of Yachats Commons Park. To augment this donation, other individual donations, which are tax deductible, should be made to the "Friends of the Commons—Park Fund" and be sent to P. O. Box 435, or dropped off at City Hall. This fund will allow for a concerted effort to acquire additional grant monies in addition to a potential allocation from the Visitor Amenities Fund. The combined funding should be sufficient to truly bring to reality the dream that Jerry and others have had for several years for this area.

This is an undertaking that will likely take several years and involve many people to fully complete. Jerry visualized the following general objectives:

- Preserve the Spruce forest west of the Commons (approximately 1.3 acres).
- Develop a natural park / educational "wetland" meadow area to complement the Commons landscape, and improve the general appearance of the Commons area.

- Establish trails to access and traverse the area, and to connect the west side of the Commons Building to the west end of 6th street and the Library area. These trails become part of the Village Circulation Plan connecting Ocean View with the Commons, as a trailhead, and the center of town.
- Modify the shrub-covered area west of the Commons (approximately 2.36 acres) in three phases over three successive years (or more).

Creation of an agreed upon plan, incorporating extended public input, will be an important beginning. This plan will need to stand formal review and approval by the Parks & Commons Commission and the City Council before work begins. To assist with this process I am asking a diverse group from the greater Yachats Community to form a Task Force that will assist with fund raising, selection of a professional landscape architect, providing input for the design process, and who knows, perhaps even cutting blackberries. The goal of this group will be to see a completed Yachats Commons Park in the foreseeable future. If this is of particular interest to you, please call me at City Hall, 547-3565 or my home at 547-4101. Also, please consider a donation to "Friends of the Commons—Park Fund".
Thank you, Lee Corbin

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NO LITTLE LEAK!

The break in the 12" main water line serving all of the customers south of the bridge was a major event this last month and consumed a lot of staff time. While the public works crew worked to repair the break and shore it up so it would not happen again, the City Hall staff spent a lot of time on the phone with concerned residents, trying to find a water truck capable of hauling potable water and working with the Fire District to insure that one way or another the residents south of the bridge would have water by the end of the second day, even if it was not potable.

The City plans to add lines in the area to provide redundancy to prevent disruption of service in the future.

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

At the November meeting the City Council held a public hearing and adopted a supplemental budget to recognize and allocate \$438,400 in grant and other funds for the parks and trail projects that are currently underway. Some of the money is from a State Parks and Recreation Department grant and some is from the mediated settlement concerning the 804 S vacation.

The funds will be used to develop the trail linking the 804 N to Ocean View, the trail being built along Ocean View, trails behind the Commons and parking at the trailhead at the Commons.

Other resolutions were also adopted to make budget adjustments to roll over a Regional Investment Board grant for the main sewer pump station from the last fiscal year and construction costs for the public restrooms at the City's Visitor

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Center. The money for the public restrooms was allocated from the portion of the room tax receipts that were earmarked for visitor amenities.



SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES INCREASE

At the October meeting City Council held a public hearing concerning the proposed increase in System Development Charges.

Following that hearing City Council voted to adopt the amounts as presented by the consultant and directed staff to draft the enacting document. City Council adopted Resolution No. 422. - Setting a schedule for the charges at the November meeting.

A reimbursement fee means a fee for costs associated with capital improvements already constructed or under construction. The improvement fee is a capital charge for needed *future capacity* that the City must build to meet future demands. The planned improvements must be on a list of capital improvements that the City Council adopts and which the City Council by resolution may modify in the future.

The biggest increase was to the Sewer Improvement charge. This is necessary because the current sewer plant must be replaced in the next few years. Since that is the case, the sewer reimbursement portion was eliminated.

A 90-day notice was given before the hearing in October to all property owners who had not yet developed their lot or paid the fee; all the real estate offices in Yachats; and all licensed building contractors.



IN OTHER CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

- Council adopted an ordinance establishing definitions for street maintenance and street improvements as recommended by the Public Works and Streets Commission. The draft wording suggested by the Commission was discussed at the October Council meeting and the City Recorder was directed to prepare the ordinance adoption in November.
- City Council discussed a possible increase in the electric franchise fees. Council voted to

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leave the fees as they are currently, so there will be no increase

- City Council approved an addendum to the Mutual Aid Agreement with Southwest Lincoln County Water District establishing the billing rate for any water that Yachats buys from the Water District. Yachats would only purchase water from the district in case of an emergency.



PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTED

Rachel Vanderthorne, owner of Rachel's Roadhouse Pizza, was appointed by the City Council to serve on the Planning Commission until December 2006.

Vanderthorne stated that she would like to be a benefit to the community and that she liked being involved in the village to help maintain the quaintness for future generations.

SPEED MONITOR UPDATE

Great news! The Yachats Public Works and Streets Commission is the recipient of a 2003-04 Building Safer Communities mini-grant of \$5000.00.



Many thanks to Mr. Lauritzen's for his dedication and the proposal Administrative Specialist,

Paula Huffman used to draft the final grant application. In addition, special thanks to Mike Smith, Bob Meyers, and Richard Miller for their involvement in the project. Great team work!

In addition to the \$5,000 grant we have collected a total of \$2,835 in contributions from our wonderful Yachats property owners.

As soon as we receive the signed contract, the City can purchase the speed monitor.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By John McClintock



- The mainline serving the entire service area south of the bridge blew out, twice. A major leak at that location has been going on for a long time so it has been affecting the water efficiency.
- The waterline project on Second Street is nearing completion. Water samples are being tested before activation of the new line.
- The US Forest Service requested additional work be done at the Reedy Creek water intake site related to the City's operation permit.
- The Department of Environmental Quality granted the City an additional 10 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs). Upon completion of the Inflow and Infiltration System Repairs, which will be within the next 90 days, the DEQ will authorize another 10 EDUs. That rehabilitation work was started this week.
- The City's paving projects will begin after the completion of the County's project on Ocean View Drive.
- OBEC, the engineering firm for the T-Intersection project, received preliminary approval from the Oregon Department of Transportation for the project. The firm anticipates this project will go to bid on April 24, 2004.
- Ray Wells Construction has started work on the sidewalk from the bank to the Union 76 station.
- State Parks is planning to pave Yachats Ocean Road next year. There are no plans to widen the road.

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Reporting Through	10/31/03	
Program	Budget	Year to Date
General Administration	\$542,118	\$297,927
Library	\$16,503	\$7,467
Little Log Church & Museum	\$8,423	\$2,098
Parks & Commons*	\$86,905	\$38,116
Streets	\$138,613	\$26,847
Water	\$510,600	\$226,859
Sewer	\$351,138	\$114,993
In Reserve for Future Uses	\$1,210,960	\$1,036,159
Debt	\$128,426	\$7,960
	<u>\$2,993,686</u>	<u>\$1,758,426</u>



WINTER WATER TIPS

- Insulating your pipes is usually thought of in the winter to keep them from freezing...but that same insulation will pay off for you in the summer as well. When hot water pipes are insulated, the water standing in them will remain warm longer, requiring less time to get hot water at the faucets, and less cold water goes down the drain.
- With winter here many people will be leaving Yachats for warmer and drier locations or visiting family for the holidays. If you are going to be leaving your home unoccupied while you travel, the water should be turned off at the hand valve to prevent cold weather damage to your plumbing and depletion of the water supply. City Code requires a hand valve on the homeowner's side of the meter for just that reason.
- Removing handles on outside faucets will make it difficult for any unauthorized or accidental use while you are away.

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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.

The City continues to work with the County to ensure that all addresses are appropriate, and that those in use are correct. If you have any questions about your address, or if you would like to know more about the ordinance requirements, please call City Hall.

The Fire District may be able to assist you if you can not hang the numbers!

Even when City Hall is "closed" we are "open for business"



Most of the time, you can count on emergencies happening when City Hall is closed. Additionally, the Public Works Department has different hours than City Hall so there may be times when they are working, but there is no one at City Hall to talk to. Although there are answering machines at both the Sewer Plant and the Water Treatment Plant, those Public Works Department numbers are not the best numbers to use when reporting emergencies

Even when City Hall is closed, the phones are forwarded to an answering service so it is answered by ***real people 24 hours a day***, making it the best one to use for reporting any situation that requires a timely response. The answering service will dispatch the Public Works Department crewmember currently on call.

So if you need to get in touch with the City, day or night, call 547-3565. Whoever answers the phone will be able to help you in case of an emergency, it doesn't matter if it is a City employee or the answering service!

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