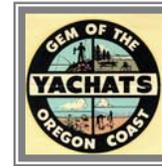




CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



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THE YACHATS CITY COUNCIL VISION

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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

A Time to Give Thanks

November is the month for giving thanks. It is a month that has brought me many blessings and I have much cause for thanks giving. I am blessed with a first born daughter who was a November baby. I am blessed with a wonderful wife who was born in this month as well. I celebrate and give many thanks for our November wedding. And of course, it is the month for the holiday of Christian and American historic genesis that is widely recognized regardless of religious affiliation or national origin.

I find it somewhat ironic that the waning days of full sun and the promise of coming winter signal the holiday of Thanksgiving, the season of giving thanks. You see, although I am in awe of the storms of winter and the power of the wind and waves that sweep our home, I am most comfortable in the days when sunlight dances unabashedly and exuberantly on the sea and sparkles like the richest of jewels unapologetically on the morning dew. As John Denver poetically recorded, "Sunshine almost always makes me high." It seems counterintuitive that the end of the dance and the dulling of the sparkle should be the cause for the giving of thanks. I guess the counterpoint is required to appreciate fully the grandeur of the apex in the subtlety of the nadir. Riches can only be fully understood from a history of want. Success can only be recognized in the resurrection from failure. Hope can only be fully understood when seen from the shadow of doubt.

I am very proud of my Scorpio daughter. She has seen more trial and tribulation than I, in my worst nightmares, would have hoped for her. Yet she is on the rise from those trials making her way to springtime of a happier, more productive life. She has fought the

battles and I believe hopefully she has harvested from life's lessons those sustaining crops that will see her through to the suns of better days. I am proud of my November bride that tills the fields and toils in rows of sown crops with the belief that the harvest is coming and we all will benefit. And I am deeply grateful for the life she shares with me that began in November twenty years ago.

November is the month of elections too. I would not mention that except for the fact that you've already had your chance to vote. This is not a campaign piece. But I mention it because elections are our time to voice our desires for a better future. It is our time to invest in ourselves and to sow the seeds that will sprout in the days to come. As a group we have made our choices and await with hope the promise that comes with the changing of the seasons, the changing of the guard.

I never tire of the metaphors that surround my life in Yachats, Oregon. I never tire of sharing thanks for both what we have wrought together and what awaits us in the growing suns of new days. We have much for which to be thankful. We have the beauty of the Oregon coast. We have clean air and long oceanic vistas. We have neighbors that labor with us volunteering enthusiastically to make our home better. We have talent and industriousness and vision and hope all around us.

In the last year we have made serious progress. We have a grocery store in town that wasn't here last year and it's better than any we've had before. We have moved forward to solve problems in City infrastructure and are working on solving others...together. We have more trail opportunities, garden opportunities, program opportunities, and volunteer opportunities than we did a year ago. We have harvested much, sown much more, and know that we've prepared for the dark and cold season so that we will bask in the sunlight of a better tomorrow together.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your mayor for the past two years. Thank you for giving me a dedicated council to work with on your behalf. If you voted for me, thanks. If you didn't, I don't mind. I will do my best to serve you and our community regardless of your vote or the outcome of the election. November is a great month in Yachats.



TsunamiReady™,
TsunamiPrepared
Drill Successful

Betty Johnston,
So. Lincoln Co. CERT Coord.

“Thank you” to everyone who participated in the tsunami preparedness exercise on September 29, 2010. The committee was very happy with the turnout.

The City of Yachats and Yachats Rural Protection Fire District received feedback from the public about the inability of some to hear the warning siren. Regardless of whether or not a siren is heard it is of utmost importance to remember that if a tsunami is generated from the Cascadia Subduction Zone, located only 70 miles off our coastline, an earthquake will be the only warning of an impending tsunami and everyone is advised to immediately evacuate up the hill as soon as the shaking has subsided.

Depending on where the tsunami originates will determine the length of time coastal residents will have before they evacuate. Tsunamis coming from distant areas like Alaska, Indonesia, and Chile will give our population more time to evacuate to higher ground. NOAA Weather Alert radios, LinCom Reverse 911, warning sirens and door-to-door notifications all come in to play for the distant events. Notifications from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer Alaska are sent to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and are broadcast over NOAA Weather Alert radios.

Our siren system is old and not likely to be updated in the near future, so owning a NOAA Weather Alert Radio is an invaluable tool to have on hand. They are reasonably priced and should be a fixture in all homes and workplaces. To learn more about the alert system and types of radios available log on to <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/nwrrcvr.htm>.

NOAA Weather Alert radios can be purchased online or at these nearby locations:

- Yachats Rural Fire Protection District, 215 W. 2nd Street
- Waldport Radio Shack, 340 N.E. Alsea Highway
- Newport Radio Shack, 2029 North Coast Highway

The Oregon legislature recently adopted a uniform tsunami siren testing standard that specifies the sound that a siren makes for a tsunami. The new standard is wavering tone, like the old one that is tested by local fire departments monthly. Like all Oregon coast areas, Yachats monthly tsunami siren testing takes place on the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. and lasts for a period of three minutes.

Also of great importance are survival kits. Pre-packaged kits in assorted sizes are displayed at the Yachats Rural Fire Protection District meeting room and are available for purchase. They contain three days worth of basic survival materials such as water, MRE bars, rope, gloves, flashlights, etc. Another option is to make your own. Walt Weyand's article on winter preparedness later in this newsletter offers many good tips. There are also many websites that have suggestions on how to make your own kit. Personally I prefer to make my own, which ensures the supplies are suited to my personal needs.

Having a survival kit available after a tsunami can make the difference between life and death. The most essential item in a survival kit is water. Under stressful conditions our bodies can easily dehydrate, drinking water will prevent this potentially dangerous condition.

The final item needed to ensure personal safety and survival in an emergency event is education. Free 20-hour preparedness training is available to everyone through the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT). The training will not only help individuals to survive, but their families and neighbors as well. It has been proven that those properly trained in survival are less likely to become victims. If you are interested in CERT training, call me at (541) 547-4934.

For those with medical conditions that are unable to make it up the hill on foot may contact me for a special placard that will allow access to the top of the hill by vehicle.

Public Works Department

By John McClintock, Director



The Public Works Department will be performing our annual cleaning and flushing of the water distribution system during the first two weeks of November. This task includes opening and closing the fire hydrants and expressing all of the valves in the water system. The cleaning and flushing will be done weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. During that time customers may experience a brief drop in water pressure.

After the system is flushed in your area the water may be cloudy or lightly discolored. This may be remedied by running the tap for several minutes to clear out the water line. If the water color does not improve or if the water pressure remains low for an extended period please call the Public Works Department at (541) 547-3243. Thank you for your cooperation.



Winter Preparedness

Walt Weyand, Public Works
& Streets Commission Chair

Summer is gone and rain, wind, waves, and gray skies are imminent. Are you prepared for the upcoming winter storms? Do you have a plan for extended power outages or if your home is damaged by wind and water? What about food and water for each member of your family, including pets, should Yachats become isolated due to damage on Highway 101?

I know no one likes to be reminded that nature can sometimes make life on the coast unpleasant or dangerous. We all want to look out on a blue ocean under blue skies, with a light breeze blowing in the trees surrounding our homes. Unfortunately *stuff* sometimes does happen. We just received a reminder, when electrical power failed for several hours in mid-September that power can and often does fail during winter storms. Are you ready for another outage? What about that wonderful spruce tree looming over your house, will it damage your roof if a large branch falls? How will you keep out the rain if your home is damaged?

As we all know we can't prevent *stuff* from happening. However, we can take certain steps to minimize damage to our properties, and harm to our families and ourselves. One of the best ways is to have a supply of ordinary items set aside to make that storm event less dangerous and uncomfortable.

I strongly suggest that each household have survival kits close at hand for each member of the family. It is best if these kits are easily accessible and portable in the event

you must evacuate. Such a kit doesn't have to cost a lot of money nor does it have to contain exotic items from the pricy survival equipment websites and catalogs. Ordinary items already in your home or available here in Yachats are perfectly suitable. You probably already have most of the items on the following list.

Minimum portable survival kit contents, per person:

- Drinking Water—3-day supply
- Non-perishable food—3-day supply
- Prescription drugs—3 day supply
- Credit card, checkbook, and cash
- Copies of important documents and family contacts
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Space blanket or wool blanket
- Portable battery-powered AM/FM radio
- Plastic whistle
- Matches in waterproof container
- Can opener
- Pocket knife
- 50' nylon cord or clothesline
- Water purification tablets
- Rain gear
- Gloves
- Change of clothes (no cotton)
- First aid kit
- Plastic garbage bags
- Tarp
- Plastic tarps
- Nylon backpack or duffle to carry everything

A kit such as this will provide each member of your household with the necessities of life until your friends, neighbors, or the authorities can come to your aid. Without these items, the wait for assistance can be very uncomfortable, or even fatal.



Gerald Stanley

by Robbie Schoonover,
LLCM Board Member

Gerald Stanley moved to Yachats six years ago from Seattle, Washington. In Seattle he worked as a mental health counselor for the homeless. It was challenging and rewarding work. Gerald has always been active in social outreach.

He fell in love with Yachats for the same reasons we all did—the beauty, the friendliness, volunteers working together, and the social life.

Gerald has a busy schedule volunteering here in Yachats. He works with these groups: the Affordable Housing Committee; the Yachats Youth and Family Program; the Parks and Commons Commission; the Trails Committee; and the Yachats Lunch Bunch. And he still finds time to volunteer at the Yachats Visitor Center.

He also attends the following Lincoln County committees: Mental Health; Addiction; General Health and Spanish Speaking Communities. He shares this information with Yachats and other South Lincoln County areas.

Prior to its closing, Gerald served on the board of the Yachats Health Clinic for three years.

When asked what benefits others can get from volunteering Gerald said, "It really makes you feel part of the community and gives you the opportunity to make new friend and gain a sense of belonging."



Yachats Public Library

By Marie Green, Chair Library Commission

Do you know where your little yellow Yachats Public Library card is? Please get it out and look on the back to see if it has a barcode. If it does not, bring it to the library and leave it with the librarian at the check-out desk so it can be bar-coded. Very soon everyone will need a bar-coded card to check out books and other materials at the library. Can't find your card? The library will be happy to issue a replacement.

A small but growing collection of locally produced DVD's can now be found near the poetry shelf, below the new fiction books. Catch up on the recent Yachats Academy of Arts and Science lectures, "Nanotechnology, Huge Scale Science on a Really Small Scale" and "Living Among Middens." Also, don't miss the delightful "Letterman II" and the campy "The Ghoul from the Tidal Pool."

Some Yachats patrons would like to be able to request books and materials through inter-library loans. The current all-volunteer library staff looked into the possibility and found it to be far more complicated than they were willing to pursue. The library is currently getting ready for the switch over to electronic book check-out followed by an online catalog to replace the old card catalog.

The report concerning annexation to the Lincoln County Library District the Library Commission made to the City Council can be found on The City of Yachats Document Library website at www.yachatsdocuments.info. This is the first step in enabling interlibrary loans.

Finally, on November 4, 2010 the Friends of the Yachats Library is hosting their first "Meet the Author" event with our own 7-time author Sheila Evans at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. inside the Library. Refreshments will be provided.



Little Log Church & Museum

By Mary Crook, Coordinator

We held on to the wispy remnants of summer as long as we could and I think we can all agree it was good. The fall rains and winds have brought us into a new season and that's good too. We at the Little Log Church and Museum have moved indoors. Our outdoor garden party in late September was a lovely success, as was our 3rd Annual Animal Blessing in the St. Francis garden. Now it's time to enjoy the cozy feeling of being inside where it's warm and dry.

So...mark your calendars for Saturday, November 13, 2010 as the Little Log Church is pleased to be a venue once again for one of the events of the 10th Annual Coastal Celtic Music Festival. There will be two concerts, one at 4 p.m. and one at 5:30 p.m. For more detailed information, log on to <http://www.coastalceltic.com> or to purchase tickets log on to www.brownpapertickets.com/event/117062.

Also, please save room on your "dance cards" for the opening ceremonies of the annual *Yachats Winter Celebration* on December 6, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Little Log Church and Museum located at 328 W. 3rd St., followed by holiday entertainment featuring the "Sweet Adelines" at the Yachats Ladies Club located across the street at 286 W. 3rd St.—a don't-miss tradition.



Yachats Youth and Family Program

By Bee Bui, RecPLUS Team Leader

Happy Thanksgiving from the Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program!

The holidays are coming fast and YYFAP will be closed November 25th and 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday and December 20, 2010 through January 3, 2011 for winter break.

Don't worry because we are still spreading the holiday spirit during RecPLUS. We will be making Thanksgiving-themed crafts, building gingerbread houses, and decorating holiday ornaments. Children ages 6 and up are welcome to join the fun every day, including non-school days, and drop-in after school at the Yachats Commons from 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m. and non-school days from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Children may take the school bus directly to the Yachats Commons after school and must be picked up before 6 p.m. There is a suggested \$25 fee per family per quarter. Scholarships are available and food donations are always welcome.

There are still three chances left to take Zumba® classes—November 1st, 8th and 15th at 6:15 p.m. at the Yachats Commons multipurpose room. Children 17 and under are free; adult fees are \$6 per class.

For more information on our programs or for volunteer opportunities, please visit www.yachatsyouth.org or call us at (541) 547-4599.



Commons Picnic Shelter Update

Thanks to volunteers, City funds and a grant the Yachats Commons Picnic Shelter, also known as the Pavilion, is now a weather-protected venue available for community, private and commercial events.

The impressive, 30' tall timber shelter was originally built with substantial support from the City and Yachats Lions Club. While spacious, the Picnic Shelter was underutilized due to an open design that often resulted in cold, windy, and wet gatherings.

Modifications to the original design presented by City Councilor and designer Dave Rieseck provided protection from wind and rain yet maintained the wonderful open-space feel. The facility now provides an extended platform and unique outdoor venue to complement the Commons building.

With council-approved plans, the City of Yachats Parks and Commons Commission applied for a Lincoln County Community Economic Development grant. The county funds aim to support or enhance buildings and facilities

that can increase business activity. Yachats serves as host to numerous civic and cultural events and can make good use of increased sheltered space. The \$10,000 grant was awarded last summer and construction—much of it the work of volunteers—began right away.

The Commons Picnic Shelter now boasts a seating wall and 38 tempered glass panels that block cool summer wind and winter rain but still provide light making it more than just a summertime spot.

Several organizations have used the new and improved picnic shelter this past summer, including the Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program, Yachats Presbyterian Church, the Arthritis Foundation, and the South Lincoln County CERT program.

"Everyone appreciates the improvements to the picnic shelter and the windbreaks finally make it a comfortable, useable facility. I would say use is up by 100 percent and its use will only increase," noted Don Niskanen, chair of the Parks and Commons Commission.

"I'm thrilled to see the picnic shelter become a community pavilion," said Rieseck. "There was a tremendous underlying opportunity to host events in a city park setting if we could care for the elements," said Rieseck.

Beginning at 4 p.m. on December 21, 2010, music and refreshments will be available at the Picnic Shelter as part of the Winter Solstice Celebration, sponsored by Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences and supported by the Friends of the Yachats Commons. The event is free and open to all.

For more information about the Picnic Shelter or to make a reservation it contact The City of Yachats at (541) 547-3565.



Car Show Success

by Andrea Scharf, Marketing Director

The last few gorgeous days of October have ended and Yachatsians are getting ready to hunker down with wind and rain. Or are we?

November is filled with activities and events to delight all of your senses. Award-winning Yachats artist Georgia Beard will have a show at Toad Hall throughout

November and December, with an artist's reception on November 6th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The Yachats Big Band and Free Movie Night make their regular monthly appearances at the Commons on the first and third Thursdays of month respectively. If you'd like find out what the movie is showing each month send an email to movies@yachats.info.

The 83rd Annual Ladies Club Holiday Bazaar will be held on December 4 and 5, 2010 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

With the opening of "Ona" and "Yachats Underground," Yachats might have more restaurants per capita than any other city in Oregon. Hours of operation and menus are available at www.GoYachats.com.

And if that weren't enough, on the Friday after Thanksgiving, Yachats will light up during the 1st Annual Village Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Open House. A spectacular light installation is being planned for the Little Log Church and all the stores will sparkle as we head into the jolly holiday season. Additional events to be announced include music, decorations, a holiday-themed mystery dinner theater and more

Details about these events and more can also be found on GoYachats.com—your guide to everything Yachats.



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Paul Niblock, Coordinator

The 2010 Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. inside the multipurpose room at the Yachats Commons. Please remember that there is no Lunch Bunch planned for November.

In brief explanation: ever since the Lunch Bunch began meeting back in July 2001, we've been getting together on the last Thursday of every month from January-October. Because Thanksgiving and Christmas occur towards the end of November and December, the Lunch Bunch has their holiday luncheon exactly two weeks after Thanksgiving every year. Of course the math-whizzes amongst us already figured that out.

The Christmas fare is as traditional as we can get it: roasted turkey; dressing; mashed potatoes-'n-gravy; sweet potatoes; Waldorf salad; and rolls with butter. This will be preceded by appetizers, and followed by Christmas Cookies. And of course there will be live entertainment.

The event is open to everyone over 55 years. There is a suggested donation of \$4.00 per person. In the spirit of the season, we ask that everyone bring a donation for the food bank. Don't forget there are many hungry pets too, who will appreciate your thoughtfulness.



Holiday Food Basket Time

Tonner Hayes, SLR President

South Lincoln Resources is asking for your help filling the Holiday Food Baskets that go to south Lincoln County residents in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Canned soups, vegetables, fruit, tuna, yams, peanut butter and cranberry sauce are excellent choices. Along with these donations, South Lincoln Resources completes the baskets with a turkey, bread, potatoes, onions, carrots, eggs and a pie.

Collection tubs for Yachats are available at the Green Salmon, Bank of the West, Yachats Community Presbyterian Church and Yachats Baptist Church.

Applications to receive holiday food baskets are available at Ya-Hots Video, the Food Pantry inside the Yachats Commons, Yachats Rural Fire Protection District and both churches. The deadline for Thanksgiving donations is November 10, 2010.

This is the 28th year for Holiday Food Baskets serving children, families and seniors in Yachats, Ten Mile, Five Rivers, Tidewater, Waldport and Seal Rock. South Lincoln Resources is an all-volunteer, non-profit charitable organization with no paid positions and no government funding. You can help even more by sending a check to South Lincoln Resources at PO Box 1638, Waldport, OR 97394.

For more information, visit www.SouthLincolnResources.org and you are welcome to call South Lincoln Resources at (541) 563-2388 anytime.

