



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

I have a friend that occasionally disagrees with me. In fact I have a lot of friends that occasionally disagree with me. For the most part I find it refreshing. I do not claim to have a lock on all the best ideas or the best ways of approaching issues. I have a lot of experience and I do alright most of the time, but that experience tells me that the best idea and the best perspective is sometimes hidden in the least likely place. Therefore, I find that a contrary point of view can be revealing and can lead to better solutions, better understandings, and better courses of action.

Don't get me wrong. Most of my friends are in agreement with me a lot of the time. I think that's probably normal. I suspect that most of your friends agree with you most of the time too. Part of the reason we have the friends we do is that we find them agreeable, even when they disagree. Another good reason to have friends though, is that they can help you see the way when you have unknowingly drifted from the path...and they want to help. Likewise, most of us have little patience for people who routinely disagree just for the sake of disagreement.

Now, the friend in question is passionate about some things and one of those things is one of those areas in which we disagree. As a

consequence, his passion sometimes reveals itself in colorful rhetoric. Sometimes that rhetoric arises in public places where, if my ego were more fragile, I might take personal offense. I don't take offense, however, because I know the passion is real, the position he takes is genuinely believed, and because I know that his point of view comes from a position of integrity. That integrity, not our areas of agreement, is the reason we are friends. We will both grow from understanding each other's point of view and we will both have a more useful perspective when it's all said and done. In some of our discussions he will change my mind. In some, I will change his. In all we will be better informed and more understanding than we would be without the exchange.

Good city government comes from a similar dynamic. People with integrity share their ideas in a civil exchange. People with a desire to improve our village bring their thoughts and ideas and offer them for respectful discussion with the intent of finding solutions, improvements, commonality, and a better understanding.

Of course not every experience in the civic process is going to be pleasant. Not everyone can maintain a civil and respectful demeanor all the time. I have heard stories from my colleagues in other cities (council members and mayors) about the horrors of council meetings attended by people who only show up to grand stand, make things difficult, and complain without offering realistic solutions. In my experience the most difficult people are those

that will only associate with people who agree with them, and who see an enemy, who see evil, in those that disagree with them.

Thankfully Yachats is not generally like that. Passions may flair because people care, and as with my friend, those passions can occasionally elicit a slightly raised voice and a phrase or two that are more colorful than they ought to be. For the most part though, Yachatians are as passionate about respecting one another as they are about doing the right thing for our village. Total agreement is not expected and certainly is not required. Respect, integrity, and civility are. It is a community norm, and one to which the council and I are dedicated.

As a consequence, the citizens of this city have worked together to make a pretty special place. From its many special events to its non-profit community serving programs, to its various commissions and the council, you can see respectful efforts driven by integrity and a desire to serve. The result is quality programming, a healthy infrastructure that is in better shape than it has probably ever been, fiscal stability, planning for future needs, volunteerism that is the envy of most of my colleagues from other cities, and a commitment to hearing and responding to all points of view. I'm proud to be a part of that effort and you should be too.



Councilor Burgundy Featherkile has played a major role in making our community as good as it is. Although she has resigned from the Council for personal reasons her contributions as a Councilor and as a volunteer are significant. I'm sure she will contribute more

in the future as well, but this is as good a time as any to recognize her contributions and offer our thanks. We have occasionally disagreed, but always with respect, civility, and integrity and always with a better outcome because we explored our differing perspectives. The city is better for her involvement and I am better for

having served with her. Though she will no longer be my council colleague, she will always be my friend. She will always be a friend to Yachats.



Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Trails Committee Communications Leader

Each month, our lovely and talented newsletter editor extraordinaire, Linda Wangness, sends those of us who contribute articles a cheerful and encouraging reminder about deadlines for upcoming issues. This month I noticed that the footer on her e-mail included another timely reminder. It said "For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad." You can certainly see the truth in that along our trails, amid the fallen seed cones, the sudden eruption of mushrooms (many just in time for guided treks along local trails during last month's fabulous Mushroom festival) and the tenacious burrs hitching a ride to new homes on our jackets, socks and jeans.

For the Trails and YIPS! crews, this season is definitely a time of sowing and scattering - of filling the places we have dug and weeded with new native seeds, plants and bulbs. These will take hold in places where invasive species have been beaten back and help restore the natural habitat of our area. With the re-opening of the federal government on October 17th, we were just in time to kick off one of these efforts by helping U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Siuslaw National Forest project coordinators in their efforts to restore nearby habitat for the Oregon silver spot butterfly - an important threatened Oregon pollinator (see more info below). Over the next few months we'll be helping Mother Nature in other ways to sow and scatter around town - particularly in Prospect Park, the Whale Tail Park and the Amanda Trail. We would love to have you join us. Fresh air and a vision of

new spring plants to come is a great antidote to the winter blahs and hectic holidays.

And speaking of holidays, fresh air and the Amanda Trail... **SAVE THE DATE NOW for the 4th annual Yachats New Year's Day Peace Hike.**

In its fourth year, this trek from the Yachats Commons to the Amanda statue continues to grow in attendance and popularity. So let your friends, family and holiday visitors know and make your plans now to join in at 10:00 am on New Year's Day - Wednesday January 1st. It has become an amazing reminder of how the power of community can help build pathways to global peace.



YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

With all the fall and winter work ahead of us, YIPS! and the Trails crew will be enjoying some much-appreciated outside assistance over the next couple of months. Natural Resource Crews operating out of Newport will visit Yachats on eight separate occasions up to mid-December. Each crew consists of a small number of young people who are being taught useful skills through classroom study and hands-on practice outdoors. We plan to use these crews in a variety of ways such as weeding, planting, trails maintenance and working in the Yachats Community Garden.



At the YIPS outing on October 19th we helped plant thousands of early blue violets (*Viola adunca*) at Ten Mile Creek south of town, to create habitat for the threatened Oregon silver spot butterfly (*Speyeria zerene hippolyta*) and, over time, restore its historical range. We had a

great turnout, and a glorious fall day for our work (made all the more pleasant by the forethought of certain YIPS personnel who realized that once the planting was finished, generous libations of the fruit of the vine would ease the pain in our creaking joints). We learned, by the way, that the butterfly itself doesn't much care for the blue violets, rather it is the

caterpillar offspring (or are they the parents?) of the butterfly which feed on the foliage of these plants!

And Weed of the Month for November is *clematis vitalba*, which has really made itself at home along Highway 101 in and near the cutting just north of the Yachats River Bridge. Some clematis clones are apparently quite benign, but this one is an aggressive invader. We are hoping for additional help to deal with this weed from Aaron Duzik of the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District.

You can learn more about identifying and managing this and other local invasive plants from <http://www.ci.yachats.or.us/weeds/Brochure-weeds.pdf>, and if you have questions about weeds, you can call Don (541-961-6695) or Wally (541-547-5474).

Upcoming Trails, YIPS! and Related Events The Yachats Trails Crew meets on the first Saturday of each month and the YIPS! Crew on the third Saturday, both from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. There are always a wide variety of tasks for all levels of interest and ability so come out and join one or both of these fun and social crews!

Upcoming events to add to your calendar include: November 2nd (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Trails work event (Location to be announced via email to the Trails Committee's contact list.)

November 16th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. YIPS! work event (Location to be announced via email to the Trails Committee's contact list.)

December 7th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Trails work event (Location to be announced via email to the Trails Committee's contact list.)

December 21st (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. YIPS! work event (Location to be announced via email to the Trails Committee's contact list.)

January 1 (Wednesday) - 4th Annual Yachats New Year's Day Peace Hike

For more information, and to sign up for the mail list, contact any one of us via phone or email:

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- Joanne Kittel, Leader, Development Committee & Amanda Trail at 541.547.3144 or jnkittel@peak.org
- Wally Orchard, Leader, YIPSI at 541.547.5474 or worchard@peak.org
- Jan Brown, Leader, Communications at 541.547.4927 or espressobrown@gmail.com



Yachats Public Library

By Sandra Calkins

Although I love to read all kinds of literature from modern mysteries to historical fiction, to biographies, I still spend way too

much time reading Internet political reports. One of the things that continue to amaze me is the lack of civility in political discourse. I understand that our elected officials have differences of opinion, but that doesn't mean that they can't still be respectful of each other.

With the end of the recent government shutdown and debt ceiling crisis, Americans have gained a couple of months of reprieve. This couldn't come at a better time as we head into our most family-oriented and what should be our most peaceful season of the year. Perhaps when the New Year arrives, we can all treat each other with more civility.

Last night I attended a meeting where we were given civility pledge cards to sign. Evidently the idea for this came from something Oregon State University does with its students. The card states in part:

I will be civil in my public discourse and behavior.

I will be respectful of others whether or not I agree with them.

I will stand against incivility when I see it.

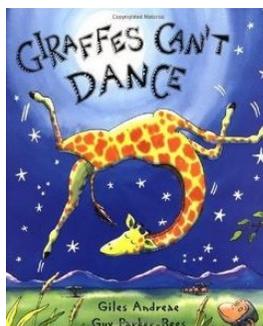
I would add to this: Check your facts before you pass information to others.

Perhaps we should all send a copy of this to all of our public officials. Their behavior and all of our behavior as adults is modeled by children. If we want respectful, civil young people we need to model the behavior we expect.

Lecture over! I wish for all of you a beautiful November and a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. When the cold winds blow outside and the rains return, come to our library for some great books and videos. Curl up in your favorite chair and just enjoy the outside storm.



The family history program on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon is still open. Another researcher has taken over for John Cooper who we recently lost. Come in and find out "the good, the bad, and the ugly" from your family.



Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck, Director

"Giraffes Can't Dance" or can they?

Join YYFAP for Families Together - Friday Night, November 22nd, 6-8 pm

Come enjoy a family evening of free dinner, storytime and crafts for the little ones. This month we will feature the story "Giraffes Can't Dance". Every child attending will take home a free book. Free chapter books for older siblings that attend are also available. This program is offered in partnership with the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church and supported by grants from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, The Children's Trust Fund of Oregon and Mari's Books. We hope you will join us!



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams, Coordinator

See you December 12th for the Annual Holiday Lunch! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving everyone.



**FALL BACK SUNDAY
November 3rd**



Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have. "Veterans Day"

is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have! Thank you!



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By Andrea Scharf, Marketing Director

The First Annual Oregon Coast Gravel Epic took place on Saturday, October

5 and was a big success! The event was one of the projects developed through the South Lincoln County Rural Tourism Studio, a program sponsored by Travel Oregon, the state's tourism department. The Studio brought together people from Yachats, Waldport, and Seal Rock to learn about how to build a strong economic base through sustainable tourism. The Gravel Epic is a perfect example of what we can achieve by working together and building on the strengths of each community.

With part of the grant which we received through Travel Oregon, the RTS group hired dark30Sports from Eugene to organize a cycling event on Forest Service roads between Waldport and Cape Perpetua. We contacted local businesses to sponsor the event. The sponsors included Oregon Coast Bank, Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital, Rogue Brewery and Columbia Distributing Company, Columbia Bank, Umpqua Bank, Bank of the West, Overleaf Lodge, the Drift Inn and others. We created a booklet to introduce event participants to the lodging, restaurants, shops and attractions of the south county area. Participants were invited to pick up their packets of material on Friday before the event at the Yachats Farm Store; seems like great beer and bikes go together naturally.

A small army of volunteers supported the event. Many were out in the woods directing traffic and making sure the cyclists didn't miss a

turn and get lost in the maze of roads. Other volunteers helped with packet pickup on Friday evening and on Saturday morning. Several music groups donated their time to entertain the riders after they crossed the finish line, including our own Bad Weeds.

A formal survey has been sent by email to all the people who rode in the event, but the informal feedback after the race was very positive. People commented positively on organization, friendly volunteers, and the beauty of the Siuslaw National Forest. Many plan to return, not just for another race (yes, the Second Annual, already in the works!) but also to take advantage of all the fun things there are to do in this area. Meanwhile, family and friends

visited Yachats stores and ate in Yachats restaurants.

Now that the race is behind us (for a while anyway), it's time to start thinking about the coming holiday season. Once again, the Holiday Shoppers Raffle will collect a bountiful selection of gift items from local

merchants. Shoppers will receive one ticket for every \$10 spent in Yachats stores. This popular event has attracted visitors and residents to "shop local" as they look for special gift items. The Shoppers Raffle begins the day after Thanksgiving and continues through December. The drawing will be held on Monday, December 30 at Bank of the West where the raffle items will be on display.



Yachats Is Now Storm Ready & Tsunami Ready!

By Bob Bennett

The City of Yachats was certified as Storm Ready/Tsunami Ready in May 2013. So what does that mean to citizens in Yachats? The most

important thing is that how you would be notified in the event of a distant tsunami or river flooding. The Yachats Certification relays on people using reverse 911 (now Citizen Alert), local radio stations, or NOAA enabled radios.

The old reverse 911 was replaced by a system called Citizen Alert System now operated by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Management. If you signed up for the old reverse 911 you need to re-register under the Citizen Alert System. The website is:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736721689>

The Citizen Alert System provides for contact your home phone, cell phone, and email.

Notifications through Citizen Alert cover local flooding and distant tsunamis.



There Is NO Notification For A Local Tsunami! Your Notification For A Local Tsunami Is A Major Earthquake!

You Have 15 To 20 Minutes To Reach High Ground!

You need to establish an account with Citizen Alert from the sign-up page at the above web address. You need your physical address which the Citizen Alert system then converts to a geo address in latitude and longitude. There is a map feature which can help with this should your address does not show up where you think it should be.

You also need to provide phone number or numbers if you have both a home phone and cell phone. The Citizen Alert System looks at your home phone number first to make a call and asks for confirmation that you received the alert message. If no confirmation is received it dials the second number of any other numbers listed until it gets a confirmation. It will continue to call all your numbers leaving a message for each number and waits for you to call and confirm. If all people living in a house all use the same number and share a single cell phone then only one Citizen Alert account is needed. If each person in a house have separate phone numbers it would be best if each established their own accounts so that if you were separated all would get the emergency message.

The Citizen Alert System is used for flood warnings (based on selected rivers chosen by the account holder), distant tsunami warnings, amber alerts, hazmat spills, and coming soon emergency messages which can be sent by cities to their citizens in the case of city wide emergencies such as "need to boil water". The city emergency protocols are under development.

A NOAA weather radio can be obtained at any number of local stores including Radio Shack but can also be purchased on-line. There are 3 available frequencies for Lincoln County but likely only 2 would work for Yachats. Those frequencies are: Florence at 162.500, WNG674 and Newport at 162.550, KIH33. There is also a code called a SAME code used to identify warning messages to a specific county. The one for Lincoln County is 041041. The radio comes with instructions of how to enter the code. If you purchase the radio locally they will often set the radio up for you. The NOAA radio provides information on storms, floods, and distant tsunamis.

The Tsunami maps for Yachats are also updated. You can get a copy of the map from City Hall, Fire Department, or the Visitors Center. You can also find the map on the web at

<http://www.oregongeology.org/tsuclearinghouse/pubs-evacbro.htm>

this web address covers all the Oregon Coastal Communities not just Yachats. You will find that there is not only a Yachats map but also a North Yachats map. The North map covers the area between Yachats and



Waconda Beach. The big changes to the maps are what happens with a distant tsunami. The basic message for a

distant tsunami is "Get Off Of The Beach".

To repeat the most important warning. There Is NO Notification For A Local Tsunami! Your Notification For A Local Tsunami Is A Major Earthquake! You Have 15 To 20 Minutes To Reach High Ground! Yachats does have and Emergency Plan and a future newsletter column will cover some of the plan highlights. But please

remember that the City Emergency Plan covers how the City of Yachats handles an emergency. It does NOT cover how YOU will handle an emergency. You need to do your own planning for medical needs, emergency supplies, and how to get to a safe place. Be Prepared! The back of the Tsunami Maps have a minimum list of supplies and perishables you need to have ready to grab and go!



WHAT TO DO WHEN FREEZING WEATHER OCCURS

Each winter, many water customers experience the inconvenience of frozen pipes, which can result in extensive plumbing repairs and water damage. The City of Yachats Water Utility offers the following tips to minimize your chance of having frozen pipes.

LEAVE A FAUCET RUNNING



When temperatures are predicted to reach the low teens or stay below freezing, leave a very thin stream of water running continuously from at least one tap in your home or

business.

OPEN DOORS BELOW SINKS

If a sink is located against an outside wall, open the vanity or cabinet doors to allow warm air to reach the water pipes.



SAFETY FIRST

Never thaw a frozen pipe with an open flame. Instead, use a hair dryer, heat tape, or a light bulb.

HOT WATER HEATER PRECAUTION

If you have an emergency and need to turn off the water supply to your home or building, be sure to turn off the electric breaker to your hot water heater. This precaution applies only to hot water heaters that operate on electricity, and is to prevent damage to your hot water unit.

DRAIN PIPES BEFORE VACATIONS

When leaving town for extended periods with the heat left off in your home or business, turn off the water at the shutoff valve and drain the lines. Beware of sagging lines, which may not completely drain.

LOCATE THE SHUTOFF VALVE

Knowing the exact location of the shutoff valve to your water may be the most important precaution that you can take. If a pipe bursts somewhere in your home or business - the kitchen, bath, basement, or crawl space - this valve turns off the flow of water. If you are unable to locate the shut off valve, contact the builder or your plumber to assist you. The shutoff valve is usually in the meter box which is in a ground level box near the street in front of your home or business.

INSULATION

Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas. If you have pipes in an unheated garage or crawl space under the house or building, wrap the water pipes before winter. Hardware or building supply stores will have good pipe wrapping materials available.

Tip of the Month:

Critter proof your trash: put meat scraps or grease from cooking into your FOG bag and freeze them. On the morning of garbage day toss the frozen package into your nice

green garbage can! If you don't have FOG bags & the nifty FOG* bag holder...you can get them at City Hall! (*Fat, Oil & Grease)

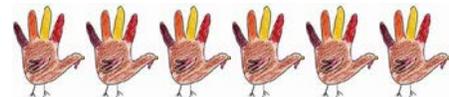
Bear-proofing your yard and neighborhood can help avoid potentially dangerous bear encounters and keep bears safe in the wild where they belong.

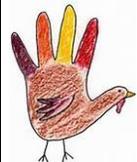


OREGON HEALTH CARE SYSTEM - HELP!

By Gerald Stanley

If you need information on the new Oregon Health Care system (Cover Oregon) the County sponsored info source line is 541-265-0430. Also, www.ehealthinsurance.com seemed to work.



						
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