



NEWSLETTER



CITY OF YACHATS

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*"It's the little moments that make life big.
Nothing is difficult to those who have the will."*



Mayor's Message **By Susanne Smith, Mayor**

As I'm sure you all are aware, especially if you read the local newspapers, there is an important Lincoln County issue that will be voted on November 6. It has to do with the transient rental tax (or room...or lodging...tax, as it is more familiarly known). What is important for Yachats voters to understand is that, even though we will **ALL** vote on this issue, the tax increase is planned to occur only in the **UNINCORPORATED** areas of Lincoln County. In other words, the transient rental tax in Yachats will remain where it has been for several years: 7%. The City Council discussed, briefly, at their September work session whether or not it was advisable to consider raising the Yachats tax to bring it into line with the anticipated Lincoln County increase. Consensus suggested that the Council had no interest or need to discuss doing that at this time.

IF the ballot issue passes, the transient rental tax will be increased in the unincorporated parts of Lincoln County (in other words, not in Yachats, Waldport, Newport, Depoe Bay or Lincoln City) from 6% to 9%. The last increase in the County was in 1991. It is estimated that, if passed by the voters, the increase will be in the neighborhood of \$560,000 a year which would be split three ways: 40% (or about \$224,000) will go to the Fairground Facilities Improvement Fund; 30% (or about \$168,000) will go towards the ongoing operations of the Oregon Coast Aquarium; and the remaining 30% (or about \$168,000) will go into the County General Fund. If

passed by the voters on November 6, it will take effect on January 1, 2008.

A transient rental tax is collected from all visitors whether they are staying in hotels, motels, or vacation rentals. The lodging operators who collect this tax are, by law, allowed to keep 5% of the tax as a collection charge. The remainders of the taxes are remitted to the governing entities for their uses. In Yachats, much of the City General Fund comes from transient rental taxes.

Ballots will be appearing in the mail around mid-October. Voting is a privilege and a responsibility. I am proud that a much higher than average number of Yachats voters vote in every election, whether it is local, county, state, or national. I look for the same result on November 6th.

YACHATS COMMONS-REMINDER

ALL building and ground use at the Commons must be scheduled through the Commons Coordinator who can be reached at (541) 547-4734 or at gnarnersusan@hotmail.com. There have been instances recently of people being in the building who were not scheduled; doors and/or windows being left unlocked, etc. The Commons building is for the community, but its use must be scheduled. Thank you all for adhering to this necessary reminder.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF-F.Y.I.

While Yachats does not have a dedicated police presence, we are "covered" by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Recently, when suspicious characters were noticed in an area where they obviously (to the observer) did not belong, a report to the Sheriff's Office was not called in until the following day. An e-mail was responded to in the following way by Lt. Carey: "Obviously it would be

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better if we were called right away but this doesn't always happen. As we have been reaching out to community groups in the county, one of the things I have learned is that some people do not realize that it is OK to call us. Citizens have told me that they haven't called because they thought it might be a trivial matter and they do not want to bother us because they know we are busy. They also do not want to look 'silly' if it turned out to be nothing. We are working hard at educating the public about their Sheriff's Office and that it is important that they do call. Also, it would be better if people called LinCom at (541) 265-4231 as opposed to the Sheriff's Office. Some of the reasons for this are because of how the deputies get dispatched and LinCom being those who enter call information into the computer. LinCom usually knows better than anyone else which deputies might be in the area at any given time and get a deputy there quicker."



The Yachats Community Health Clinic would like to thank the people of the City of Yachats for their contribution to the 2nd Annual Beat the Tide Run and Walk held on Saturday, September 8, 2007. Without their support and cooperation, it would not have

been the great success that it was. It was rewarding to see so many friends and neighbors participating, and we look forward to seeing everyone at next year's event.

DJ Novgrad, Board President
Carol Temlin, Beat the Tide Run and Walk Director



Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

By John McClintock, Public Works Director

The contractor began the concrete work for the floor of the Sequential Batch

Reactors. The first pour took place on September 20 and consisted of 150 cubic yards of concrete.

Two more pours are scheduled for a total of 150 cubic yards each.

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Preliminary work has started at the Main Pump Station site with culvert and excavation work.

For further information, please stop by the construction site or call me M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at (541) 547-3565.



Peace Pole Dedication

By Gerald Stanley

The Public is invited to attend a short dedication ceremony for Yachats' newly acquired Peace Pole. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 4 at 4:30 p.m. at Yachats Ocean View Park (near the corner of Ocean View Drive and 7th Street), where the Peace Pole is located. The Peace Pole was a gift to the city by Yachatian Sylvan Simmons, who is a member of Voices Set Free, a non-profit group promoting peace in every aspect of life.



Commons Events

Susan Garner, Commons Coordinator

The weather is getting cooler and more events are taking place indoors. Now is the time to join our ongoing exercise class, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. It is run by a group of volunteers who do a great job keeping everyone energized and flexible.

We also have a number of yoga and tai chi groups that meet here. Check our bulletin boards or call me at (541) 547-4734 for further information. And if you want to lead a class of some sort, contact me, I am sure that there is room for your class here.

On Saturday, October 6, come to the fall Chautauqua lecture, "Reading Houses," understanding home architecture. This is a free event.

Come to the Commons for an evening of big band music when the Yachats Big Band once again puts on a great dance on Thursday, October 4 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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On Friday, October 12, Salmonpeople is coming our way. This storytelling, environmental educational, show should be a wonderful event for everyone. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

On Saturday, October 13, Tony Kaltenberg, our resident guitarist, is bringing an international guitar festival to the Commons. The show begins at 4:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the Green Salmon for \$15 or at the door for \$18.

Thursday, October 18, the Friends of the Yachats Commons once again will present movie night. A free movie will be shown at the Commons, doors open at 6:15 p.m. To find out what the movie will be, call (541) 547-4142.

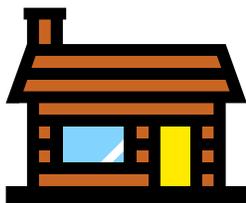
The Chamber of Commerce is presenting the mushroom festival again on October 19 and 20. Dinner is at the Commons on the 19th and on the 20th the Commons doors will be open for mushroom displays and a special mushroom lunch will be put on by the Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at (547) 547-3530 for further information.

The senior luncheon (Yachats Lunch Bunch) is on again for Thursday, October 25 at noon.

Put on your scariest costume and come to the 2nd annual Bushwhackers' Ball on Saturday, October 27. Call (541) 547-4599 for more details.

And don't forget to stay healthy, get your fresh vegetables at the Farmer's Market, continuing through October. The market is up and running every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The days may be getting shorter and the nights colder, but the Yachats Commons continues to bring interesting and entertaining things to the community. See you there!



The Little Log Church and Museum

By Karl Christiansen, Director

If you haven't been to the Little Log Church and

Museum in a while stop by and see what we've been doing. We have a wonderful shell collection from around the world which was donated by the late Alice Stein. The sanctuary floor has been stripped to its original finish and treated to protect it. A light fixture from the 1930's when the church was built has replaced the existing fixture in front of the pulpit. We now have an excellent old, but working, oak pump organ donated by Virginia Gilmore. Dr. Garell has donated over 250 post cards of old Yachats which his late wife, Aggie, had purchased on eBay. This is a significant collection as they are actual photos of our area and in a time for which we had little other visual documentation. Our Master Gardner, Jodi Sones, has been creating and developing the property's landscaping with mainly native plants, shrubs, and trees. She has also printed a book picturing and describing the flora which is for purchase at the museum or the desk copy can be borrowed by guest taking a tour of the beautiful grounds. The Board of Directors extends an invitation to everyone to come and visit the Little Log Church and Museum.



Yachats Public Library

By Annette Howarth, Manager

We have two new programs especially for our youngest patrons. The first is **Ready to Read**, a program designed for 3-6 year olds. There will be story-time, puppet shows, arts and crafts and lots of other reading fun. It meets every other Thursday beginning October 4 from 10:00 a.m. until about 10:45 a.m. at the Library.

Ready to Read Too is our program for babies and toddlers. It meets the first Monday of every month starting Monday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. This play-group for parents with their babies and toddlers focuses on ways to foster life-long enjoyment of reading for our youngest readers. Babies and toddlers get a free book every time they attend.



Farmers' Market Still Going Strong

By Peter Karassik, Coordinator and Susan Garner, Commons Coordinator

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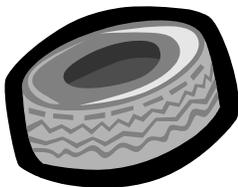
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There is still time to get really good produce and the occasional gift at the Yachats Farmers' Market. The market will still be up and running until October 21.

The market is a community event that adds to the charm of Yachats. Loyal locals have come to appreciate the weekly fresh produce, plants, food and crafts. Visitors stop by because of the visibility of the market and then go on to spend time here in town.

The market is open every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The market will be running on Saturday, October 20 for the mushroom festival. Sometimes there is music to entertain you and sometimes it is good just to come and visit with friends and neighbors.

See you in front of the Commons on Sunday!



Tire Recycling
By Debrah Edwards,
Administrative Specialist

Dahl Disposal will be taking unmounted/rimless/unfilled passenger and passenger

pick-up tires for recycling from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Friday, October 19 and Saturday October 20 at 223 Dahl Avenue in Waldport. There is a limit of 10 tires per person at a cost of \$1 per tire. For further information, please call Dahl at (541) 563-3888.



Low Income Waiver
on Water Bills

The City of Yachats has made available a waiver of 50% of the monthly base

water charge for individuals and families in need of financial assistance. This waiver currently amounts to an \$11.50 monthly savings on residential water/sewer charges.

There is a brief application required and anyone eligible to receive low-income assistance from the State of Oregon is qualified for the waiver, whether or not they are actually receiving any assistance from the State. Applications can be obtained online at www.yachats.ci.us, at City Hall, or by calling (541) 547-3565 and requesting to an application by mail.



New Editors for the
Newsletter
By Susan Garner

After ten long years, City Recorder Nancy Batchelder has decided that the time has come to pass on the blue pencil for editing the City's newsletter off to some others. Debrah Edwards and Susan Garner have volunteered to take on this task. So, as we begin to get our feet wet with this issue, we would also like to send out the call for articles, information and general items of public interest.

Do you have a club that is open to the public and meets regularly? Is your service group doing anything that you want to get the word out about? Are you planning a public event that needs to be advertised? Contact us at (541) 547-3565, via e-mail at debrah@yachats.ci.or.us, or leave information at City Hall. We will be delighted to help give you some free publicity. We will try to put in what we can, given space restrictions and timeliness of the information.

Since the newsletter goes out with the water bills, please have your information sent to city hall by the 21st of the month.

Good luck, Nancy, thanks for all the help in getting this newsletter off the ground.



Can you believe it? Daylight Savings Time does not end this year until after Halloween! Fall back on November 4, 2007.

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