



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

Last month I had the opportunity to attend two different conferences. The first

was the annual Oregon Mayors' Association Summer Conference. It was held in Pendleton, Oregon this year. One of the presentations was on the value of "branding". The Pendleton method of successful branding is:

- ✓ Start a rodeo (The Pendleton Round Up)
- ✓ Get a good whiskey company to adopt the name of your rodeo for their product (Pendleton Whiskey...a product of Canada...bottled in Hood River).
- ✓ Wait 100 years.
- ✓ Say "Let 'er Buck" every time you get a microphone in your hands.

Although I give Pendleton a lot of credit for capitalizing on its heritage and I admire Pendleton Mayor Phil Houk for the way he sells his community, I don't think it's a strategy that will work in Yachats. But just imagine what Mayor Houk could do if his city was The Home of the World's Largest Ocean. I think our brand will hold its own with any city.

The other conference was the Oregon Coastal Economic Summit. It was the third year of the summit which is sponsored by State Senator Arnie Roblan and the Coastal Caucus of the Oregon State Legislature to allow coastal communities, businesses, tribes, and officials to

talk about ways of becoming more economically viable, solving problems we all face, and giving access to decision makers like U.S. Senator Merkeley, Congressmen DeFazio and Schrader, and Congresswoman Bonamici as well as to the State Senators and Representatives of the coast.

Although there were many topics that were pertinent to Yachats, my best "take home" came in an illustration used in one of the presentations. It described a psychology experiment. In the experiment two young blonde, blue-eyed school girls were asked to take turns moving a token on a checker board. Each child could move only one square per turn. If the token reached one end of the board the child on the opposite end would be given a nice doll. If it reached the other end of the board the other child would get a doll. The girls were given five minutes. The result was that the token moved one space with the first girl's move and one space back with the next child's move. The five minutes elapsed and neither girl got a doll.

The same experiment was run at a Native American school. Two Indian children were given the same challenge. The first girl moved the token toward the other girl, but the other girl moved it in the same direction, toward herself. In short order a doll was awarded to the first mover, but the five minutes had really just begun. They started again and with the same results except the token moved in favor of the girl that didn't get the first doll. Before five minutes were up each girl had a big pile of dolls.

This is probably more of a cultural issue than a psychology issue, but it's clear that the first two girls were locked in a competition with the belief that one had to lose in order for the other to win. The Indian girls were looking for a way for all people involved to win. Their strategy worked so well that not only did the girls in the "game" both win, but all of their friends on the playground benefitted from the fact the two "competing" girls had more dolls than they could play with. Everybody won.



Code Enforcement Report

Donald Niskanen, Code Enforcement Officer

This has been a busy summer.

Most of our vacation rentals, motels and restaurants have been full and I would like to give a special "Thank You" and recognition to our local vacation rental agents. They don't have an easy job. They are contracted out to rent private residences. That might be easy enough with Yachats' popularity. Complying with City ordinances with complete strangers is another matter. In the four summers that I have been in this position, this is the first summer where there have been no serious complaints. I tribute this to daily monitoring of the properties by our local rental agents. They catch problems and resolve them, before they come to my attention.

Even though City Council is still discussing vacation rental guidelines, it is not without the understanding of the financial benefits to the City and local businesses that come from the vacation rental industry. The Council is seeking a balance that both protects our residents and allows for vacation rental use.

I would ask for patience as Council works this out. A solution will be as fair and balanced as possible. Please don't spread unconfirmed rumors and be wary of individuals that are making this out as an attack against vacation rental owners. That is far from the truth.

Again, a special thank you to our rental agents. Your diligence has made this a very successful summer and violation free.

Even though we are on the coast and our temperatures are moderated by the ocean, we do have those days, in protected areas, where the inside temperature of a vehicle can become dangerously hot.



Many of the issues that your City Council and I deal with are similar to this. While our goal is to find the best win for everyone in Yachats, some of the potential solutions are

eliminated when people who are involved or affected by the potential methods of handling the issue believe that somebody has to lose. I think that most of the conflicts and controversies that come our way fall under this rubric.

I don't make this observation in criticism of anyone. I have had that competitive mind-set most of my life. I think it is culturally generated and we come from a long line of conquerors and competitors and winners. I think we are appropriately proud of that fact. I also think it's not always the most effective problem solving method.

I am beginning to believe that some version of Yachats baseball (no outs, everybody bats until they hit the ball, everybody gets to play) may be the best method of governing. We'll know we've gotten it right when everybody is playing, they're playing by Yachats baseball rules, and we all win.

Or we could always just look for a good whiskey sponsor for the Yachats Smelt Baseball team and ride on its well-branded coat tails.



Public Hearing Notice

"The Future of the Lincoln County Fairgrounds"

September 10, 2014, 6pm, Civic Room



A call from City Hall had me on W. 3rd St. looking for a vehicle with a dog locked inside. I located the vehicle but my arms were too thick to reach the door lock. Thankfully, Valeria

was there and her sleek arms were able to reach in and unlock the doors.

The dog was lying in the back with its tongue hanging out. The car was in full sun. I was able to coax the dog out and gave it some water. Valeria provided a doggie treat. "Murphy", as we learned from a dog tag, revived quickly.

My first guess was the occupants were probably in the waiting line at the Green Salmon. One of the women that filed the complaint agreed to accompany Murphy and I to the Salmon. She offered to go into the Salmon and ask if anyone was missing dog named Murphy. She came back out and said there was no response. I asked her to go back in and look for anyone with small children. I had noticed two child car seats in the back seat of the vehicle. Bingo!

The grandmother came out and Murphy's tail went wild. I explained that even though the front windows were open a little, there was not enough air circulation to reach Murphy in the back of the vehicle. She thanked us profusely.

As the woman and I were leaving, the woman commented that the response was amazing, literally minutes from the phone call. I explained this was Yachats.

I have written before that I am not an animal control officer. In this situation, I removed my Code Enforcement hat and put on my Concerned Citizen hat. These vehicles can become ovens in a very short time. Our one animal control officer for the whole county could have been anywhere. Who knows how much time Murphy had before it was fatal?

I relate this story to remind people how dangerous closed or inadequately vented vehicles

can be, both for pets and definitely young children.



Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Trails Committee
Communications Leader

It has been a busy and productive summer for the Yachats Trails and YIPS crews. A big thank you goes out to all of you who have shown up to help when you can, (even on days when your own property is desperately vying for your attention).

With celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act in full swing, many visitors have been hiking the Amanda Trail between Yachats and Cape Perpetua to take part in these events. One of the highlights has been the Artist-in-Residence program set up by the Siuslaw National Forest. Artist Margie Lopez-Read has been painting scenes from the area all summer and now her work is being auctioned and sold at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center. Proceeds will be donated to Siuslaw nonprofit interpretive partner Discover Your Northwest with funds, in turn, being used to cover expenses for another artist-in-residence to serve future generations. You can learn more about the program at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/siuslaw>.

Paintings are on display now and the auction closes on September 6th so be sure to take a look and also plan to attend the grand finale of the season's Wilderness Act anniversary celebrations taking place at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center from 1:00-3:00 on the 6th.

2015

Next on the calendar is planning for the 5th Annual Yachats New Year's Day Peace Hike. What?!!! Thinking about January 2015 already???

Yup. Each year the Peace Hike has grown significantly in interest and size and we

will need lots of volunteers - from kitchen help to shuttle drivers to hike leaders and more so put it on your calendar now. We have already cleared out large sections of the Amanda Grotto to make more room for participants and the first meeting of the Peace Hike planning committee will take place on September 5th, from 3:00-5:00 at the Commons. If you have ideas or suggestions for the hike, now is the time to join in the planning and get involved.

all levels of interest so come join in the fun. We guarantee you a warm and appreciative welcome!

Upcoming events to add to your calendar:

September 5th (Friday) 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

First meeting of the New Year's Day Peace Hike committee (Commons).



September 6th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. -

1:00 p.m.: Trails Crew work event

(TBA)

September 20th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00

p.m.: YIPS! work event. (Location will be announced via email to the Trails Committee's contact list.)

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

Lauralee Svendsgaard, Chair, Yachats Trails Committee at 541.547.3640 or lsven@peak.org

Joanne Kittel, Leader, Development Committee & Amanda Trail at 541.547.3144 or jnkittel@peak.org

Wally Orchard, Leader, YIPS! at 541.547.5474 or worchard@peak.org

Jan Brown, Leader, Communications at 541.547.4927 or espressobrown@gmail.com



YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee)

News

After several months of vigorously assailing evil Tansy Ragwort in town and afield, we switched

gears for our last YIPS! outing, working instead on our community's beloved Whale Tail Park. Over time, with advice and generous contributions from local gardeners, energetic help from the Northwest Youth Corp. and many hours of YIPS! crew members pulling weeds and planting flowers, the park has been transformed from an overgrown blackberry/ivy patch to a place of beauty. Thank you to all who turned out to help during the last event to spruce things up and keep the sneaky ivy at bay.

And speaking of ivy... we are still hoping we will be able to reschedule our eighth annual 804 Trail ivy pull, which was postponed this summer due to poor weather. This event, co-sponsored with the Overleaf Lodge and Spa, SOLVE and Dahl Disposal Service, is always popular so we hope to have more news on an alternate date soon.

If you have any questions about weeds, contact our weed wizards Wally (541-547-5474) or Don (541-961-6695), who are always happy to answer any questions you have about invasive plants in the area.

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

Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator



The garden at the Little Log Church and Museum is exceptionally beautiful in September. As I sit in the museum on Sunday afternoons I like to have the door open so I can better hear the sweet calls of sparrows and the eerie owlsh cooing of the Eurasian Collared Doves. Soon we slip into fall to witness the well-kept secret of our beautiful Yachats October afternoons.



In keeping with what has now become an annual tradition, we will again host our "Blessing of the Animals" in the Saint Francis Garden at the LLC&M. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. for a brief gathering and blessing of our domestic and wild creatures.

We will, of course, invite our local firehouse goats as well as the muttly assortment of friends who help make our lives complete. Rumor has it there may be a larger beast present; you'll just have to come by to see who shows up.



Yachats Public Library By Janet Rackleff



The animal blessing takes place beside the sculpture of Saint Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is October 4th. The sculpture was

carved by local artist Brian McEneny of Seal Rock. Brian is most well-known for his beautiful sculptures of whales, dolphins and seals. There is a sculpture of a sea lion on our grounds that was given to us years ago by the Yachats Lionesses, and designated to be a tactile piece for the visually impaired. Saint Francis posed a different kind of challenge for Brian, as it was the first human he had done in a long, long time. He did a stunning job with the piece of western red cedar, and it is quite an attraction. Francis holds a small bowl (probably intended to hold food offerings for any of God's creature's great or small that may stop by). Sometimes we find a collection of pennies and other coins in the bowl, and we do appreciate the fund raising Francis has done over the years.



So if you would like to come by on Sunday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. to have an animal blessed, or just to witness this special occasion, please do so. If your animal is not able to join us, a photograph will do just fine; many animals are honored in absentia. It is sure to be a re-barkable afternoon.



Don't forget : if you are leaving for 3 days or more please remember to turn your hand valve off!!!

City Hall will be closed Monday September 1st in observance of Labor Day.



Mystery is probably our most popular genre at the library. I enjoy wonderful Nordic writers such as Henning Mankell and love the moody, dark novels of Benjamin Black. Both these writers also produce excellent regular fiction - Black under his real name of John Banville, the Booker prize winner. As far as I know though, the Canadian writer Louise Penny has only written mysteries and she is extremely good at them. Her series with Inspector Gamache is set in Quebec and I would recommend all of them. The ninth, "How the Light Gets In", is, I think, her best so far.

The title is taken from a Leonard Cohen song *Anthem*: "There's a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in." The story starts out with many cracks. There's a broken relationship with Gamache's former deputy, who has transferred to the command of Gamache's arch rival, Francoeur. He is an unscrupulous, corrupt and manipulative man working to take control of the Surete, but also has a far reaching, monstrously evil plan which Gamache is trying to comprehend. Then an elderly woman is murdered who was a national celebrity in her youth and had links to a resident of Three Pines, where many of Penny's previous novels have been set. There's also the possible suicide of a government worker who appears to have jumped off a bridge to her death. Penny weaves all these threads together seamlessly.

We are transported to the tiny bucolic village of Three Pines and it's quirky characters, then back to big city intrigue in Montreal a number of times as the story unfolds with subtlety and intelligence. The emotional intensity is high, but the story is always well balanced. Penny's sensitive writing gives her characters great emotional depth. The ultimate clash between the forces of good and evil takes place in Three Pines

and it's difficult to guess the outcome until the last possible moment. This is a great mystery novel that appeals to the head, heart and soul. It's a totally absorbing read. It's been a treat to see the evolution of the series and the development of Penny as a writer. There's no formula here. Each book is different. Meanwhile, I can't wait for the latest in the series to arrive!



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams,
Coordinator

We will be Lunching as usual on the last Thursday of the month. Please mark your calendars for Thursday September 25th 2014, and come on down to the Yachats Commons. The event is open to everyone 55 years or older, and doors open at 11:30am with lunch being served at 12 noon, by our guest chef: Pam Luderitz. The menu this month is: Swedish meatballs; Noodles; Green Beans; Green Salad; Roll & Butter; with Lemon Cake squares for dessert! There is a suggested donation of five dollars. This is your chance to meet old friends and make new ones. If you've never been, it's high time you paid us a visit. What are you waiting for? Get yourself a cup of coffee, and enjoy being a member of the Lunch Bunch. It's that simple.



Yachats Public Works Department

By Larry Blanchard,
Public Works Director

This month Public Works will be concentrating the process of identifying infiltration and inflow (I and I) of ground and surface water into the sewage collection system. This is accomplished in a couple different ways. The first is called "smoke testing." We isolate sections of the system and blow non-toxic smoke

into the isolated area then identify where it comes out. If the smoke comes out the building's roof vents, that tells us all is well at that particular location. If the smoke comes out of down spout, then we know roof drains are illegally connected to the sanitary system and must be removed. If the smoke appears to find its way up through the ground then we know there are cracks or breaks in sewer laterals or sewer mains that must be repaired.

The second way we check for I and I is by cleaning the sewer mains then placing a camera inside the main lines to locate where sewer laterals connect to the sewer main. Once again we isolate that particular area and make note of any cracks, low points, breaks, or misaligned pipes. We can also identify any ground and surface water intrusions. We monitor distance from manhole to enable us to come back and make repairs.

To date, we have removed in excess of 1 million gallons per day of wet weather flow from the collection system pipes, pumping station, and wastewater treatment plant. This additional flow increases operational costs and takes up capacity in the system. The more I and I we are able to remove, the less wear and tear on the sewer system and the more efficient the process becomes

We will notify all affected neighborhoods prior to beginning this project as well as alerting any property owners of problems that need to be addressed. If you have any questions about this process please call us weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (541) 547-3243.



Yachats, like all of Oregon has had less than normal rain fall this year, and it is possible that there will be a water shortage emergency by the end of the summer and early fall before the rains come again. If that happens the City of Yachats may have to take precautions and impose

restrictions on water use to ensure that there is enough water for human consumption, sanitation or fire protection.

The Yachats Municipal Code identifies how a shortage is determined, when City Council may declare an emergency and what restrictions would be in effect. There are different phases, determined by measuring the flows in the water sources and each phase requires different restrictions be put into effect.

Depending on the severity of the water shortage, the restrictions can range from limits on outdoor watering to more drastic measures like a reduction in the amount of water users are allowed, based on a percentage of their normal use, or halting distribution to all but residential users and assisted living facilities. In a critical water supply status, it could even be necessary for the City to cease all distribution except for on specific days and times.

Chapter 8.22 - Water Shortage Emergency Regulations is available online at <http://www.yachatsdocuments.info>



The Yachats Academy of Arts & Sciences

By Dave Baldwin

The Yachats Academy of Arts & Sciences is considering sponsoring a series of events to be modeled on the popular TED talks (found on YouTube). The presenters for this series, however, will be Yachadians. This will be your opportunity to tell us what you think.

We hope to have three presentations on each program, with each talk taking up to 15 minutes. The talks will deal with topics that are of general interest and will avoid technical aspects of the subject. The intent is to tell the audience something that is new to many of the

attendees and will stimulate further thought on the topic.

If you have information that fits the above description and you would like to share your ideas with others, please email Dave Baldwin at david@brainpip.com with a title for your proposed talk and a brief description of its content.

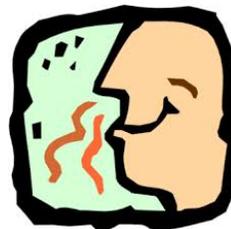
Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences

By Tom Kerns



Our next Academy presenter, Dr. Mary Wood, is Philip H. Knight Professor of Law and Director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center at the UO Law School. Her new book, *Nature's Trust*, exposes what's wrong with environmental law and outlines the ancient public trust doctrine as a path for genuine change. As former NASA Director, James Hansen, says of Mary's work: "*Our children trust us to protect the Earth. Our governments are on trial for failing that trust. This is the trial that should rivet the public's attention, for all life depends on its outcome. This book puts the people - all of us - in the jury box.*"

Dr. Wood is a captivating lecturer, as you will discover on Sunday Sept 7th at 2pm.

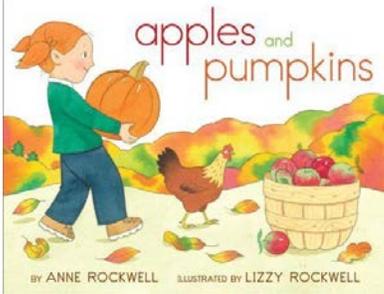


Friends of the Commons:

In consideration of those who are sensitive to the chemicals in

fragrances
Please refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes during activities at the Commons

YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED



Yachats Youth
and Family
Activities
Program

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

**Families Together scheduled for
September 26th**

The featured book for our September Families Together is "Apples and Pumpkins" by Anne Rockwell. What a fun way to ring in the season! We are excited for fall to begin and to share some wonderful stories with you this school year. Join us on Friday night, September 26th from 6-8 pm at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church for free dinner and crafts. All children attending will receive their own copy of the featured book or another book that is age appropriate for them to take home. We hope you will join us once a month for this fun family event and support early reading.

Coming to a Village near YOU!

2014 Yachats Fall Blues Show & Shine



**Sky Candy Kite Festival
September 13-14th
Yachats Ocean Rd. Park**



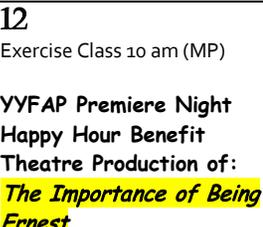
**Great Oregon Coast Beach Clean-up
September 27 10am**

**YYFAP Premiere Night
Happy Hour Benefit
on September 12th**

Join friends of Yachats Youth & Families for a fun night out at the theater. Come see One of Us Production's new play, "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde.

The doors will open at 6:00 pm. We will have heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine for \$35 per ticket. \$10 will go to support One of Us Productions and \$25 to support YYFAP's activities for local youth and families. There will be a silent auction and lots of fun to be had by all. You don't want to miss it! Call Alice or Pam at 541-547-4599 to make your reservations. (Adults Only Please)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Open Gym/Ping Pong 7pm <i>City Hall Closed</i>	2. Special Planning Comm. Mtg. 3pm (Civic Rm)  LotusYoga 5:30pm (Rm8)	3 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) 10am Exercise Class (MP) <i>City Wide Tsunami Siren Test 11am</i> <i>Yachats Art Guild 1pm (Rm5)</i> 6pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Rhythm Weavers(Rm3)	4 Gentle Healing Yoga 11am(Rm3) Altruh Warm Yoga 5:30pm (Rm3)	5 Exercise Class 10 am (MP) Fall Blues Show & Shine 	6 Community Baseball 2pm Rubbery Shrubbery Stadium Fall Blues Show & Shine 
7 9am Yachats Farmers Market  Fall Blues Show & Shine Grandparents Day!	8 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) 9:30am City Council Work Session Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Open Gym/Ping Pong 7pm	9 City Hall Day Cosmic Lotus Yoga 5:30pm (Rm8)	10 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm8) Exercise Class 10 am (MP) 10am Finance Committee Meeting (Civic Mtg Rm) <i>Yachats Art Guild 1pm (Rm5)</i> Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Rhythm Weavers 7pm Rm3	11 Gentle Healing Yoga 11am(Rm3) 2pm City Council Meeting (Civic Mtg Rm) Altruh Yoga 5:30pm (Rm3) Never Forget!	12 Exercise Class 10 am (MP) YYFAP Premiere Night Happy Hour Benefit Theatre Production of: The Importance of Being Ernest 	13 Comm. Baseball 2pm Sky Candy Kite Festival 
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“Spread Love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier”

Never forget 9/11