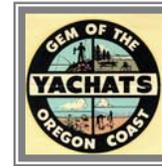




# CITY OF YACHATS

# 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 Breaun, Mayor

### THE SOCKEYE

About 5 miles up the Yachats River there is a bridge known to some as "The Elk Tooth Bridge." Being a fly fisherman it is my habit to stop on the bridge when I'm in the neighborhood usually after giving the dogs some exercise in the nearby forest lands and to scan the surface of that wonderful stream for evidence of rising fish. On a mid-August afternoon I made my customary stop and watched a few dappled rings appear as local cutthroat trout sipped bugs from the surface film. I was distracted by a bigger splash, a large darting figure, and flash of vibrant red. There in the river were two large sockeye salmon exhibiting what appeared to be spawning behavior.

This being my first exposure to sockeye, and never having heard of their existence in the river, I was not prepared to trust my own identification. I called a number of people I thought would know and ultimately spoke to an authority at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The fish hung around that spot and worked on their redd in preparation for egg laying. The pair were observed by numerous people and the fame of them spread rapidly throughout the area. They were confidently identified as sockeye by people far more knowledgeable about such things than me. So far, I have not heard anyone who was not surprised at the fish being there. I'm sure it's possible that sockeyes have entered the river before but it is a very rare and special occasion.

Although redd building and spawning behavior were observed, I'm told that it is unlikely that any smolt will survive and return as adults in future years. The nesting effort will result in some of the desired progeny being consumed as eggs; others will be eaten by predators in the river. Some will be the victims of ill-considered

human activities or their byproducts. Some may make it to the Pacific only to be on the losing end of the ongoing churn of eating and being eaten that is the norm for the deep blue sea. Yet I have hope that what I first observed was the beginning of a new and great contribution to the diversity of our local river—a biological renaissance of sorts.

I mention these fish in part because I am still amped up by what I consider to be a remarkable natural phenomenon. I also mention it because it is yet another metaphor for the diversity, the nuance, the creativity, the differences, and the zeal for life that characterize our town. These two bright and colorful aquatic creatures came from far away environs to try and create life around us. They braved the depths of the ocean and traversed miles of shallow rocky rills to show up on our doorstep and create a stir. Are not most of us here like that? We came from other places. We plumbed the depths of different realities and skittered across shoals and riffles of other lives to show up in Yachats with our own color to share, our own life enhancing gifts to offer. And the whole of our river of life is the better for the contributions made by each.

Like the salmon, we often observe that those who have contributed much life and energy to our environment are spent and gone too soon. When we waken to that observation we lament that early perceived "differences" kept us from knowing and enjoying special people fully until we came to understand that more unites us all than divides any us. We grieve the loss of friendships that could have been longer and fuller. We seek to find appropriate tribute for those who built their redds in our stream, added life to our river, and flashed the bright colors of a vibrant energy around us everywhere. While it is clearly a blessing to be surrounded by so many who contribute so much, it is painful to see even a piece of the whole, even one soul, slip away.

But know this. To me, the river will never be the same. It will always be greater than it was before. Whether the redd succeeds in establishing annual runs of bright red fish or simply remains a memory of color and excitement for those of us that saw the great fish, a difference was made by the effort. We are the more complete because of it. We are all, too, so much more because of our neighbors struggling upstream beside us trying to make a difference. There will be no brass plaque for the sockeye. There may be tangible memorials for friends we've lost, but in either case it is the unmeasurable bulk and mass of the effort, and the un-totaled value of the giving and the striving together that serves as the true lasting tribute.



### City Council Briefing

By Nancy Batchelder, City Recorder

- At the August City Council meeting an easement was approved for parking at the Fistera Gardens apartments on Diversity Drive. The owners of the apartment complex will be responsible for the maintenance of those marked parking spaces.
- City Council finished reviewing, revising and renumbering the Administrative Policies this month. Changes were made to reflect current technology and the way the City does business. For example, policies regarding protecting City documents now describe the daily off-site electronic backups and use of the Yachats Document Library as safeguards rather than the use of duplicate paper copies.
- Longtime City Attorney Mike Dowsett announced his intention to retire as of December 31, 2010. At a special meeting on August 17, 2010 Council discussed how they will proceed with recruitment. Discussion will continue at the next work session.
- City Council denied a request made by the Coastal Celtic Music Festival to place a promotional banner across Highway 101 citing safety and logistical problems.
- Larry Nixon was reappointed as the City's representative to the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association.
- The Council authorized Mayor Brean to offer Quiet Water Home Owners Association assistance with developing and implementing a riparian restoration

plan in exchange for the City providing Quiet Water residents every opportunity to understand the value of the riparian area to the entire community, the management requirements of the Municipal Code, and to provide dedicated public access to the perimeter trail as described in the Village Circulation Plan.



### Public Works Department

By John McClintock, Director

During the August City Council meeting I gave an update of street work planned by the Public Works department. The streets being paved are: Driftwood Lane; E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street; E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street; Radar Road; and Reeves Circle. We will also be patching a new sewer main on Hanley Terrace. The prep work and paving will be done with as minimal an impact on resident as possible. Paving will begin after Labor Day and affected residents of each street will be notified in advance.

Our wastewater collection system assessment will continue this month (and perhaps into October) as we smoke test the sewer mains, manholes, and service laterals south of the Yachats River Bridge.

If you have any questions about these projects, please call the Public Works Department at (541) 547-3243.



### Applying for a Passport

By Debrah Edwards, Deputy City Recorder

Anyone wishing to apply for a U.S. Passport Book or Card for the first time or anyone with a previously obtained U.S. Passport Book or Card *issued more than 15 years ago* may have their Passport Application accepted at Yachats City Hall. To ensure a Passport Acceptance Agent is on duty, please call us first at (541) 547-3565 to make an appointment.

Each applicant must bring a completed (in black ink) but **unsigned** DS-11 "Application for a U.S. Passport" form along with the following items:

- Two recent 2"x2" passport photos that meets U.S. Department of State specifications (do not attach the photo to application)

- A current state driver's license (a \$.15 copy fee will be charged to make a front/back copy of the license)
- Children under the age of **18** must have one parent present with their current driver's license (\$.15 copy fee applies)
- Children under the age of **16** must have both parents present with their valid driver's licenses (\$.15 copy fee applies), an original or certified copy of their birth certificate, and their previously issued previously U.S. Passport (if there is one). If one parent is unable to be present, a notarized DS-3053 "Statement of Consent or Special Circumstances: Issuance of a Passport to a Minor Under Age 16" form from that parent must be submitted also
- A personal or certified check or money order payable to the U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE in one of the following amounts (a passport book and card can be obtained together using one DS-11 form):

Passport Book	(age ≥15)	\$80.00
Passport Book	(age ≤16)	\$110.00
Passport Card	(age ≥15)	\$15.00
Passport Card	(age ≤16)	\$30.00

- A separate Acceptance Fee of \$25 payable in cash or money order or personal check payable to the CITY OF YACHATS

Average turnaround time for application processing is 4-6 weeks. Expedited service, which cuts processing time down to 2-3 weeks, is available for an additional \$60 fee plus overnight delivery costs. Please confirm these turnaround times by logging onto [http://travel.state.gov/passport/processing/processing\\_1740.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/processing/processing_1740.html). Applicants needing to travel internationally in two weeks time or less may make an appointment at the Passport Agency in Seattle, WA by calling (877) 487-2778. For those needing only U.S. Passport Card they do issue them on site.

PLEASE NOTE: Applicants whose most recent U.S. Passport Book or Card was issued after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and was issued within the past 15 years may renew their U.S. Passport Book or Card by mail using a DS-82 "Application for a U.S. Passport by Mail" form. Applications by mail are not charged an Acceptance Fee.

All U.S. Passport forms are available at City Hall Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (except

holidays) or by logging on to [http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms\\_847.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms_847.html).



## Community Meeting

The public is invited to hear CEO Bettina von Hagen of EcoTrust Forest Management speak about strategies for protecting the Yachats viewsheds and watersheds. The event will take place on October 2, 2010 at 2 p.m. at the Yachats Commons. More formation is available on [www.GoYachats.com](http://www.GoYachats.com).



## Emergency Supply and Equipment Drive

The City's Emergency Planning Steering Committee continues its work stocking the City's two storage containers with emergency supplies and equipment. The committee has already purchased many key supplies however they still need more.

As part of the Emergency Preparedness Faire at the Yachats Commons on September 18, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. volunteers will be available to take the following donations:

- Adult/baby diapers
- Air mattresses
- Airtight storage containers (all sizes)
- Baby care items
- Battery operated lanterns/ radios/flashlights
- Blankets
- Bleach
- Buckets
- Camp stove coffee pots/fuel
- Camping kitchen equipment such as camp stoves
- Camping-type dishes, paper plates, cups, utensils
- Collapsible water containers
- Duct tape
- First aid kits or medical supplies
- Fishing gear
- Folding camp furniture, i.e., chairs, (card) tables
- Large cooking pots/pans
- Large garbage bags/Plastic cling wrap
- Premium pet food
- Rope/Tarps

Tools such as shovels  
Toilet paper/paper towels

The items must be in “new” or “like new” condition. Please remember—we don’t want what you don’t want! Questions about emergency items can be directed to South Lincoln County CERT coordinator Betty Johnston at (541) 547-4934.



## Yachats Trails Committee Thriving

By Lauralee Svendsgaard, Chair

It was a curious experience selling YYFAP Duck Race tickets at the Farmers’ Market in June. Certainly there was interest in the “great race” and all the wonderful prizes to be had. But as word got around that someone at the market knew about Yachats trails, there seemed a steady stream of folks asking for hiking suggestions, wanting to learn more about Amanda, and otherwise quite eager to know where to go to get away from the bustle and truly experience the beauty and tranquility of our land and sea.

Whether resident or visitor, that is really the blessing of the Yachats trail system. It serves quite literally as the path that allows us to escape the bustle and stress of daily living, to connect with the great and magically intricate web of nature, and provides the peace and stillness often needed to re-connect with our true selves.

And so, it really should not surprise any Yachatian that there is a strong and vigorous group of trail volunteers that have eagerly supported a broad range of efforts to promote, improve and maintain trails in and connecting to Yachats. In little more than a year, having re-organized under the City’s Parks & Commons Commission, the Yachats Trails Committee and its Trails Crew have successfully tackled engineering challenges, reclaimed important wildlife habitat, developed and widely distributed the ever-popular Yachats Trails map, and have diligently pursued efforts to improve trail access.

Though formal meetings are infrequent (trail folks just aren’t the sort to sit too long), the Trails Committee is actively engaged in several activities. Below are just some of their achievements over the last several months, followed by future opportunities to join our efforts.

- We have had several meetings and have begun building a relationship with U.S. Forest Service

which we hope will lead to several trail improvements serving the City’s trail system.

- We have provided sorely needed maintenance to both the Commons landscaped areas, the Nature Preserve, and the children’s play area.
- With U.S. Forest Service providing permission and materials, the Yachats Trails Crew and the Natural Resource (youth) Crew installed 3 sets of stairs south of the Amanda Bridge, providing safer access to what was the most treacherous, slippery section of the Amanda Trail.
- We eradicated thousands of pounds of aggressive non-native plants, and partnered with the Overleaf Lodge and SOLV in the removal of over 850 pounds of invasive ivy from the 804 Trail.
- In just 9 work days, the Yachats Trails Crew (most of whom are over 60) contributed over 400 hours of trail maintenance and improvements.
- At U.S. Forest Service’s request, we provided maintenance on the Giant Spruce Tree Trail.

To be added to the Trails Committee’s email list or join us for one of our upcoming events email me at [lsven@peak.org](mailto:lsven@peak.org). No experience is necessary and everyone is encouraged to work at their own pace.

Saturday, September 4, 2010 10 a.m.-1 p.m.—Trails Work Crew meets at the Prospect Trail  
Saturday, October 2, 2010 10 a.m.-1 p.m.—Trails Work Crew meets at the Commons Picnic Shelter  
Tuesday, October 19, 2010 3 p.m.—Trails Committee meeting at the Yachats Commons, Rm 8



## Mobile Paper Shredding Event

By Laura Kriz, Recycling  
Coordinator Dahl Disposal

Dahl Disposal Service and the City of Yachats have arranged for a mobile paper shredding event on October 2, 2010 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., in the rear parking lot of the Yachats Commons, thanks to support from the Lincoln County Solid Waste District.

Information-based fraud and identity theft are serious issues and are growing more problematic each year. Casually discarding personal information is no longer an acceptable risk. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that one gives up ownership of information when it is casually discarded.

Residents and local businesses may bring 2 boxes (15” x

12" x 10 ≥) of paper to shred free of charge. Additional boxes are \$5. An onsite mobile shredding truck will immediately shred the paper and can provide users with a certificate of secure document destruction. The shredding truck has a limited capacity and once the truck is full, no more paper will be accepted. We can shred the following types of paper: computer or fax paper; any color paper or envelopes; carbonless paper; slick/glossy paper; heavily printed and coated paper; and manila and bleach file folders.

There is no need to remove paper clips, staples, bindings, and rubber bands from your materials.

Local businesses with large volumes of paper can call me in advance to schedule a shred time (541) 270-9480.



## Stacy Smith

By Debbie Jackson, YYFAP  
Director

Stacy Smith is one of the first people I met when my family and I moved to Yachats 17 years ago. Stacy is an "old-timer" having moved to the community of Tenmile Creek in 1976 at the age of 15. She comes from a family of community activists and volunteers, and has continued that tradition.

We met at Yachats Indoor Park, a then brand-new endeavor, led by a small group of parents. Stacy was one of the leaders of that group. Over the years, I have worked with Stacy on a variety of projects mostly focused on children. Stacy's husband Chris said, "*She has always had a special connection to kids—anyone's kids—and a clearer than usual perception of who they are and what they're dealing with. She always lights up with kids, always has.*"

Stacy was instrumental in the creation of the Yachats Area Homeschool Group, was a founding member of One of Us Productions, and still volunteers at Oregon Music Teachers Association events. She performs a variety of tasks for the Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program, ranging from the tedious to the creative. She compiles all of our participation statistics, serves on the Board of Directors, chairs the Fundraising Committee, helps in the after-school program, provides guidance to the Senior Helping Hands Group, and offers insight and moral support to everyone involved in YYFAP. It is safe to say that the Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program would not be the same or as successful in fulfilling its mission, without her.

As if her volunteer work for YYFAP isn't enough, you will find Stacy and her family helping out at numerous other events and projects in Yachats. She washes dishes at fundraisers for other community organizations, coordinates volunteers, counts birds, picks up trash, leads a Tai Chi group, monitors a stretch of coastline, and more.

So what does Stacy get in return for all she gives? You could ask her the next time you meet her at a community event, but I have my own hypothesis—Stacy cares about her family and her community. Her work helps make Yachats a great place to live for her family and for all of its citizens. That is her reward. Thank you, Stacy, for all you do.



## Yachats Public Library

By Marie Green, Library  
Commission Chair

- Volunteer librarian Carol Summers, who also serves as the liaison for Yachats Arts Guild has graced the Library walls with new paintings and photographs. Thanks to her and the Guild for sharing these beautiful works of art.
- Thank you to the folks who read last month's plea and actually returned books to the Common's rack of used paperbacks next to the Food Pantry. Take one and return one...or two—there's no charge and no time limit.
- Books and boxes of books have been donated recently from various estates. The library is always delighted to receive these gifts.
- The Library's policy is that we do not purchase VHS tapes or DVD's but rely solely on patron's gifts. Yes—many folks still enjoy using their VCR's and regularly check out VHS tapes. We do purchase audiobooks on CD, but always appreciate donations of gently-used audiobooks on CD.
- Are you pursuing a "Bucket List" of 100 classics to read before you go? If we don't have something on your list just ask; we will happily order the book or books for you.
- And for a bit of serendipity Carolyn White, Children's Librarian, decided to order some juvenile books in Spanish. Before the list was sent, one of our generous patrons donated two delightfully illustrated children's books in Japanese.



## Little Log Church & Museum

By Mary Crook, Coordinator

I always mark my calendar the morning I feel the hint of fall in the air. This year it was August 20th.

The air felt a little different; the shadows just a bit longer—it's a very nice feeling. We had a great summer that Sunday in late July, didn't we.

The Little Log Church and Museum is ready to salute fall with two exciting events. On Friday, September 24, 2010 we will host the "John Whelan Trio" who will be on their western U.S. tour of traditional Irish music. Whelan is All-Ireland Accordion Champion. He will be accompanied by fiddler and singer Charlene Adzima and multi-instrumentalist Zac Leger. Those who attended the Jamie Laval fiddle concert last February heard Zac play his guitar, bouzouki, and flute. It promises to be a memorable evening. Watch for posters with the exact time and ticket prices. Then on Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. our garden will again be alive with music, art, and more at our 2nd annual "Music and Art in the Garden" party. The fund raiser for the garden was a big success last year. We look forward to the fun and festivity. Hope to see you there!

On a contemplative note, the Wednesday evening meditation group marks its second anniversary this month. They gather at the church from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. weekly for a silent meditation. It's a wonderful and peaceful experience. All are welcome.



## Yachats Youth and Family Program

By Bee Bui, RecPLUS Team Leader

### **Preschool Starts**

The Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program is very happy to announce that preschool classes for 3-5 year-olds will begin on September 14, 2010 at the Commons. The Yachats Preschool is open to all South Lincoln County children. Families are asked to pay whatever they can afford on a sliding scale from \$0-\$100 per month. Classes will take place Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until noon.

The objectives of the preschool are to meet the needs of the total child—physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually. Children will be provided learning opportunities that encourage growth and development in a fun, warm, secure and educational environment. This program is made possible by grants from Our Coastal Village Foundation, the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon, Juan Young Trust, the City of Yachats, and many individual donors.

If you are interested in enrolling your child or want more information, please call Debbie Jackson at (541) 547-4599. Space is limited.

### **KaBOOM! Play Day!**

What is a KaBOOM! Play Day? It is our chance to gather at our community's favorite playground for fun, games, and service projects that celebrate and improve our play space. Simply by improving our play space and having fun we could win a \$10,000 grant and further improve our play space. You can help make this dream a reality by logging on to our KaBOOM! Play Day website at <http://playday.kaboom.org/projects/586-yachats-community-pl> then join, comment and post—it's that easy. Each visit increases our chances to become a grant finalist. Then be ready to have the time of your life on September 18, 2010 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at the Yachats Commons Playground as we gather together and improve our play space. Contact Cicely Bernard at [ckbernard@gmail.com](mailto:ckbernard@gmail.com) or call (541)547-4599.

### **Indoor Play Group for the Wee Ones!**

Indoor Park is expanding its hours. Beginning the week of September 20, 2010 Indoor Park will be held 2 days a week instead of just one. Join us Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. This will give parents with children ages 0-6 two opportunities each week to get together for play time, network with other local parents and participate in special activities. One of the special activities we hold are nature walks. The last one of the season will be held on September 8, 2010 from 1 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Special visitor Jan Ostby, Nutrition Education Instructor from Lincoln County OSU Extension office will be sharing important information on child nutrition and also be available to answer any questions.

Indoor Park is held in Room 4 of the Yachats Commons. If we aren't in the room when you arrive check the playground behind the Commons. The cost is only \$1 per visit. For more information please visit [www.yachatsyouth.org](http://www.yachatsyouth.org) or call (541) 547-4599.

### **RecPLUS Fall Quarter Begins**

Recreation PLUS is our drop-in afterschool program. Children ages 6+ are welcome to join the fun weekdays in the Yachats Commons basement from 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m. (participants must be picked prior to 6 p.m.) Students may take the school bus to the Commons after school. There are loads of fun activities to engage in such as cooking, playing sports, making crafts, and more!

There is a suggested fee of \$25 per family each quarter. For more information or for volunteer opportunities, please visit [www.yachatsyouth.org](http://www.yachatsyouth.org) or call (541)547-4599. YYFAP will be closed as usual from August 30th-September 6th in preparation for the upcoming school year.



## Adult Program Task Force Seeks Public Opinion

By Lauralee Svendsgaard,  
Task Force Leader

Once upon a time there was a great debate about whether an old school building should be acquired by the City of Yachats. We know how that story turned out. The Yachats Commons has become a hub for many activities from youth programming to community theater to artistic display to "free movie night" to community parties and potlucks. We, as a village, are the better for having engaged in the debate and for having reached a conclusion that has clearly benefited the entire community.

The use of the Commons is still evolving, however. New ideas are often proposed. Existing programs have expanded and have outgrown the available space. Add to that the City Council goal to, "Provide or facilitate opportunities for self-growth, education, and participation in programs and projects that enhance quality of life" and it seems prudent to consider if there are other ways we can benefit from this wonderful City amenity. As a result, a small group of Yachadians has been gathering since May 2010 to explore how we might expand opportunities for learning and creativity at the Commons.

It didn't take long for the Task Force to recognize that we really need to know what our citizens and visitors want and will support. As a first step in that process, we're asking for the public's help by completing the Yachats Commons Community Center Survey sent with this month's water/sewer bill. For those who rent and

don't receive a water/sewer bill or for those who live outside the city limits, the survey is available at [www.GoYachats.com](http://www.GoYachats.com), the Yachats Library, and the Yachats Post Office. The survey asks some very basic questions about user's desires for programs, user's use of the Commons now, and user's interests, etc. All surveys must be completed and returned to The City of Yachats City Hall by September 30, 2010. A report of the survey findings will be presented at the City Council work session on October 11, 2010.

The survey will not be used to end or begin any activities. The intent is to help determine if there is an interest by the community (1) for a more formal assessment of the existing Commons layout, and (2) to explore a more formal arrangement for adult learning and creative programs.

For more information, or to add your name to the Adult Program Task Force's email notification list contact me at [lsven@peak.org](mailto:lsven@peak.org).



## GoYachats.com

By Andrea Scarf, Marketing  
Director

Someone once told me that at the end of the Labor Day weekend you can hear the suitcases slamming shut as visitors pack up and return to their lives in the world beyond Yachats. Even though locals have complained about the cool, foggy days it's been nothing but good for those folks fleeing the heat on the other side of the mountains. A recent survey by the Central Coast Visitors Association showed that some businesses have been having the best summer ever and some...well, aren't.

I haven't done any official evaluations, but it looks like visitors have been flocking to Yachats. There is at least a five minute wait to turn onto 101 followed by the mad dash across the highway when there's a little break in the stream of cars, RV's and campers. There are plenty of opportunities to meet interesting people while waiting for coffee or for a table at a restaurant. And there may even be a wait in line to check out at the grocery store. However, we all know what's coming—short days, long nights, rain, wind, more rain and even more wind.

Are we discouraged? Not a bit! A lot of great events are being planned for what people refer to as the "off-season." There's nothing "off" during the upcoming season in Yachats. The Show & Shine car show on

September 10-12, 2010 will kick-off the season by bringing gleaming classic and restored cars to the Yachats Inn. In addition, planning has already started to ensure that Yachats will sparkle for the holidays. WinterFest, from Thanksgiving weekend to New Year's, will feature events for everyone, including a raffle that rewards shoppers for buying in Yachats. For more information visit [www.GoYachats.com/Events](http://www.GoYachats.com/Events).

So, goodbye summer of 2010 and hello to a wonderful autumn in the Gem of the Oregon Coast!