



CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 2015

THE YACHATS CITY COUNCIL VISION

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Our village is a place where natural resources are valued and protected, where diversity is celebrated, and where a vibrant economy and sense of community pride create and recreate a living spirit. Yachats cares not just for its citizens' basic needs but also supports them in their efforts to excel mentally, physically, artistically, and spiritually. It is a community with an enduring sense of itself.



Mayor's Message

By Ron Brean, Mayor

A Long Dry Spell

We are a fortunate bunch. We sometimes forget that. It's easy to settle in and enjoy one great day after another with great views, great neighbors, a great community, and utilities

available with the flip of switch, the punching of a few buttons, or the turning of a nob. There are, of course, places on the planet where people do not have those conveniences, or don't have them available reliably. In those places no one takes wastewater disposal, electricity, telephone service (land line or cellular) or clean water for granted.

Now, I apologize to those of you who read that first paragraph and are immediately reminded of when you were an 8 year old and didn't want to finish your dinner. You know, when your parents (reading from page 6 of the "Primer for Enlightened Parenting") instructed that you were to finish your dinner because there were children starving in *[insert 3rd world country here]*. I merely want to point out by comparison how lucky we are to receive all the service we do, and how reliable they are...most of the time.

It's August. Each August, unbeknownst to most of us, our Public Works professionals begin to wring their hands. Every year they start

watching the water in Reedy Creek and Salmon Creek slow down. Those streams supply our water, and when the flows slow the crew starts calculating how long it will last and how much water they can process and store. They also start dusting off the protocols for curtailing consumption, and pay a lot of attention to the long-range forecasts looking for rain to come along and restore the flows in those streams.

Almost always the demand drops off with the end of the heaviest visitation from tourism; the rains come and start more water flowing at about the same time. Then a huge sigh of relief is heard escaping the water treatment plant. (You've probably heard that sigh and mistaken it for some sort of pressure valve in use). In wet years the anxiety is considerable less. In dry years...well, let me just say that there is considerably more hand-wringing.

This year, August came in July. Rainfall in the winter months was abnormally low resulting in less run-off. Flows that would concern us in August were already a reality a month earlier. The hand wringing has begun in earnest. This isn't going to be one of those years that we just skate by without extraordinary efforts. You've already received your notice to cut back on water use. (Before this article is in print you may have received a second notice with more severe restrictions).

We need your help in making the water last until the rains come again. We've taken steps to help us get through this dry spell, but a critical part

of making it work is simply using less water until it's more plentiful. I know Yachats is up to the task. I've spoken with many people who shared what they are doing to conserve water. The ideas range from capturing gray water for plant watering, to "navy showers" (turn on the water, get wet, turn off the water and soap down, turn on the water and rinse), to putting buckets in the shower with you to capture overspray for other uses. In this creative community I know there are even more innovative tactics being used.

Meanwhile, the hand wringers are busy making sure that alternative sources are tapped, water isn't lost to faulty systems, that the City is doing its part to conserve, and that water is processed and stored as efficiently as possible to serve your needs. Long term we are looking at additional sources and storage capabilities for those years when August comes early. We are not about to become like one of those cities or villages in *[insert 3rd world country here]*. We are working hard to give you the opportunity to take us for granted again.

Thank you, Yachats, for helping us get through this long dry spell together.



Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook,
Events Coordinator

She- Sells- Sea- Shells

One of our most popular displays at the Little Log Church and Museum is the stunning Alice Stein Collection of sea shells that is showcased in the center of the museum.

In 1964 Alice and her husband began traveling around the world. With each trip they brought home treasures from the seas in the form of sea

shells as mementoes of their travels. Over the years they visited the Gulf States, Hawaii, Australia, Indonesia, other south pacific islands, and more. They were able to bring home everything from gigantic conchs and jewel box oysters to tiny limpets and biscuit sand dollars. They managed to carefully pack home even the most fragile of shells. One of my favorites is the Venus Comb - a delicate spiny looking critter that reminds me of something mermaids might use to groom their long flowing hair.

Alice had so many shells she started the Shell Museum at Ten Mile Creek, south of Yachats. She donated parts of her collection to schools and libraries and to various Universities around the country. About ten years ago she asked the LLC&M if we might be interested in some of her collection. Since one of the goals of the museum is to display artwork and collections of local residents, we responded with an enthusiastic "yes!" Little did our curator, Karl Christianson, realize the work that would be involved in preparing the collection for display.

With Alice's help and myriad shell reference books, Karl was able to identify each shell, note the common name, scientific name, and where it was found. The project continued long after Alice passed away, and Karl spent hours each Thursday in the organization and placement of each piece. Karl numbered each of the 250 shells and created a coordinating list so visitors could find information about any shell in the collection. Finally, after one year of Thursdays, the display was finished.

We're glad the Stein Collection has been such a successful attraction, where visitors of all ages can enjoy a trip around the world in one small space. Stop in a take a look!



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

Community BBQ-Saturday-August 15th 4-6pm

YYFAP and Yachats Community Presbyterian Church invite you to join us at the picnic shelter for an old fashioned family fun BBQ.

There will be games for the whole family and lots of good food to eat. There is no cost to attend, but as always we will gladly accept donations.



Yachats Trails Update

By Jan brown,
Communications
Leader

One of the great delights of volunteering with the Trails and YIPS! crews is meeting so many people from around the world who are out enjoying our trails - especially during this busy tourist season. Invariably, as we work, people stop to share their appreciation, but also to ask questions about what they are seeing on their journey. "What kind of plant is this?" they ask; or "how were these rocks formed?" or "why is it so foggy here today?" Some answers we know, some we track down for future reference, often relying on the expertise of our fellow community volunteers at the library, the Little Log Church and the Visitor's Center. We mine the expertise of our Master Gardeners and retired professionals in a wide variety of disciplines. We collaborate with and learn from our colleagues in the National Forest Service, State Parks, Fish and Wildlife, local tribal members and more. Sometime we even find our young YFAP friends know more about nature than we do and have all the answers. The list goes on. Always this reliance on one another reminds us how trails help build community and connections - not just physically but figuratively in so many ways. We are grateful to be part of this community and to share its magic with our "neighbors" who come visiting from near and far.

In July we helped one of our newest neighbors with a special mid-week work event to help clean up and remove hazards from the Gerdemann Botanical Preserve (GBP) public footpath. This path enables hikers to complete a full loop to and from the 804 Trail north when hiking the popular Ya'Xaik trail. Since maintenance of the GBP had been on hold during the transfer of ownership to Andreea, this was a great opportunity to ensure the entire loop is ready for visitors. Many thanks



**BANANA SLUG
STRING BAND**

www.bananaslugstringband.com

Banana Slugs String Band - Free Concert Aug. 21st

Yes it's true, the Banana Slugs are returning to Yachats for a free concert at the Yachats Commons. Our own local Bluegrass Band: The Bad Weeds is also playing. This is an event you don't want to miss!

Thanks to the generosity of local donors who care about children's exposure to quality music and environmental issues, this concert is entirely free. The fun starts at 5 pm. Come join us for a really fun, all-ages, end of summer event for our community; especially the youth.

Learn more about The Banana Slug String Band at www.bananaslugstringband.com

Any donations collected at the door will be given to YYFAP.



The Yachats Farmers Market

The Yachats Farmers Market features fresh organic produce, meat, poultry, hot food and fine arts & crafts. Now through October 9:00am until 2:00pm every Sunday. We are located on 4th Street just off Hwy 101, next to the Yachats Commons. Find us on Facebook and twitter.



go to the large number of people who turned out to help.

We always look forward to opportunities to acknowledge the dedication and hours of work Trails and YIPs! crews put in year round so we were also pleased this past month to hold our 5th annual appreciation picnic. If you have been thinking about volunteering for trails and YIPs! events, here's yet more evidence that we are not all work and no play! Suffice to say a very good time was had by all.

Another "no work" opportunity coming up this month is a talk by author Connie Soper offered through the Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences. After meeting Connie at a recent international trails conference, Trails Committee Chair Lauralee Svendsgaard invited her to come speak about her experiences hiking the Oregon Coast Trail and recommendations for the best ways to hike it. We hope to see you there! And finally one reminder for those of you who are currently on the Trails and YIPs! mailing list: On July 6th you received an invitation to participate in an online survey exploring ways the Trails Committee can better serve our volunteers, our community and our visitors. If you have not yet taken the survey, please take about 5 minutes to go through it and provide your valuable feedback. Your voice is important.

YIPs! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

The primary focus of our war against invasive weeds at the moment is the wetland park area behind the Commons. In our last outing we removed huge piles of blackberry, holly, ivy and morning glory. While some of these plants may be considered "pretty," they are each, in fact,

serious threats to our natural ecosystem. So if you see these in your yard, you can have a big impact by pulling them out and preventing them from spreading afar.

Tansy Ragwort has also recently burst into bloom around town. Being toxic to

livestock, it is one of our prime targets now, before it goes to seed. Please help remove it wherever you see it - roots and all - and place it in plastic bags to be sure any seeds that develop don't spread. If you have questions about these or other invasive species in the area, you can contact Wally (541-547-5474) or Don (541-961-6695) for information.



A word of warning...

Summer is Yellow Jacket season, particularly from now through early fall, and is worst when the weather is hot and dry. If you are out hiking, be aware that these critters build nests both below ground and suspended above ground and will defend their nest areas vigorously against intruders. Staying vigilant as well as keeping your canine companions close while traversing woods and fields could save both of you some painful and possibly dangerous consequences.

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 so come join in the fun. We guarantee you a warm appreciative welcome and a friendly social get-together to celebrate our accomplishments at the end.

Upcoming events to add to your calendar:

August 1st (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Trails Crew work event (Location TBA)

August 13th (Thursday) 6:30 p.m. at the Commons. Author and hiker Connie Soper will discuss her experiences in a program titled "Exploring the Oregon Coast Trail."

August 15th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: YIPs! work event. (Location TBA)

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



Loren Dickinson, Leader, Trails Crew at 541-547-4559 or loren.dickinson@gmail.com
 Wally Orchard, Leader, YIPSI at 541.547.5474 or worchard@peak.org
 Jan Brown, Leader, Communications at 541.547.4927 or espressobrown@gmail.com

Tickets \$15, available locally at Toad Hall, Touchstone Gallery, Ya-Hots Video Country Store, and at the Door. FMI 541-547-4121



Yachats Public Library

By Janet Rackleff

August 4th Jugglemania with Rhys Thomas an open event for the

Summer Reading Program, all welcome at 10 am at the Commons Pre-school Classroom

August 11th Penny's Puppets presents Donkey Hero for the final Summer Reading Program at 10am in the Commons Pre-school Classroom, all Welcome .



From the YRFPD By Frankie Petrick

Due to the extremely dry weather we are experiencing I just wanted to remind everyone about the fire danger and thank everyone who has already gotten their free BBQ & Fire Pit Permit. Don't forget to get yours if you haven't already ! Also, a big thank you for the community support at our 4th of July B-B-Q.

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Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams, Coordinator

Come and celebrate

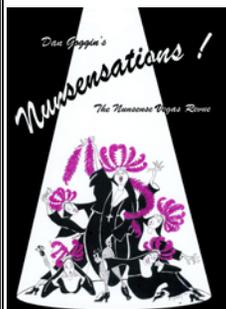
summer! Our guest chef: Mary Goff. Our August Luncheon will take place at the Commons - as usual the last Thursday of the month on the 27th of August - doors opening at 11.30 and lunch being served at noon. The event is open to seniors 55 and older and there is a suggested donation of \$5. The menu is: Pork Tenderloin Medallions, Confetti Tabouli, Red Coleslaw, Haricots Verts (Skinny Green Beans) and Blackberry Cobbler for dessert.



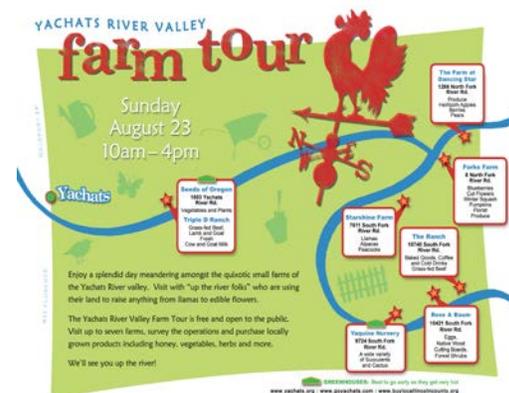
GET ✓ READY
Lincoln County

Join us at the
**Lincoln County
Emergency
Readiness Fair,**
co-sponsored with

Northwest Natural Gas, Saturday, September 12, 2015, 12 – 3:p.m., Lincoln County Fairgrounds (free to public). An event that will help you Get Ready. Several local emergency groups will be giving away safety items and a free lunch!



NUNSENSATIONS - A VEGAS REVUE-Family Comedy/Musical. Come experience Live Theater brought to you by One of Us Productions. Performances at 7 pm Friday and Saturday; 2 pm Sunday. Yachats Commons Auditorium.





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SUNDAY

MONDAY

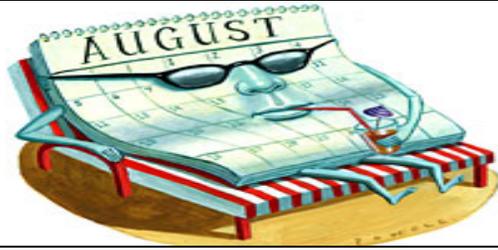
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1
10am Pathways to Transformation Holistic Health , Psychic & Crafts Fair (Commons)

2 9am Yachats Farmers Market

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8am Tai Chi (Rm 8)
10am Exercise (MP)
12pm Pickleball (MP)
6pm Open & Honest (Rm5)
6pm Zumba (MP)
7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong (MP)
7:00 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm3)

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8:30am Qigong (Rm8)
2pm Emergency Planning Cmte (Civic Mtg Rm)
3pm Public Works & Streets (Civic Mtg Rm)

5 8 am Tai Chi (Rm 8)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)
12pm Pickleball (MP)
Monthly Tsunami Siren Testing 11 am (Citywide)
1pm Art in the Kitchen(Rm5)
6pm Zumba (MP)
7:00 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm8)

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7 pm Yachats Big Band Dance (MP)

7
10 am Exercise Class (MP)

8
Yachats Smelt Baseball 2pm
Rubbery Shrubbery Stadium

9 9am Yachats Farmers Market

2pm Milo & Friends Concert Skate Park Benefit (MP)

3pm Yachats Song Circle (Rm8)

10 8 am Tai Chi (Rm8)
9:30 am City Council Work Session (Civic Mtg Rm)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)
12pm Pickleball (MP)
6pm Open & Honest (Rm5)
6 pm Zumba (MP)
7pmBasketball / Ping-Pong (MP)
7:00 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm3)

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8:30am Qigong (Rm8)

5:30pm Friends Board Mtg

12 8 am Tai Chi (Rm 8)
10am City Finance Mtg
10 am Exercise Class (MP)
12pm Pickleball (MP)

1pm Art in the Kitchen (Rm5)
6 pm Zumba (MP)
7:00 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm8)

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2pm City Council Mtg (Civic Mtg Rm)

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10 am Exercise Class (MP)

15
Yachats Smelt Baseball 2pm
Rubbery Shrubbery Stadium

YYFAP & YCPC: ALL Community BBQ- PICNIC 4-6pm @ Picnic Shelter

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9am Yachats Farmers Market

6:30pm Dances of Universal Peace (MP)

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8am Tai Chi (Rm 8)
10 am Exercise Class(MP)
12pm Pickleball (MP)
6pm Open & Honest (Rm5)
6 pm Zumba (MP)
7pmBasketball/Ping-Pong (MP)
7:00 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm3)

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8:30am Qigong (Rm8)

2 pm Planning Commission Work Session (Civic Mtg Rm)
Planning Commission Meeting 3 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)
5:30pm Friends Board Mtg.

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8 am Tai Chi (Rm8)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)
12pm Pickleball (MP)

1pm Art in the Kitchen(Rm5)
6 pm Zumba (MP)
7:00 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm8)

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11am Gentle Healing YOGA(Rm3)

3pm Parks/Commons Commission (Civic Mtg Rm)

21
10 am Exercise Class (MP)

YYFAP Families Together 6pm YCPC

22 Yachats Smelt Baseball
2pm Rubbery Shrubbery Stadium

23/30
Yachats River Farm Tour 10am- 4pm

9am Yachats Farmers Market

24/31
8 am Tai Chi 8 am (Rm8)
10 am Exercise Class (MP)
12pm Pickleball (MP)
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6 pm Zumba (MP)
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8:30am Qigong (Rm8)

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10 am Exercise Class (MP)
12pm Pickleball (MP)

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6 pm Zumba (MP)
7:00 pm Amrit YOGA (Rm8)

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11:30am Lunch Bunch (MP)

2810am Exercise Class (MP)

7:30pm Nunsensations! Musical Comedy (MP)

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2pm Rubbery Shrubbery Stadium

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