



CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 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

January gets its name from the Roman god "Janus". Janus' area of influence, expertise, and responsibility was beginnings and transitions. He therefore was found lurking, lingering and influencing in gates, doors, passages and endings. He is usually depicted as having two faces. With one he is looking back at what has just been. With the other he is looking forward to the future, to what will be or what might be.

Looking backward along with Janus we might see a few sorrows. There are a few less people looking back with us and a few old friends that won't make this transition. But there is also much to see in our wake that we can celebrate. We can celebrate those times and those contributions that made those people our friends in the first place. We can remember the times we've laughed together and worked together, and shared our thoughts over coffee or wine or on the bench in front of the post office. Looking back there are so many contributors that helped make Yachats what it is today.

There are a bunch of us Yachadians that participate in the Yachats New Year's Day Peace Hike each year. This is also a time to look back. The destination of the hike is the Amanda statue where we remember the atrocities that were

visited on native people in the interest of what less enlightened folks called "progress". We are reminded how the telling of the story truthfully bridged an old gap between the people of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians and the people of Yachats. Tribal members, Yachadians, and visitors from far and wide join the ceremony at the hikes destination to look back and remember.

Like Janus, however, we also look forward. Armed with lessons learned and new friendship we are prepared to face what lies ahead. We are prepared to build on relationships between our communities and to help each other realize our dreams and our desires. Walking the first steps of the new year with peace and harmony as the prevailing thought can't be a bad way to start, to transition.

My friends I look forward to walking through the New Year together. May your year be the best you've ever had and the one following it even better.



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams,
Coordinator

The Yachats Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, January 29,

2015 in the multipurpose room. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Lunch served at noon. Everyone 55 or older is welcome.

Our "guest chef" for January is Mary Goff. She is preparing: Chicken Cordon Bleu Pasta; mixed

greens; Lemon Bars for dessert. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.



Annual State of the City Event

By Nancy Batchelder,
City Recorder

Sunday January 25th 2:00 pm

Do you know what City Council and the Commissions accomplished in 2014? Do you want to know what City Council and the Commissions plan to work on in 2015? Then come to the Annual State of the City Event for presentations from Council and the Commissions. You can meet the Volunteers who are working to keep Yachats Great and learn how YOU can volunteer too! Come for the Cake!



City Council Briefing Audit Report

Rob Wall, the independent auditor from the firm of Wall and Wall in Coos Bay, Oregon, attended the December City

Council meeting to present the completed City Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Once again the City received an "unqualified opinion," which is the highest possible rating. Wall said that he and his team did extensive testing in all the major areas, and found nothing that raised any flags or concerns. Internal controls are strong and it is a clean report. Wall credited City Recorder Batchelder and her staff for the excellent condition of the books, and their cooperation with the audit team.

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 Trails

Update

By Jan Brown, Trails Committee
Communications Leader

Happy New Year to all! And to start the year off on a cheerful note, here's a wee bit o'humor someone recently sent me:

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal, they lay down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. Holmes said: "Watson, look up and tell me what you see".

Watson said: "I see a fantastic panorama of countless stars".

Holmes: "And what does that tell you?"

Watson pondered for a moment: "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow."

"Why? - What does it tell you, Holmes?"

Holmes was silent for a moment then spoke: "Someone has stolen our tent." (Pause here for a guffaw - or a groan...)

Somehow, this got me thinking about the many different ways people experience the great outdoors in both simple and complex ways; how our local trails suit such a variety of interests, perceptions and physical abilities; and how, on any trail, there is always something new to learn. We hope that in the year to come you'll find time to explore these great resources in ways most meaningful for you. Better yet, come share your experiences and knowledge with the friendly and always welcoming Trails Crew at our monthly work gatherings. A huge thank you goes out to all

the wonderful volunteers who show up whenever they can to make our trails beautiful and safe for all. There will be many activities planned for the year ahead so watch for details coming soon.

YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

The good news is that as winter advances, most of our weeds retreat. Well - ok they never retreat, but they do slow down. In January we'll do some pruning, digging and general winter cleanup until the serious competition begins again in the spring. If you aren't yet aware of the various weeds and invasive plants we tackle around town - and why we do that - this is a good month to curl up with a cup of cocoa and peruse the Yachats invasive plants brochure that you can view or download from

<http://www.ci.yachats.or.us/weeds/Brochure-weeds.pdf>. (Printed copies are also posted in the Commons entry area.) Of course it's also a good month to get out for some fresh air and fun by spending a couple of hours with the most gregarious YIPS! crew at our regular third Saturday gatherings (see schedule below). 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 all levels of interest so come join in the fun. We guarantee you a warm appreciative welcome and a rollicking celebration of our accomplishments at the end.

Upcoming events to add to your calendar:

January 3rd (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Trails Crew work event (TBA).

January 17th (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: YIPS! work event. (TBA)

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

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Yachats Public Library

By Janet Rackleff

Happy New Year 2015

from all the volunteers and friends of the library. Be sure to stop by this month to start the New Year off with books to support your resolutions or interests. Remember, we're open 6 days of the week.

See you at the library!



Commons Events

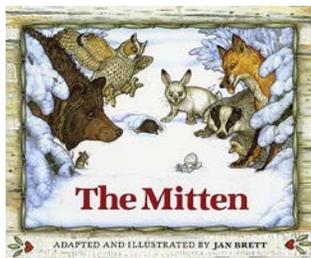
By Leon Sterner,
Coordinator

Looking over my shoulder at December here at the Commons - I notice the decorations that lit up the halls and brightened the atmosphere during the long nights and short days of the season. The Friends Giving Tree in the front lobby along with adding color and light and the scent of fresh Pine has served to promote financial donations which will be used for the numerous improvement projects around the Commons facility. City Hall displayed decorations aplenty to cheer us out of the old year and into the new. Lunch Bunch met for a wonderful holiday meal prepared by Blythe Collins of Bread and Roses Bakery and served by the Lunch Bunch Crew. During the gathering, Bob Welch, former columnist with the Register Guard, gave a fun and very interesting talk about his writing adventures and his recently published children's books. Another highlight for me was watching the pre-school kids practicing their performance on many December mornings - getting ready for their

annual Holiday concert. Each of these kids is a 'bright light' for all of us this season. Following their concert was the Ornament Night activities - where both YYFAP and the Yachats Presbyterian Community Church provide a meal and book reading for the Families Together program.

Looking forward to January and the New Year, when there will be many goings on here at the Commons. To get the year going - Annual New Year's Day Peace Hike hikers will gather at the Commons for the trek and a ceremony at the Amanda Trail site. After a hike (or ride) back to the Commons there will be refreshments and social time back in the MP room. All January there will be the ongoing classes in Yoga, Exercise, Tai Chi, and Ping Pong that happen weekly. Keep January 17 and 18th on your calendar as a time to visit the annual Agate Festival, here at the Commons. And to end this First Month of our calendar year, we host two seating's for the Yachats Lions Club Annual Crab Feed on January 31st. To keep up with all these goings on, you can view the Community Calendar on the goyachats.com website - a resource that helps us all keep up with what's going on at the Commons as well as in our community. If you have questions about the Calendar and/or about making reservations at the Commons, please feel free to give me a call. 541-961-6597.

Thanks for all the support and expressions of appreciation from those who frequent the Commons and make it a vital center for our community.



Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

Join us for Families Together January 30th

The featured book for our January YYFAP Families Together is "The Mitten" by Jan Bret, a beautifully written and illustrated winter story.

This month our Families Together will be Friday night, January 30th 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. This program is sponsored by an Oregon Early Literacy Grant and generous donations from Mari's Books and Dahl and Dahl Inc. We would also like to thank all our friends at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church, without whom we couldn't provide this fun evening for families. We hope you will join us this month and support early reading. Happy winter!



Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator

We at the Little Log Church and Museum would like to thank all of you for your support and kindnesses in the last year. We hope you enjoyed your holidays and perhaps had a chance to visit your little church/museum to see the beautiful holiday decorations.

Mark your calendar time: On Friday January 9th at 7:30 p.m. Colleen Rainey and her ensemble of Celtic musicians will give a special performance. Colleen was affiliated with our annual Celtic Festival at one time, and has been traveling around the world with her group. They love the LLC&M and think it a fine venue. Watch for details about the concert in postings and newspapers.

AND. . .It has been twenty years since our very first group marriage vow renewal ceremony on Valentine's Day, so we will have something very special that Saturday the 14th of February. We expect to have a good response, so there will be two seatings, one at 12 noon and one at 5:30 p.m. As always, reservations are required. Interested participants can call me at 541-547-4547 to sign up. **Happy 2015 to you all!**



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24 	5 City Council Work Session 9:30 am Exercise Class 10am 6pm NA Group (Rm5) Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm3) 7pm Basketball/Ping-Pong	6 Emergency Planning Cmte 2 pm (Civic Rm) Public Works & Streets Cmte3pm 5:30pm Cosmic Yoga (Rm8) 7pm First Comm. Credit Union Mtg. (MP)	7 Exercise Class 10am Tsunami Siren 11 am Zumba® 6 pm (MP) Amrit-Style Yoga 7pm (Rm8)	8 City Council Meeting 2 pm (Civic Mtg Rm)	9 Exercise Class 10am	10 			
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"Go on more adventures, Be around good energy, Connect with people, Learn new things, Grow"

