



CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



JULY 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

Leadership is a fascinating phenomenon. Writers of business and management theory, military strategists, and practitioners and students of psychology have been trying to figure out how it works forever. Many of us have participated in leadership training at a number of levels. We've read many of the best-known books about leadership. We've observed some really good leaders in action and some really bad ones. After all this training and study and observation the only thing we know for certain is that leadership often shows up just when it's needed the most, sometimes in unpredictable ways, and often from unexpected directions. When it shows up, wonderful things can happen.

In the last couple of weeks there have been articles in local periodicals describing a program taking place at Seal Rock Stables. Yearling mustangs that, without intervention, were destined to be slaughtered have been brought to the stables to be rescued and to be taught some manners (as defined by humans) so that they can be adopted and loved. These wild young horses are being handled primarily by young people from 7 to 15 years old. The yearlings have had no exposure to people. They have no social experience and therefore are lacking in the social graces that are required to be adopted.

They have no exposure to the rattles and clangs of civilization and no way of knowing how to act around them or around those that make them.

What they do know, innately, is what leadership looks like. They crave it. They respond to it. Their young human handlers (after a bit of instruction) are providing it. It's amazing to watch little horses tune in and respond to even littler people. They sense immediately that their young handler is there to help. With a little patience and guidance they begin to put their trust in those young leading hands. In short order they are wearing a halter and a lead rope, crossing scary obstacles, and ignoring things they found frightful only a short time ago. The right leader makes life much easier for these foals.

One of those books I read about leadership years ago compared the herd model (like that of horses) to the leadership construct used by a flock of geese. In the herd situation there is one dominant animal and a well-established hierarchy. The herd members understand that and look to the lead animal to lead them to safety and comfort. In the goose model there's one goose in the lead of that flying "V" of geese. When that bird tires it drops back and another goose takes the lead for a while. The whole flock manages its progress by letting the right leader emerge at the right time.

For me it's fun to watch the horses respond to leadership, but if you're not around horses you might just want to look out your front door.

You'll see plenty of leadership there. In Yachats, leadership blossoms every day. It's usually that flock of geese style. It comes from the places you'd expect, but it also often comes from out of nowhere in response to the rattles and clangs of an active community. It comes from City Councilors and Commission members, trail crew workers, library volunteers, merchants, musicians, kids, brewers, cooks and bakers, city staff, inventors, artists, and writers. As your mayor I will certainly take my turn flapping my wings at the front of the formation, but I am so grateful to have so many leaders in our town that are willing to take their turn too. Let's keep flapping together.



Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

Root for your Ducks!

Break out your tie-dye and join the Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program (YYFAP) group in the

traditional *la-de-da* Parade on 4th of July! Meet us behind the Yachats Commons at 11:00 a.m. in your tie dye and join us in celebration. Walk or bring your strollers and wagons, etc. The more the merrier. YYFAP kids past, present and future we want to see you!

Afterwards, enter the 6th Annual Duck Race by sponsoring one duck for only \$5 or 3 ducks for \$10. The Duck Race begins at 1:30 p.m., the first 40 or so lucky ducks that race down the Yachats River will win prizes including vacation packages, fine art, a bicycle, and more! Check out the prize display at the Farmers Market. All proceeds support YYFAP whose mission it is to provide a safe and supportive environment for children, to

be an advocate for youth and families, and to provide and encourage activities that integrate youth into the community.

Tickets can be purchased at the Yachats Farmers Market, the Yachats Visitor Center, and YYFAP (located in the Commons basement) Good Luck!

On the 4th of July you can purchase last minute tickets in front of the Post Office while they last!



Calling all local youth and visitors to join YYFAP's weekly themed summer camps for ages 6-12.

This summer YYFAP is offering eight weeks of Camp

YouGottaWanna, because you gotta wanna have fun! This camp is for local or visiting youth ages 6 - 12. (5 year olds may be accepted on a trial basis if they are mature enough to handle the group activities, etc. such as hiking and field trips.) The camps will run June 29th to August 21st Monday-Friday 1:00-5:00 pm at the Commons. We have lots of fun filled activities planned. Weekly themes are displayed on our webpage at www.yachatsyouth.org and the registration materials can be downloaded there as well. Cost is \$25-\$50 per weekly session, based on your ability to pay. Drop ins are welcome at \$10 per day. We hope you will join us for a summer filled with fun! Call 541-547-4599 for more details.



Baseball Yachats Style

Come join the fun for all ages on Saturday, July 18th at 1 pm at Rubbery Shrubbery Field (behind the Commons). This is an unorganized baseball game for all ages. There are pinch runners if needed, you can swing until you

hit the ball, we have no teams and no one keeps score, we use safe spongy baseballs and there are gloves on loan if needed. We have baseball style food and drinks for sale as well as a limited supply of YACHATS SMELT t-shirts and baseball caps. You don't want to miss the fun!



Yachats Public Library

By Janet Rackleff

JULY IN THE LIBRARY

The Summer Reading Program, "Every Hero Has A Story" for kids 4-10 years started two weeks ago

and will continue throughout the month of July and in to August.

July 7- Animal Heroes: Therapy Dog with Phyllis O'Boyle

July 14- Super Heroes

July 21 - Heroes in Books

July 28 - Heroes from the Past/History

August 4 - Heroes in the Arts: **Jugglemania** with Rhys Thomas

August 11- Penny's Puppets: **Donkey Hero Show**

We welcome visiting children to drop-in and just need a completed registration form for them to participate.

And don't miss the *Super Hero Library Volunteers* who will be marching in the La De Da Parade.

Go 4th and Read!

new members for the Trails and YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) crews. Special thanks go to Linda Hetzler and her team at the Drift Inn for catering the post-hike lunch at Cape Perpetua, and to Dave Thompson, Brian Hoeh, Susan Fox and Kraig Lindelin with the Siuslaw National Forest for their partnership to make this event possible.

Moving forward, we are very pleased to see some of our avid summer crew members back in town after their seasonal getaways. A slightly late welcome back goes out to Don Dour, Cheri Soyland and Loren and Sherry Dickinson. Loren and Sherry are now full-time residents and we are VERY excited to announce that that Loren has agreed to serve as our new Trails Crew leader!

We are also pleased to welcome two wonderful new people to the area. Most of you probably know of the remarkable legacy created by Jim and Janice Gerdemann, and Jerry and Kathleen Sand's love and dedication to the Gerdemann Botanical Preserve over the last eight years. Through the efforts of these four amazing people, the Preserve has flourished and has become one of Yachats' most popular destinations, offering a quiet haven amid towering and tiny plants from all over the world. So it is with sadness and our very best wishes that we watch Jerry and Kathleen depart to care for family; but also with joy that we can welcome Andreea and Sergiu Ghetie as the new owners and caretakers of the Preserve. They look forward to assistance from the Trails Crew and we will be adding a new monthly work event to help Andreea and Sergiu keep up with the demands of the garden.

One of the things we, as a team, want to track continually is how to add value through the work we do. To that end we've recently sent a survey to all the people on the Trails Committee (including YIPS!) mail distribution list to gather input and feedback on what we can do to better serve our volunteers, our community and our



Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Trails Committee Communications Leader

Summer got off to a GREAT start with National Trails Day this year. We had a large turnout of hikers on the Cummins Ridge Trail who also took time to pull stands of Tansy Ragwort along the way. Ridding our area of this invasive plant, which is highly toxic to grazing animals, will help keep it out of our neighbors' fields and pastures where it can do great harm. With both short and longer distance options for hiking, we had something for everyone and were even able to recruit several

visitors. (If you are not yet on the mail list and want to be added, you can contact Lauralee Svendsgaard or other Trails Committee leaders listed below. You have an option to sign up for all notifications or just special events.)

If you have received a survey invitation from us but not yet filled it out, please take just a couple of minutes to do so as we really look forward to your views. Thank you!



And finally, once again The Trails Committee will join the La De Da parade, but this time with some special surprise guests. Still a secret, but here's a hint: They love trails!

YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

First - a big thank you to everyone who turned out for the Tansy Pull last month. We made outstanding progress against this noxious weed. It was hard to decide what location to tackle for our regular outing later in June - with many visitors anticipated for the 4th of July celebrations, we wanted to be sure to spruce up where needed most. With the Whale Tail Park now in good condition, we moved back to the Blackberry extravaganza behind the Commons. It was a productive day indeed as we ended up taking 5 full truckloads of blackberry detritus to the dumpster. While this was one of our more strenuous activities, we always have a range of much easier assignments as well. At this time of year we can use all the help we can get, so if you'd like to give a hand, or just find out more about what the YIPS! crew does, please join us or get in touch with Wally 541.547.5474) or Don (541-961-6695) for information.

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:

July 4th (Saturday) 11:00 a.m.: La De Da Parade (no work party today but join us in the parade!)

July 16-17 and 23-24 10th: Annual Marbled Murrelet citizen science survey in the Cummins, 10 Mile and Yachats area. For complete details and to sign up, contact Paul Engelmeyer (541-547-4227 or pengelmeyer@peak.org).

July 18th (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.)

July 19th (Sunday) 1:00 p.m.: Yachats Trails Committee annual summer picnic. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Lauralee Svendsgaard (contact info below) by July 15th.

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, YIPS! at 541.547.5474 or worchard@peak.org
- Jan Brown, Leader, Communications at 541.547.4927 or espressobrown@gmail.com



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams, Coordinator

Hooray!! Come and celebrate our: Pam Luderitz. Our July Luncheon will take place at the Commons - as usual the last Thursday in July - 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: Shepherd's Pie, strawberry/spinach salad, rolls and pumpkin spice cake for dessert.



Commons Events

By Leon Sterner, Coordinator

Fourth of July is on the way! So much is going on in and around the Commons for this festive holiday. Saturday July 4th will begin with a bang here in the MP room where the Ladies Club will host their annual Pie and ice cream sale. Doors open at 10:30 am and will remain open until the pie is gone. You won't want to miss this wonderful way to get a "piece of the action"!

You may also notice new picnic tables in the Picnic Shelter. These were designed by Tom Smith from the Drift Inn who also secured the materials and cut the Redwood lumber into 6 table assembly kits. The materials were paid for by the Friends of the Commons Foundation and were assembled by a group of Friend's volunteers. Thanks to one and all who participated in making this happen in time for the Fourth of July Celebrations.

And, happy to report, the Friends have received two grants - The Ford Family Foundation for \$9,800 and the Meyer Memorial Trust for \$12,500 - which are combined with the Friends of the Commons, The City of Yachats and a large number of community members who have contributed for years, of their time, money and efforts toward the creation of a local skate park. An upcoming fundraiser concert by Milo Graamans and Friends on Sunday, August 9th at 2pm will dedicate proceeds to the project. All these efforts have and will contribute to the construction of our skate park which is located on the west side of the former bank building. The concrete slab has been poured and fencing will be constructed in the near future. A number of new skate park 'features' will be purchased and added to the area soon. There are also benches planned where people can sit and watch the skating action. A mural project is in the planning stage for the cement wall on the East side of the area. Thanks to all, young and - not so young who have contributed ideas, time, planning and fundraising for this project.

Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator



New Volunteers Welcomed

Welcome and a big thank you to our two new volunteers at the Little

Log Church and Museum. Diane Ramirez and Katie Johnson recently joined our pool of volunteer docents. They were trained in the basics of Log Church hosting that included the nuts and bolts of museum procedures, a very brief history lesson, and where to go in our vast store of books, files and other collections to find out more about our rich history. As any of our volunteers can attest, learning about our area is a life-long process. Both Katie and Diane left without appearing to be daunted - a good omen!

Diane has lived in Yachats for just about one year. She has not hesitated to become immersed in the happenings in Yachats, as she helps out at the library, attends community events, and is one of the many hands that stuff the water bills and this newsletter at City Hall. She and her husband Kerry moved to Yachats from Huntington Beach, California. Kerry is the City Manager in Waldport. Diane is enjoying gardening and fixing up their home by the Yachats bay. She is eager about learning all she can about her new "birthplace", and I'm sure will be an enthusiastic addition to our volunteer staff at the museum.

Katie and her husband David have owned property in Yachats for a number of years, but couldn't make the permanent move to the place of their dreams until David could retire from his position as a seismologist at a university in southern California. Now they have finally settled into their home here, where they can spend time in their lovely garden and enjoy their view of the ocean. Katie is a member of the Yachats Ladies Club and is a creative craftswoman. She and David are also members of the local HHR/PT Cruiser car club, the *Retro Road Gypsies*, and enjoy cruisin' with their car buddies. Katie is savoring the chance to learn

more about the Yachats area, and is looking forward to greeting visitors to the LLC&M.

We are certainly happy to have both Katie and Diane on board! Welcome!



Working together to protect your drinking water supply.

By Rick McClung

The City of Yachats Water Dept. *and* all our customers share the responsibility to help safeguard the public water supply. We are working closely with the Oregon Health Authority and our customers to identify potential backflow issues so your drinking water maintains the highest possible quality.

What is Backflow?

A **plumbing cross-connection** is an actual or potential connection between the public water supply and any source of contamination or pollutant. Through this connection, contaminated substances could **backflow** into the public system and your drinking water supply without proper plumbing precautions.

Water travelling through the Cities distribution system is pressurized. If the water system loses pressure, such as during a water main break, maintenance of the system or flowing of a fire hydrant, the flow of the water may be reversed. If a customer has made a cross-connection with hazardous substances or even non potable water, these substances can backflow into the public water system and create a risk to public health.

Where Can the Contamination Occur? In tubs, sinks and buckets... Hoses left submerged in swimming pools, kitchen or laundry sinks, bath

tubs, animal watering troughs or buckets can pull untreated water into your drinking water.

Through your garden hose... If your outside faucet is not protected by a hose-bib vacuum breaker, chemical sprayers such as weed killers that are attached to a hose can backflow through your hose into your home's plumbing system.

Through your faucet... A faucet submerged into another liquid can be a cross-connection whereby the substance could backflow into your plumbing.

How Can You Prevent Backflow from Occurring?

Per building codes, a hose-bib vacuum breaker should be attached to all outside spigots. This device, available at home-improvement and hardware stores, prevents water from back flowing if water pressures drop. When using a hose or faucet, always leave at least a one inch (1") gap between the end of any water hose/faucet and the source of any potential contamination.

Help us **identify potential locations** in our service area where backflow can occur.

If necessary, contact the City to **schedule a free assessment** with our staff to assist you in finding and removing any potential cross-connection sources.

Remove any cross-connections you find or install backflow prevention devices (available at hardware stores) where needed. A City representative is available to assist you with this process if needed.

If you have a backflow prevention device installed by a certified plumber, have it tested annually or after any repairs.

Need help... Whether you found a cross-connection in your home or you aren't even sure where to start looking, we can help. The service call is free!

Questions? Contact the City of Yachats Water Dept. email: Rick@MailYachatsOregon.org or Call 541-547-3565



**Yachats Ladies
Club 15th Annual
Pie Social**

The Yachats Ladies Club Annual 4th of July Pie and Ice Cream Social is at the Commons from 10:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. or until the pie is gone. Pie lovers will be thrilled by the variety and quantity being offered. Each slice is a generous 6th of a pie and costs \$3.50. Add a scoop of ice cream for an additional fifty cents. A variety of beverages will also be sold. Come early for the best selection and before the pie is gone.

from almost anywhere downtown watch **Spectacular Fireworks** at Sundown over the Yachats bay!



**Marshmallow
Fire Pit
Permit
Required**

Frankie Petrick, Fire Chief, Yachats Rural Fire Protection District



**YACHATS LIONS
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

July 4, 2015
Saturday @ 7:30 - 11:30 am
Yachats Lions Hall, W 4th & Pontiac. Bring the entire family and join the fun!

Breakfast includes eggs to order, pancakes, ham, sausage and coffee. Bring the entire family and join the fun! Donations will be accepted. All proceeds benefit local nonprofit organizations. Sponsored by the Yachats Lions Club. FMI: Secretary Max Glenn 541-547-5171

All backyard hotdog/ S'Mores fire pits require a FREE permit

The Yachats Fire Department must issue a FREE permit to ALL fire pits at summer homes, vacation rentals or full time residents! This permit allows backyard fire pits for roasting food such as hotdogs and marshmallows; however an inspection is required prior to issuance of the permit so please do not wait until the day of your event to contact us at (541) 547-3266.

A fire used only for ceremonial or cooking purposes and fueled only by commercially available fireplace or barbecue fuel or by wood, with the fire contained in a fireplace, barbecue grill, chinaria, or other similar structure or equipment (but not a burn barrel) specifically designed for outdoor ceremonial or cooking purposes and permitted by the Yachats Rural Fire Protection District.



WELL LADEDA!!

Wacky, whimsical, low-tech fun, the Yachats la de da Parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, begins at noon. Before and after the parade explore the town to enjoy special treats and great food, games, art and live music. Find a place on the beach by

the mouth of the Yachats River to watch the afternoon Duck Race. From the same beach or



FIREWORKS!!

Oregon has some restrictions on fireworks. Flyers are available at the fire station for motels and rentals concerning what is legal and what is not legal.

We have already had a few instances of illegal fireworks being set off in our end of the county. Reminding folks when they make reservations at motels and vacation rentals (maybe post it on the website) will really help.

If you bought it in Oregon it is SAFE in Oregon.



**35th ANNUAL
YACHATS
MUSIC
FESTIVAL**

Don't miss this best kept secret on the Oregon Coast! For the 35th year, Yachats has the privilege of hosting internationally acclaimed artists of FOUR SEASONS. This magnificent music festival includes 3 days of cameo performances by 20 to 25 major classical artists. Individual concerts are set for 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, and at 2 p.m. for a Sunday matinee. Tickets are available at the Yachats Visitor Center and the Adobe Resort. FMI, please call (510) 845-4444.



July 4, 2015
YACHATS la de da PARADE
(20th anniversary!)
Saturday 12 Noon

All Day Festivities followed by Spectacular Fireworks Show at Sundown

All Day Festivities & FIREWORKS SHOW
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Yachats Farmers Market



Open on the 4th of July

Come support our local growers and artists while enjoying the friendly atmosphere of the Market and all the beauty and charm that Yachats has to offer. Located along 4th street and around the Yachats Commons, the Yachats Farmers Market is open 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

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Yachats fireworks donations
can be mailed to PO Box 940
Yachats, OR 97498, payable to
Yachats Fireworks Committee.



City Hall will be closed July 3rd
Have a wonderful Holiday!! Be safe!



"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito"