



CITY OF YACHATS NEWSLETTER



MARCH 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

My favorite holiday is this month. It is the

first day of Daylight Savings time. Okay, I know that it is not technically a holiday to most people, but on my personal calendar I consider it one. For me it's like the culmination of the idea that is celebrated at the Winter Solstice. On that darkest of all days of the year we stood in each other's company around a bon fire and talked about new beginnings, days to come, the lengthening of days and the return of the sun's warmth.

Don't get me wrong. Yachats is a good place to be in the winter. Just ask those in eastern and northern places that are still chipping ice and shoveling snow. Here the trees (at least the conifers) stay green, the sky shows us many days of blue decorated between storms with brush strokes of gray, and sunsets can be majestic on any day. But I love the chance to go outside in relative comfort and take in all that majesty: stunning beaches, sparkling air, mighty waves, and regal trees (not to mention golf courses and fishing streams). My favorite holiday marks the beginning of a period when there just seems to be more day to enjoy all of that ambiance that makes Yachats such a special place on the planet.

It's also a time of renewal in other ways. The yard waste box at the Public Works compound gives testimony that we're all outside cleaning up our yards, picking up the limbs that blew down,

pruning, mowing, and renewing. Plans are being made for putting vegetables in the ground at our community gardens and in our yards. The Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee (YIPS) and the trail crew are out in numbers volunteering for sprucing up trails and eliminating nasty invaders. The Public Works Department has been taking advantage of early good weather to contract for grading and deep patching in our streets so that they can last long enough to acquire the funding necessary to repave.

That renewal seems to generate new energy in people as well. To me it seems the city's Commissions are focused on their missions anew and with rejuvenated enthusiasm. The Council is looking ahead and trying to prepare for continued good governance and the delivery of services for decades ahead. There seems to be renewed enthusiasm in some of our partners (the County, State Parks, Forest Service and others) for finding solutions to problems we share. My counterparts from other Lincoln County cities, some newly elected and some veterans also seem to be on an energetic upswing directed at cooperating for better results for us all.

I often remark about the marvelous spirit that you and your neighbors bring to Yachats. I think it is the source of most of the energy I'm talking about, and I think a few extra minutes of usable daylight makes it blossom.

So I wish you a marvelous holiday on Day-light-savings-time-begins day. Go outside and enjoy it. (But if it rains, wear a good raincoat.)



City Council Briefing

By Nancy Batchelder
City Recorder

Public Notice - Flushing Water mains

The City of Yachats will be flushing water mains as part of its yearly maintenance program, beginning on Monday, March 9th, 2015 and ending Friday, April 17th, 2015. The flushing will take place between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Residents may notice a loss of pressure and discolored water while flushing is conducted in your area. This inconvenience should be limited to the time flushing is conducted on your street. If you experience discolored water after 3:30 p.m. on the day flushing takes place, allow the taps to run until the water turns clear. For further information, or if problems arise during this operation, please call the City Hall at 541-547-3565.



Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Trails
Committee Communications
Leader

Great news this month! The new Hike, Bike, Paddle interpretive trails map that was previously only available in print is now digitized and available online at <http://www.hikebikepaddle.org/>. This is a fantastic interactive source of information for hikers, bikers and paddlers, as well as anyone traveling along the coast from Brian Booth State Park on the north, to Neptune State Park on the south. If you have friends, family or lodgers planning to visit the area, be sure to alert them to all the detailed points of interest and information they will find on this site.

While our trails enjoy steady use all year round, winter is always a good time to assess and work on improvements. In February, Trails Crew members, Natural Resources Crew members and other friends installed two more sets of stairs on the Ya'Xaik Trail, making some of the trail's steeper inclines safer for hikers. Additionally, Kathleen and Jerry Sand, with the help of the Job Corps' Urban Forestry crew and Calder Bell, took out two large hemlocks that had blown down across their section of the Gerdemann Botanical Preserve's public trail. These are great examples of the ongoing dedication and hard work volunteers contribute to assure our local trails stay open and safe for all to enjoy.

In addition, two sections of the Amanda Trail are being re-routed on the Siuslaw National Forest side to eliminate two dicey sections that are steep and slippery. The project is in process now, and with the help of the Trails Crew and Natural Resources Crew, we hope to have these sections completed this spring. Also, this month we will be welcoming our newest volunteer... (drum roll....) Nellie Bell, a very sweet 4-1/2 year old BLM donkey who is very slowly learning to work with us! If you'd like a chance to meet her, come join our next work session on March 7th on the Amanda Trail.

YIPSI! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) News

Maybe it was the beautiful sunshine... or the opportunity to get ahead of the weeds this year... or the promise of food and frivolity at the end, but we had a large and enthusiastic turnout for our February gathering where we worked to get the Whale Park, as well as portions of Prospect park, ready for spring. One of our rewards was to find many bees busily buzzing around early spring blooms we had previously planted to attract them.

Earlier in the month a contingent of YIPSters also dealt with the remaining ivy-clad trees at the pull-off from Highway 101 just north of Devil's Churn in the Cape Perpetua scenic area. We are pleased to note that all the trees we treated at that site last fall are now looking

much better and are completely free of visible live ivy. A much bigger future task awaits however - dealing with the ivy on the ground. In town, we will continue to push back at the invasive ivy, blackberry and holly currently growing in the Commons Wetland Park. If you're interested in learning more about the impact of invasive plants in our community, this is a great place to start. Just sign up for our mailing list to get updates on where we're working and when. You can also call our weed wizards Wally (541-547-5474) or Don (541-961-6695), who are always happy to answer any questions.

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 gathering to celebrate our accomplishments at the end.

Upcoming events to add to your calendar:

March 7th Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:

Trails Crew work event on the Amanda Trail. (Gather at the Kittel driveway. Parking will be very limited, so please consider carpooling or parking at 1010 S. Highway 101 and hiking to the driveway.)

March 21st (Saturday) 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.:
YIPS! work event. (Location TBA)

June 6th - National Trails Day

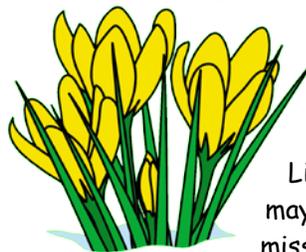
Activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Cape Perpetua Visitor's Center. In collaboration with our friends and colleagues from the Siuslaw National Forest, there will be a hike into the beautiful Cummins Creek Wilderness area where participants will also pull several stands of Tansy Ragwort. The work session and scenic hike will be followed by a luncheon either at the Cape Perpetua Visitor's Center Deck (weather permitting) or the Yachts Commons Picnic Shelter.

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

Little Log Church and Museum

By Mary Crook, Events Coordinator



If you have passed by the Little Log Church recently you may have noticed something missing. Last month one of our

large shore pines had to be removed. The planter box it was placed in years ago was literally bursting at the seams. The LLC&M Board had to decide whether to remove the box and landscape around the tree or have another box-cum-bench built to accommodate the tree's expanding girth. But first it had to be determined whether the tree's root system could withstand such an ambitious overhaul. We contacted a local certified arborist, who in turn consulted with a colleague of considerable experience, and they made several visits to the grounds. They determined the shore pine was seriously compromised, and recommended the tree be taken down. In view of the fact we had already lost two shore pines in major storms a few years ago, we decided to be pro-active and take immediate steps to remove the tree before it succumbed to the forces of hard rain and high winds.

The stump and planter box will be removed and hauled away and our landscape gardeners will help us decide upon a suitable replacement at the site.

In addition, our grounds inspection also revealed a tree that was diseased and some deadwood in several areas that needed to be cleared away. All will be completed in due time, and our lovely

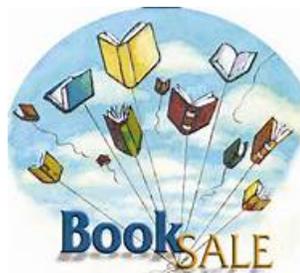


garden will be refreshed, inviting, and in good health.

We'll keep you apprised of our progress.

Give him a call at 541-547-4862 or email Bob at r1barber715@gmail.com to set up an appointment for genealogy assistance.

See you at the library and March Book Sale!



Yachats Public Library

By Janet Rackleff

March in the Library Friends BOOK SALE

Mark your calendars for the best book sale in Yachats. On Friday March 27 and Saturday March 28 the Friends of the Library will be holding their annual book sale.

This year we've had generous donations and will be offering an abundance of books for incredibly low prices. Hard backs are \$1.00, paperbacks are \$0.50 and DVDs and audio books are \$1.00. VHS tapes will be sold 10 for \$1.00. Saturday will be bag day. The price for a bag of books will be \$4.00 which includes the price of the printed Yachats Library bag. The sale starts at 10 am each day and closes at 4pm.

We can use help moving the books from the library to the Commons where the sale will take place on Thursday March 26th. If you have a truck or a strong back to help load books, come to the library at noon. If you can help setting books out on the tables in the Commons multipurpose room, come at 2pm to Commons room 8.

For those of you, who might have books to donate, please drop them off at the library early in March so they be sorted and added to the sale.

And if you are interested in your family genealogy don't forget that Bob Barber can offer help with your research at the library.



Commons Events

By Leon Sterner, Coordinator

The Friends of the Commons are busy planning a number of upcoming events. We are working with One of

Us Productions for the Saturday, April 10th Fundraiser/Celebration for the new Stage Curtain. Friends will provide the desserts, and One of Us Productions will direct an exciting, locally produced program of talent and comedy! The event will start at 7:30 pm and tickets (\$15) can be purchased at the door.

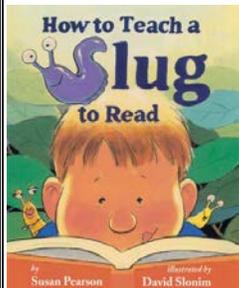
Also upcoming is a new event - Dances of Universal Peace on Sunday, March 15th, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Dances of Universal Peace, celebrates peace through song and movement. This is an event held regularly in Newport area, and organizers are working with the Friends to try holding it here at our Commons on a monthly basis.

The Friends are working to assist the Yachats Library staff and mighty crew of volunteers as they prepare for the annual Book Sale on Friday, March 27 and Saturday March 28. That event will run from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm on both days in the Multi-purpose room.

The Friends of The Yachats Commons Foundation continues to be the umbrella 501(c) 3 tax exempt organization that allows the Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences (YAAS) to bring exciting community talks to the Commons. As a fiscal sponsor for their activities, YAAS can make use

of our tax exempt status for their charitable activities.

For information about events like these, check out the Goyachats.com website and click on the "events" tab on the top of the page - this will take you to the Community Calendar.



Yachats Youth and Family Activities

Program

By Alice Beck, Executive Director

Families Together Friday 6-8pm March 20th @ YCPC

Join YYFAP staff and our friends from the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church for our monthly fun, free family dinner and story time. This month's book, "How to Teach a Slug to Read" is a wonderful book about early reading. Kids love the idea of teaching a slug to read!

It's full of wonderful illustrations and tips for first time parents or older siblings who want to help teach their little one to read. It's a really cute story and we hope you will join us on the first day of spring for this fun event. (We promise not to feed you slugs for dinner.)



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams,
Coordinator

The Yachats Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, March 26th, 2014 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 March is Catherine Lucido. She will be preparing Turkey pot pie - topped with biscuits, green salad and fruit cookies for

dessert. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person. Don't forget to wear St. Patty's Green!



Help has arrived!

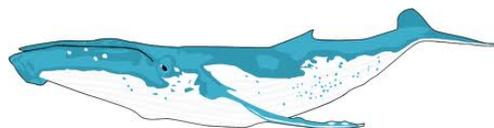
Transient Rental & Food & Beverage Tax Reporting is going online!

The City has moved to an on-line system for tax reporting.

To complete the process requires each business designate one person's e-mail address for reporting tax information and provide the address to City staff. This new process only requires the collection of gross taxable receipts. The old paper system will no longer be used. Individuals responsible for more than one business can request an option that lists all the businesses on a single electronic form. Monthly reporting is optional. Organizations opting to report quarterly will still have to provide an amount for each month.

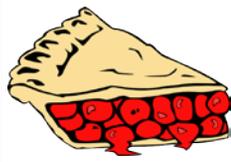
Tax payment will continue to be paid quarterly. When a monthly report is received, the system will generate an e-mail with a summary of the calculations. At the end of the quarter, each business will be sent an invoice for the amount due. A copy of the invoice should be returned to the City with payment.

There will be two informational meetings to answer questions and assist businesses with access to their accounts. These will occur Tuesday March 17th at 6PM. The second will be March 18th at 3PM. Both meetings will be in the Commons multi-purpose room.



Whale Watching Week starts March 21st



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Beachside Writers Workshop (Commons)	2 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) 10am Exercise Class (MP) 6pm Open & Honest Mtg. (Rm5) 6pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Basketball / Ping-Pong (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm3)	3 8:30am Marketing (Civic) 2pm Emergency Planning Comte (Civic Rom) 3pm Public Works & Streets Cmte (Civic Mtg Rm)	4 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) 10am Exercise Class (MP) 11am Qigong (Rm8) City Wide Tsunami Siren Test 11am 1pm Art in the Kitchen 6pm Zumba (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm8)	5 6pm Healthy Cooking (RM5) 7pm Big Band Dance (MP)	6 10am Exercise Class (MP) 	7 YAAS: Matt Love presents: One Writer's Muse: The Oregon Coast 6:30pm (MP)
8 3pm Yachats Song Circle 	9 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) 9:30am City Council Work Session (Civic Rm) 10am Exercise Class (MP) 6pm Open & Honest Mtg. (Rm5) 6pm Zumba (MP) 7pm Basketball / Ping-Pong Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm3)	10 7pm Free Movement Dancing (MP)	11 Tai Chi 8 am (Rm 3) 10am Exercise Class (MP) 11am Qigong (Rm8) 1pm Art in the Kitchen 6pm Zumba (MP) Amrit Yoga 7pm (Rm8)	12 2pm City Council Mtg (Civic Mtg Rm) 6pm Healthy Cooking (RM5)	13 10am Exercise Class (MP) Oregon Coast Chamber Orchestra Winter Concert 7pm (YCPC)	14 9am Power of the Heart- Dr. Dean Shrock (Rm3)
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Life is like a roller coaster. It has its ups and downs. But it's your choice to scream or enjoy the ride!

