



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 Brean, Mayor

I've just come home from the League of Oregon Cities annual conference. Will Rogers once said "A conference is just an admission that you want somebody to join you in your troubles". I think old Will was right, but

there's much more to it than that. The LOC conference brings elected and appointed city officials and city employees together from all over the state. We share our troubles, certainly, but we also share our successes. There is a lot of bragging that goes on too. All of these people are justifiably proud of their cities and of the things they have done to solve problems. What one city has just solved is often the next "troubles" that another city will face. All that bragging and trouble sharing leads to better answers for the folks back home.

There are big cities and medium sized cities and small cities. Their troubles, both those already solved and those pending are all the same regardless of the size of the city. They have aging infrastructure to replace or repair, difficulties in acquiring the fiscal resources necessary to provide all the services their constituents desire, concerns about proper land use planning, and a desire to make their cities economically healthy while keeping it a pleasant place to live.

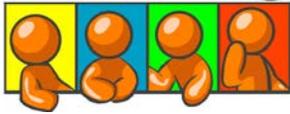
Our little village gives me plenty to brag about at events like this. The most obvious brag is about you, the people of Yachats. We are a town that's kept vital by the spirit of its residents, your willingness to pitch in and help, the sharing of your ideas, and a dedication to keeping our city livable, beautiful, friendly, and ... well,... the Gem of the Oregon Coast. That's not an insignificant brag, but we can also be proud of the way we approach those shared "troubles" that all cities have.

We have a modern waste-water treatment facility that is state of the art. We have redundant water systems that will see us through in an emergency, we have an ongoing program to reduce lost water, and we've done a long term needs assessment to try and stay ahead of aging structures and systems before they become really big troubles.

Of course we do have unsolved troubles ahead of us. There are pipelines to replace, reservoirs to build, roofs to replace, streets to repair and repave, and quite a number of other developing issues to address. We are paying attention to financial planning in an attempt to be sure we have the funds available at the time they are needed for these projects, but our current pace of building cash reserves does not appear capable of paying for everything that needs to be done.



Town Hall Meeting



On October 2nd, our Finance Committee Chair Tom Lauritzen and I will be hosting a town hall meeting to share some of the projects that await our

attention and challenge us to find ways of paying for them. If you're interested in what lies ahead you might want to come. These are our "troubles" that still need sorted out. I have great confidence that we will handle them successfully too. That's what Yachatians do. The process and the final product will give me one more thing to brag about at future conferences.



The Yachats Alternative Energy Resources Project

By Nancy Batchelder City Recorder

Have you been thinking about adding a solar panel or two to your home, or maybe a small wind energy device of some sort, and wondering if that would even work here on the coast? Have you wondered whether good solar panels or wind energy devices, suitable for our coastal climate, are available near here? Have you been wondering what the up-front costs of installing something like that would be, or if it would reduce your energy bill?

This Yachats Alternative Energy Resources Project website is intended to help you find answers to questions like those. It will serve as a resource for anyone who has wondered about installing solar panels or a wind energy device on their property, and whether either of those would even be workable on the coast. YAERP will provide information about sustainable energy source ideas and about any regulatory requirements that might apply in our area. It will also help folks understand which alternative energy options exist, what systems might work best in their situation, what installers

might be available locally and whether there are any locally applicable rebate options.

Information about initial costs and whether these systems can save money over time — and if so, over what period of time — can also be shared.

YAERP hopes that anyone who has wondered about these things will appreciate having a locally relevant source of information about options that would work well in our windy, salty, sun-challenged and culturally cooperative coastal corner of creation.

YAERP is just a small group of generous (but time-challenged) Yachatians with an interest in researching some of these questions, collecting and organizing what they learn, and then displaying it in a simple, clear, understandable format to share with their friends and fellow citizens.

Besides providing interested Yachatians and their friends with information about practicable alternative energy options, immediate and long term costs to the household, efficiencies, installers, legalities, rebates and requirements of our local grid, the cooperative friendliness of YAERP underscores yet once more our little city's creativity and helpfulness as well as its famed international role as a cultural innovator and a leader among cities.

Visit the Yachats Alternative Energy website at www.yachatsalternativeenergy.org



Code Enforcement Report

Donald Niskanen, Code Enforcement Officer

As the season changes and we move into fall, there is a lot of last minute scrambling to get minor and major repairs done to houses and out buildings. In a "rush to beat the weather", contractors are being hired that are available to do the work.

Most contractors know they are required to have a City Business License. It is pretty common in all of the cities where they do business. A simple question from the property owner, "Do you have a City Business License?" could help keep the work going, without interruption. The Business License fee is prorated and only costs \$20.00 for the rest of the calendar year.

The City Code allows 72 hour parking on City streets and right of ways. I have started to monitor and tag vehicles that have not been moved in days or weeks. Where parking is legal, you must move the vehicle every 72 hours.

There has been good cooperation with private property owners that have received one of my letters regarding invasive plants or an overgrown situation. It helps make Yachats a more beautiful place.

I hope everyone enjoys this fall and the many Holidays coming up.



Yachats Trails Update

By Jan Brown, Leader, Communications

It seemed like beautiful September just whizzed by and now October shows no signs of slowing down when it comes to trails activities. We have lots of needs for volunteers this month plus many fun events, so please be sure to put the following on your calendar early.

October 4th (Saturday) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm The Trails crew's monthly work session will meet at the Prospect Garden to do maintenance and improvements to the upper portion of the trail.

October 18th (Saturday - all day)

Rainshadow Running will hold its inaugural 30k and 50k Oregon Coast races in Yachats. The 50k runners will start in Waldport with contestants running on the beach between Waldport and Yachats then on to the 804 trail. 30k runners will start at the Adobe Resort. All runners will continue south on the 804, connecting with the Amanda Trail to the summit of Cape Perpetua and looping back to the Adobe. Whew! What a challenge! While we don't have all details yet, this is a big event and we do know that volunteers will be needed to help that day. Trails Committee leader Lauralee Svendsgaard will notify everyone on the Trails and YIPS! crew e-mail list when more volunteer information is available and we will post details on GO Yachats and the Yachats Community Facebook page.



Because of the race, the normal 3rd Saturday of the month YIPS! work session has been cancelled. Please plan to join the October 25th 804 Trail Ivy Pull instead (see below).

October 25th (Saturday) 9:00 am - 1:00 pm 7th annual 804 Trail Ivy Pull - everybody's favorite work party! When the original June date was rained out, this was rescheduled to October.

Everyone in the community and beyond is invited. Meet at 9:00 am in the Overleaf Lodge parking lot. Bring weeding tools, water and gloves or borrow loaner equipment at the site. (Of course this is Yachats so be sure to dress for changeable weather.) At around noon, the Overleaf will host a barbeque with burgers, brats and beverages. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. And - in special appreciation of everyone's efforts - all volunteers who complete the ivy pull will receive day passes at the Overleaf Spa and a chance to win a gift certificate for luxurious spa treatments - and there are prizes for kids as well.

October 27th (Monday) 6:00 - 8:00 pm





State Trails Planning Meeting

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is in the process of developing a statewide trails plan for Oregon. This effort addresses motorized, snowmobile, non-motorized, water and State Scenic Waterway planning components. It also includes a series of issue-scoping workshops held in locations across the state to identify regional trail issues, needs and potential development opportunities.

If you are interested in learning more or contributing to the process, you are invited to a meeting, open to the general public, on October 27th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Driftwood Public Library in Lincoln City (801 SW Hwy 101, Lincoln City 97367)

You can see detailed information on the planning process, progress and goals at http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/Trail_Programs_Services/Pages/Trail-Plans.aspx. If you have questions you can contact Lauralee Svendsgaard at the address or phone listed below.

October 28th (Tuesday) 3:00 - 5:00 pm New Year's Day Peace Hike planning meeting - everyone is invited!



Each year the magical Yachats New Year's Day Peace Hike continues to grow in public awareness and size and we will need lots of volunteers for the 2015 event - from kitchen help to shuttle drivers to hike leaders and more. If you want

to assist or have ideas or suggestions, please plan to join this planning session to be held in Room 8 of the Commons.

November 1st (Saturday) 10:00 - 1:00

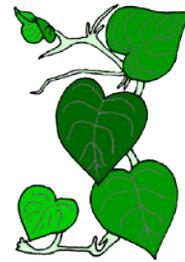
Trails Crew monthly work session

After thoroughly relaxing at the Overleaf Spa (thanks to our Ivy Pull day passes - right?) we'll get back to work doing fall pruning and plantings in locations to be determined. Updated info will be sent to the Trails crew e-mail and YIPS! mail list when available.

YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee)

News: First, we'd like to extend heartfelt best wishes to Barbara Frye and Bette Perman, two of our long-time team members, who were married in September after being together for more than 30 years. Congratulations and the warmest of wishes on this joyous occasion!

Over the past month, YIPS! volunteers have continued work on the Whale Tail Park. Morning Glory is the most recent target of our efforts along with ever-lurking Ivy. Concurrently we've made good progress on Ivy and Blackberry in the wetlands forest area behind the Commons. A small crew also took the ivy fight to the Devil's Churn area this past month in an ongoing effort to rid our area of this invasive adversary so that natural habitat can be restored. Thank you YIPS! volunteers!



If you have any questions at all 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.



For more information about any of these topics, and to sign up for the Trails Crew and YIPS! 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 jkittel@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

Now that our seasonal visitor traffic has ebbed a bit, we thought we'd let you know how the Little



Log Church and Museum fared this year. As you may know there is a guest book that visitors to the museum are invited to sign. It is from that log that we estimate the number of folks who come through our doors. Our volunteers have reported busy afternoons during their docent times between noon and 3:00 p.m. six days a week. Our count from August 2013 to August 2014 was 1795 visitors. That's up quite a bit from last year. That's pretty impressive, especially since we had to close for a few weeks during the early summer while our roof and some of the siding were replaced. Those who signed our book hailed from 33 states, 5 Canadian provinces, and 6 other countries.

We had some nice events also - we hosted some concerts and workshops during the popular Celtic Music Festival; a ukulele concert with former LLC&M volunteer Jim D'Ville, poetry and short story readings, and a very special concert of Renaissance music. Upcoming events include our annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m., another round of Celtic music in November, and holiday festivities in December. So we are alive and well. Hope to see you soon!



Yachats Public Library

By Janet Rackleff

October at the Library

New at the library is an adult reader section showcasing local

Northwest authors -- both fiction and non-fiction. These books are located on the shelf below the new non-fiction books in the front room. Recommendations for Oregon/NW authors are welcome.

In the children's back room we have started a shelf of Spanish and Bilingual books for our youngest kids, mostly in paperback. As the year progresses we will be adding hardcover and non-fiction books for a wider age range of children. Last month's mystery recommendations were

brought to you my Maggie Marshall, her name was left off of the article.

Finally Happy Halloween to all, come in and find a spooky read!



Yachats Lunch Bunch

By Will Williams, Coordinator

The lunch bunch will meet on Thursday October 30th (the

LAST Thursday of the month) for a Spook-tacular lunch prepared by Guest Chef Robbie Schoonover. Doors open at 11:30 with lunch served at noon in the multipurpose room of the Commons. The luncheon is open to everyone 55 years and older.

The spooky menu for October is Hag Soup (Chicken base), Witch's Garden (Lettuce wedge salad), Ocherous Scourge (Chicken nuggets), the staff of evil (rolls) and Orange Goo W/A Snickerkin for dessert!! So come and socialize with your fellow Yachations. You are invited to wear your Halloween best (or worst!!) (There is a suggested donation of \$5).



15th Annual YACHATS VILLAGE MUSHROOM FEST

October 17-19, 2014

Friday 5 pm - Sunday 5 pm
Yachats Commons, About Town and Cape Perpetua

Experience delectable wild forest mushroom cuisine, culinary markets, cooking

demonstrations, wine and beer tasting, and live music. In addition, you're guaranteed a FUN time learning all about mushrooms, the role of fungi in forest ecology, how to grow your own culinary mushrooms, and much more. We are honored to have a phenomenal team of educators join this festival annually to give talks, lead mushroom walks, and provide exhibits and workshops. Advance reservations for a few of the Saturday workshops as well as the weekend's guided walks will be available online.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR PROPERTY'S HAND VALVE IS?
By Kimmie Jackson

Yachats Municipal Code 8.04.140 requires that all residential and commercial owners have a hand valve installed in the meter box on the property's side of the meter. With the unpredictable winter months just ahead it is essential to know where your hand valve is located, if it is functioning, It is also required that the box is free of dirt and debris. Public Works will be inspecting the meter boxes in the upcoming months for compliance. The City recommends that customers check the hand valve on their property twice yearly when the time changes over. In addition, we recommend that customers turn their water off at the hand valve if their property will be vacant for more than 3 consecutive days.

It is also wise for Property Managers to remember that if a property is going to be vacant for more than 3 consecutive days the water should be shut-off at the hand valve. This will help to prevent any unnecessary water consumption, call out fees, fines, and preventable high water bills.

Taking time to do so will lessen frustration and the risk of an enormous water bill.

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*



The Yachats Ladies Club is hosting a benefit dinner for our Scholarship Fund, from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, October 10, 2014, at the Clubhouse on Third and West Pontiac Streets in Yachats. Menu: Pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, fruit cobbler, coffee, tea for \$12.50. This year's raffle quilt will be on display at the event and tickets will be available. The drawing for the quilt will be at the Christmas Bazaar on Sunday December 7, 2014, at 2 p.m

Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program

By Alice Beck,
Executive Director



Halloween Fun at Families Together

Join us Halloween night for a fun time at Families Together. We will have our usual dinner and story time as well as lots of fun activities for the little ones you aren't quite ready to take trick or treating. There will be festive activities and spooky fun crafts, all age appropriate for the little ones. Costumes are welcome but not necessary. Come have fun with us from 6-8 pm at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church Halloween night!



Volunteers Needed for Utility billing stuffing

Can you spare a couple of hours the end of each month? Or maybe every other month? Or maybe twice a year? email Kimmie

at: ci.yachats.or.us or call City Hall at 541-547-3565 to sign up.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Monthly Tsunami Siren Testing 11 am (Citywide) 	2 9:30am City Council Work Session (Civic Mtg Rm) Altruh Warm Yoga 5:30pm (Rm3) Town Hall Meeting 7pm (Civic Rm) 7 pm Yachats Big Band Dance (MP)	3 10am Exercise Class (MP) 	4 YAAS: Murres & Eagles on the Oregon Coast: A Dynamic Relationship 6:30pm (MP)
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