

From: Mayor
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 10:34 AM
To: City Recorder
Subject: FW: For your consideration to announce at the next City Council meeting

Here is the letter from Joanne K.

From: [Joanne Kittel](#)
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2023 4:58 PM
To: [Mayor](#)
Cc: [Catherine Whitten-Carey](#); [Yachats City Manager](#)
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Dear Mayor Berdie, For your consideration, will you announce this fact at the next City Council meeting?

Twelve-month period ending fiscal year 22-23, Trails / YIPS Committee Work Crew and Leaders worked 991 regular Saturday morning hours, 1,434 extra hours for a total of 2,425 hours. The hours not only include trail maintenance and ridding invasives, but also planning, researching and traveling to pick up materials, make major repairs that take ingenuity and skills, planting natives, occasionally helping OPRD (804 N) and SNF (Amanda) with trail maintenance and invasive eradication, planning, coordinating and executing larger trail / YIPS projects with partners, writing monthly reports to the Parks and Commons Commission and City newsletter, planning the fiscal year proposed budget, planning and executing the New Year's Day Peace Hike with competent partners including the Tribes. (Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians have three major events each year: Salmon Ceremony, Restoration Ceremony, and the New Year's Day Peace Hike.)

If the City paid contracted staff to perform this work at the Independent Sector Rate of \$29 + an hour, it would come to \$70,325 +. If that paid staff was an employee, the cost would be much more.

These numbers do not include the volunteer hours put in by the group who, under Shelly Shock's leadership, plan, construct, repair, plant and maintain the Hwy 101 garden project.

It is a fact, that Yachats volunteers that include the City Council, Commissions and very committed nonprofits like Polly Plumb, Yachats Ladies Club, Lions Club, YYFAP, View the Future, Presbyterian Church, the Yachats Chamber, and project work groups make Yachats and its greater community the gracious, beautiful, and welcoming place it is. If Trails/ YIPS is any proof, the volunteerism is only growing with the generous donation of its skilled citizens. Let's celebrate and brag about this fact!

Respectfully, Joanne Kittel, one of the very proud Yachats Trail Leaders and co-chair of View the Future who resides in Baja Yachats

Would also like to thank the Friends of the Library and the Little Log Church Museum