



SEPTEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—FRIDAY: 9AM-4PM (Closed 12N-1P)

Yachats City Council

Vision

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.

Adopted: April 2, 2009

Goodbye and Good Luck

Thank you *Helen Anderson* for launching and managing the City website, taking countless Minutes and developing months of Newsletter submissions! We wish you well in your new endeavors!

Hello and Welcome!

Holly Hamilton as the City Planner

 Tues/Weds at 9A-4P

 planner@yachatsmail.org

Mayor's Message



Hard to believe it's Labor Day already. Our town has been packed with people once again, and from what I've seen and heard, most are being respectful about wearing face coverings and maintaining appropriate distancing. Many of our restaurants have expanded their dining outdoors, and the weather has really been cooperating lately. The Farmers Market continues to do well, and they have maintained a strict face covering requirement the whole season.

The Friends of the Library have had five book sales recently in the picnic shelter and have taken in almost as much money in those short sales as they used to take in during their major two-day sale. Don't be surprised if you see more one day sales in the future instead of the big one in March.

We have been hearing a lot of criticism lately about communication from the city – many people feel they don't get enough information about changes that are planned. We have discussed this at some council meetings, and none of us have come up with a great solution. So - here's my question for each of you. How would you like to receive information from the city on upcoming projects and changes?

We provide regular information here in the monthly newsletter, there is plenty of information available on the city website, we post meeting agendas at the post office, we use the reader board to advise of some events and we also post updates from time to time on Facebook for those of you who follow that. But those sources don't seem to work for many of you, and I truly want your input on what type of communication you in particular need from those of us in city government. I want your input – you can email me at mayor@yachatsmail.org, call or text me at 541-270-6504, or mail it to me at the city's address of P.O. Box 345. Any of these would be fine. If you would prefer to talk to me in person, just let me know and we can make that work as well. The only way we can improve our communication is knowing what type of information you want, and how you want to receive it. If there's anything else on your mind, I'd like to hear about that as well.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Mayor W. John Moore

Yachats Library

Remember when the 'lockdown' began in March, the Library asked patrons to hold their Library materials? Now it is September, your Librarians would appreciate it if all Library materials, books, DVD's, books on CD etc. being held were returned to the Library drop box whereupon they can be processed and returned to the shelves. A reminder phone call will occur eventually to follow up missing inventory. Meanwhile, thank you to all of our wonderful patrons, for being so patient with your Library in these strange times. ***Please do continue to use the reservation system to access your favorite authors, meantime.***

A library survey is coming your way in October via mail, email, the City website, or at the library. This survey is part of an ongoing Library needs assessment being conducted by Penny Hummel Consulting. Penny and the

Library volunteers encourage everyone to please participate in the survey, returning completed surveys to the Library drop box at the front of the Library on West 7th Street, emailed or submitted online.

There are also two community discussions planned on *Thursday, September 24th at 3PM and 7PM* to be held in the Yachats City Hall Pavilion behind the Commons, where safe social distancing can be maintained. This is your opportunity to give your ideas and opinions on the future of the Library. Yachats' citizen input is an important part of the assessment, as the future of our beloved Library depends on everyone's support.

Your Library will thank you!



**COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
3 PM AND 6:30 PM
YACHATS CITY HALL PAVILION**

Both sessions will be led by library consultant Penny Hummel, who has been hired by the City of Yachats to conduct a library needs assessment.



Yachats Banner Auction

Every year local artists in the Yachats area create beautiful banners that are displayed on the light posts all summer long.

This year we will be auctioning them online! The 2020 Yachats Banner auction is now live!

<https://pollyplumb.org/>

The auction will run from now until *September 19th*. Polly Plumb Productions sponsors this event and proceeds are used to promote art education and community art activities. You can see all of the banners here and bid on them as well!

There will be a ZOOM COUNTDOWN PARTY on *September 19th from 2:00*

until 4:00. This event will be a lot of fun for artists and bidders. It will give everyone another chance to bid on that banner that they love!

If you would like to join the fun at the Countdown Party, the following is your invitation:

Meredith Howell is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

When: September 19 @2PM PST
Where: Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 956 7896 4232
Passcode: 11111



Maeona Urban

Jude Toler

Carol Summers



Ann Stott

Bruce Rawles

Martina Olson

Your Input Needed: Help Us Protect Our Drinking Water

Thanks to a grant from the Oregon Health Authority, the City of Yachats is developing a Drinking Water Protection Plan to identify and mitigate risks to our drinking water supplies. Our drinking water currently comes from Reedy Creek and Salmon Creek, two tributaries of the Yachats River. Additional drinking water in the future would likely also come from nearby watersheds. Protecting these water sources will improve the City's ability to provide a reliable supply of high-quality drinking water for years to come.

Community input and feedback in this process is critical. To guide the development of the plan, the City assembled a Drinking Water Protection Plan Team, which consists of Yachats community

members and technical experts in the region. The City of Yachats is also holding two public meetings to seek feedback from community members and stakeholders.



The first public meeting will be held online via Zoom on September 21 at 11 am. During this session, we will gather

feedback from community members. There will be a presentation on the Drinking Water Protection Plan development and the risks to drinking water sources we have identified so far. Community members will then have a chance to ask questions and share knowledge of local conditions that could help inform the planning process. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can still

view a recording of the meeting and provide feedback.

To learn more, join the Zoom meeting, or view the meeting recording, please visit:

<https://www.yachatsoregon.org/372/Drinking-Water-Protection-Plan>

Yachats Pantry

I'll start with our usual thanks to everyone who has helped the pantry by hosting or donating items such as food, cash, and materials all to help our neighbors.

We can use socks, blankets or rain gear as winter is approaching. We could also use some school supplies such as crayons, pencils, work books and erasers would be helpful in home schooling.

As always donations are welcome for drop off on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 to 1pm** at the pantry at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to staff the food pantry please give me a call at 541-547-3493.

CALLING ALL KIDS! LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

This is your chance to name a street in Yachats.

The contest is for those under 17 who live within the 97498 Zip Code.

The challenge is to come up with a name for the street behind the 501 building west of the Skateboard Park. **Entries are due by September 30.** PUT YOUR THINKING CAP ON and get to work!

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors please pass the word to those eligible to submit an entry at City Hall.

YACHATS KIDS:
Name that street!
6th St.
Skatepark
Old Bank
Public Shelter
Commons
HWY 101
CONTEST!

If you're 17 and under and you live in the 97498 zip code, submit your idea for the street name in front of the skatepark! **can drop off at City Hall Drop Box**
Send before September 30 to: Max Glenn, PO Box 345, Yachats, OR 97498 or e-mail max@yachatsmail.org. Include your name, age, phone number/email address suggested street name and a short explanation why you chose it. Thank you!

Yachats Trails

Sadly, the latest trails event to be cancelled due to COVID-19, is the very popular Annual 804 Trail Ivy Pull. However, while we will miss the festivities for now, literally tons of Ivy are still out there and we will continue to tackle it in our smaller work crews throughout the year. Great progress has been made – especially in the Wetlands area.

Volunteerism has remained high throughout mid-2019-2020 with about 1571 hours spent in work sessions and at least 68 unique volunteers. The average number of volunteers per session for 13 sessions is 20. Splitting into small like-minded groups to provide for social distancing has proven to be a great way of enabling people to choose and safely pursue the projects they find most satisfying.

Trail usage also remains strong, although we are lacking complete data from the Ya'Xaik Trail counter device that was stolen last year and not re-

placed until June. Recently the Wetlands counter was stolen as well so we will need to evaluate next steps in that arena.

Of course, not all trails work takes place outdoors. Earlier this year we noted an ongoing project to provide updated trails map brochures as well as several larger display maps. These are designed to help people explore and understand the wonderfully diverse system of trails throughout Yachats -- and what visitors will see when they traverse those trails. The brochures with updated content are being regularly distributed to hotels and other visitor information locations and the first two large display maps are in final stages of preparation.

Watch for more info on timing and locations to come!

Come see us...

In September, the Trails and YIPS! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) crews will be back to regularly scheduled work sessions from 10AM – 12N on the *first and third Saturdays of each month, respectively*. Participants should gather in the parking lot north of the Commons prior to departure for the day's work sessions. Please bring your own gloves and choice of tools.

If you'd like to check out trails work, contact any of the people listed below to get on the mailing list or have your questions answered by some of the friendliest people on the planet.

- Joanne Kittel, Leader, Development Committee & Amanda Trail, 541-547-3144 or jnkittel@peak.org
- Loren Dickinson, Leader, Trails Crew, 541-547-4559 or lorendickinson@gmail.com
- Wally Orchard, Leader YIPS!, 541.547.5474 or wallyorchard@outlook.com
- Bob Langley, Co-Leader for Trails and YIPS! boblangle@lindabob.com
- Jan Brown, Leader, Communications, 541.547.4927 or espressobrown@gmail.com



You can watch Wally on *Natural Living Tutorial Series*:

[How to Manually Remove Ivy on](#)



Still Time To Fill out the Census

The Census Bureau is working to complete data collection as quickly and safely as possible, while ensuring a complete and accurate count as it strives to comply with the law and statutory deadlines. All offices are schedule to complete their work by **September 30, 2020**.

Responding to the 2020 Census online, on paper, by phone, or in person with a census taker, helps secure vital resources for Yachats.

Vacation Rental Waitlist

To apply get on the waiting list for a Vacation Rental license, you will need to complete the Vacation Rental Waitlist Registration form online.

<https://www.yachatsoregon.org/DocumentCenter/View/922/Vacation-Rental-Process>

The City is taking applications for the lottery until **October 30, 2020**. The City will conduct the lottery on November 2, 2020 to determine the recipients of available licenses and the order of the waiting list.

Please send a check or call City of Yachats for the nonrefundable **\$25 processing fee to apply**. Your application will not be processed until this is received.

YACHATS COUNTS ...



...but only if you complete
the Census.

The National Census helps decide where billions of dollars in federal funding goes all across America. It also determines the numbers of seats each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives. So just a small amount of your time has a very big impact on your future. Our future. So, fill it out now!

**The Census makes sense for
Yachats.**



**Have any Questions? Brilliant Ideas? Complaints?
Suggestions? Gratitude?**

We want to hear from YOU



541.547.3565



YachatsOregon.org
CityHall@yachatsmail.org



PO Box 345
Yachats, OR 97498



TO ATTEND MEETINGS VIA ZOOM GO TO [YACHATSOREGON.ORG](https://www.yachatsoregon.org) AND SCROLL DOWN TO *UPCOMING EVENTS* AND CLICK ON THE MEETING YOU WANT FOR THE LINK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 City Council Work Session 9:30AM Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting 2PM-4PM	4	5
6	7 HAPPY Labor Day	8 Public Works and Streets Commission 2PM	9 Finance Committee 10AM	10	11	12
13	14	15 Planning Commission Work Session/Regular 2PM/3PM	16 City Council 2PM	17 Parks and Commons Commission 2PM	18	19
20 Drinking Water Protection Plan 11AM	21	22	23	24 Library Community Discussion 3PM/7PM Yachats City Hall Pavilion	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Go to the City Website for contacts, meeting details, information and more

<https://www.yachatsoregon.org/>

[Code Enforcement Complaint Line]

TCB Security has a complaint line for taking code enforcement calls 24/7

541-265-1963

CITY COUNCIL

Monthly Work Session on 1st Wednesday at 9:30 am
Monthly on 3rd Thursday at 2:00 pm

W John Moore, Mayor	541-547-4945
Max Glenn, President	541-961-3095
Jim Tooke	jim@yachatsmail.org
Leslie Vaaler	541-547-5489
Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey	217-649-2339

PLANNING COMMISSION

Monthly Work Session on 3rd Tuesday at 2:00 pm
Monthly on 3rd Tuesday at 3:00 pm

Lance Bloch, Vice Chair	541-547-5235
Helen Anderson, Chair	520-245-2799
Jacqueline Danos	760-861-8508
Christine Orchard	541-270-1949
Loren Dickinson	541-547-4559
Ariana Carlson	541-272-0195

PUBLIC WORKS & STREETS COMMISSION

Monthly on 2nd Tuesday at 3:00 pm

Tom Fisher	208-995-3267
Don Groth, Vice Chair	541-547-4302
Ron Urban	541-547-4299
Tom Bedell	503-860-6176
Bob Bennett, Chair	541-547-3460
Linn West	541-206-0140
William Toombs	541-212-3075

PARKS & COMMONS COMMISSION

Monthly on 3rd Thursday Wednesday at 3:00 pm

John Purcell, Chair	760-413-0695
Linda Johnson, Vice Chair	541-547-3595
Michael Hempen	541-547-5471
Craig Berdie	612-597-5246
Dawn Keller	520-990-6638
Dean Shrock	541-819-1817
Scott Gordon	541-547-3225

LIBRARY COMMISSION

Quarterly on 2nd Thursday at 10:00 am
(July, October, January, April)

Nancy LaFever	614-296-8914
Marion Godfrey	503-704-0067
Viki West	458-546-9041
David Rivinus, Chair	541-547-3048
Naomi Steenson	503-739-0072

To be considered for appointment, commissioners are required to live primarily inside the city limits and are required to attend at least one meeting a month. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded at www.yachatsoregon.org. For details call 541-547-3565.

YACHATS CITY HALL AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT..... 541-547-3565

PO Box 345 / 441 Highway 101 N 541-547-3063 fax

HOURS: ***DUE TO COVID19 Closed to the public- Appt Only***

800-735-2900 TDD

cityhall@yachatsmail.org

City Manager.....	Shannon Beaucaire	ext 102
Accounts Payable		ext 103
Utility & All Other	Kimmie Jackson.....	ext 101
Anita Sites, Admin.....		ext 105
Holly Hamilton, City Planner.....	Tue & Wed	541-812-2002
Code Enforcement	(TCB)	541-336-5555
Community Svcs Coordinator	Heather Hoen.....	ext 104
	or	541-272-4213
Water Treatment Plan Operator.....	Rick McClung.....	ext 123
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator...Dave Buckwald		ext 121
Utility Workers: Russ Roberts, Jeremy Mabe, Kevin Kentta		

YACHATS COMMONS

Reservations: Facility Rentals on www.yachatsoregon.org

YACHATS PUBLIC LIBRARY..... 541-547-3741

yachatspl@actionnet.net

560 W 7TH St / PO Box 817, Yachats, OR 97498

HOURS: Open for book pick-ups on Wednesdays 1p – 3pm

Reservations online

LITTLE LOG CHURCH AND MUSEUM..... 541-547-3976

328 W 3RD St / PO Box 712, Yachats, OR 97498

HOURS: ***DUE TO COVID19 Closed to the public***

Nightly 8p Carillon

YACHATS VISITORS CENTER..... 541-547-3530

800-929-0477

441 Highway 101 N / PO Box 345, Yachats, OR 97498

HOURS: Available via phone: 10am – 4pm, Daily

In person: Farmer's Market on Sundays

FREQUENTLY REQUESTED NUMBERS

Cape Perpetua.....	541-547-3679
Central Lincoln PUD – outages and streetlights.....	866-484-3783
Dahl Disposal – garbage, recycling, dump	541-563-3888
Lincoln County Animal Shelter	541-265-6610
Lincoln County Sheriff	541-265-4231
Lincoln County Planning Department	541-265-4192
Lincoln County Roads	541-265-5747
ODOT – Highway 101 issues, dead animals on highway	888-275-6368
OR Utility Notification & Dig Safely	811
OR Department of Fish and Wildlife – bears, seals, wildlife, etc.....	541-867-4741
	or 541-867-0300
Pioneer Telephone	888-968-3135
South Lincoln County Water District.....	541-547-3315
Yachats Memorial Cemetery – Barb Mead.....	541-547-3694
Yachats Post Office	541-547-3512
Yachats Rural Fire District (Non-Emergency)	541-547-3266
Yachats Youth and Families Program – Alice Beck.....	541-547-4599



Create an account now on the City website to access all other information about your community:

<https://www.yachatsoregon.org>