



NEWSLETTER

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

Mayor's Message

By Mayor W. John Moore mayor@yachatsmail.org

We have a well educated and very talented group of people in our community, and many of you have served in leadership positions during your working careers. Your city needs your leadership skills. We don't have a lot of bench strength in our commissions right now. The majority of our commission chairs did not really want to serve as chair – to their credit and our appreciation, they accepted the responsibility of chair because nobody else on the commission was willing to serve in that capacity. Please consider sharing your leadership skills with our commissions when openings occur. Yachats will be an even better community for your contributions.

Speaking of leadership skills, we have an election coming up in November. We have two Council seats on the ballot as well as the Mayor's position. We need your leadership skills at this level most of all. But if you should decide to run, you need to understand what the job entails. Many people think that all that's involved in serving on the council is two meetings a month – that's far from the truth. Councilors are expected to be involved both within our community and outside the community with related organizations. Whatever time you think our councilors should be spending working for the city – you need to at least double that figure to get close to the real commitment involved.

You may have wondered, but yes, I do plan to run for one more term as Mayor, and I am told that another individual is also running. I heard a few people are planning to run for the two council seats, but additional options for voters would be great. Anyone can just complain – it's much harder to be part of the solution, but your participation is vital to this community. Oh yes – the Mayor also needs to write an article for the newsletter every month.

Dann Cutter, former Mayor of Waldport, summed up the Mayor's role quite well recently, so I'll quote him. Dann said: "Anyone running should understand the amount of time commitment involved. It's not like being on the council... you are running the meeting, so you have to be very familiar with the material and issues ahead of time. You are also expected to attend numerous other meetings county wide as well as be a focal point for meeting with citizens on issues. It's also important to be a neutral voice on issues for the community, and regularly communicate larger issues. And during COVID, double all of this easily. Finally, you have to put the community ahead of any personal agenda. The Mayor's position has no special authority, it is just one vote. This goes for the Council too... It's easy to think of radical changes, but the reality is much more mundane. Many of the rules are mandated by the state, breaking them assumes personal liability, and even little changes take time. And you must protect the city at all costs – even if that means going

against a personal belief.” To Dann’s comments, I would add that the Mayor is also the one designated to communicate with our County, State and Federal elected representatives, and serve as the official “voice” of the council. For a typical week, spending 10-20 hours on City business is not unrealistic.

To be eligible to serve on the Council, you need to have been a resident of Yachats for at least one year, but there is no such requirement for serving on our commissions. Please give consideration to donating your skills to serve this great community we live in.

City of Yachats Closures During Phase 1 of Reopening

City Hall: Closed to the public, remote services for public only. Council/ Commission meetings by Zoom only.

City Buildings are closed, including:

- Commons Building
- Library: Non-contact check-out available.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Water Treatment Plant
- Little log Church and Museum

This schedule is a work in progress, but it is the desire of the City of Yachats to continue to serve the community as we work our way through the process of reopening.

Code Enforcement Complaint Line

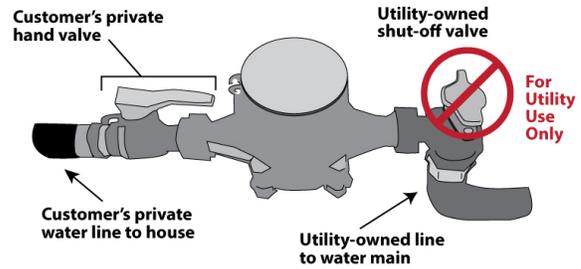
TCB Security has opened a complaint line for taking code enforcement calls 24/7



541-265-1963

Operators will enter your complaint into the City’s request tracking system.

Vacation Reminder



The City asks that you shut off your water supply line when you will be away from your home for more than a few days. Should you have a leak, you will save yourself from a costly water bill and help conserve our valuable natural resource. Every home should have a valve either inside the meter box or adjacent to the meter box on the house side to shut off your water. Residents are not to operate the shutoff on the city side of the meter.

You should also check your meter box at least once each year to clear out any vegetation inside and around the box.

City Meetings this Month

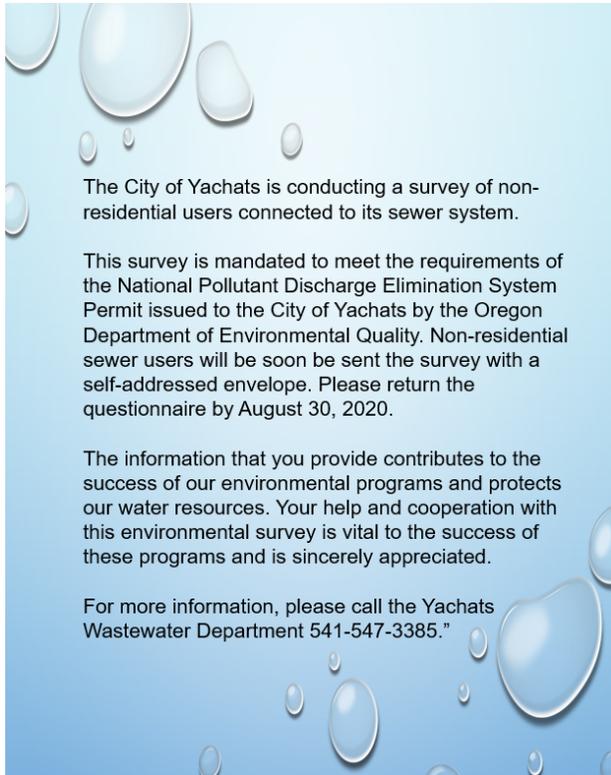
All meetings via Zoom

Please check the website for updates on meeting plans and sign up for meeting notices through the Notify Me feature on the website.

As of publication of this Newsletter (July 27), the following meetings are scheduled for August via Zoom. The link for the meeting will be published on the Meeting Agenda document in the Agenda Center on the website.

August 5	9:30 am	City Council (one-time day change to Wednesday)
August 6	2:00 pm	Emergency Preparedness Committee
August 11	3:00 pm	Public Works & Streets Commission
August 12	10:00 am	Finance Committee
August 18	2:00 pm	Planning Commission Work Session
August 18	3:00 pm	Planning Commission
August 19	2:00 pm	City Council
August 20	3:00 pm	Parks & Commons Commission

Non-Residential Users of Sewer System



Reminder: Noxious Weed Abatement

When: Deadline per the City code to remove noxious weeds was July 1st.

Who: Our ordinance clearly states that property owners are responsible for their property *including the right-of-way*. You can find the full ordinance by going to the City web site at yachatsoregon.org and locating section 5.08.110 *Noxious and Invasive Vegetation* or by going to the code hosting page at qcode.us/codes/yachats.

Why:

Eliminate a Fire Hazard: As weeds dry, they can easily burn.

Preserve our natural beauty: If you like to hunt or fish, walk in the woods, or look out your window at the beauty that surrounds us, you should eliminate the noxious weeds in your yard. These weeds spread aggressively in the environment. They take over natural areas and displace the native plants and wildlife.

What: Of most concern in Yachats are Scotch Broom, Blackberry, English Ivy, Morning Glory and Pampas Grass. You can find information and images on these and other high priority weeds on

the City website under Departments > Parks & Commons > Trails or at yachatsoregon.org/355.

Additionally, any weeds listed for removal by the Oregon Department of Agriculture Noxious Weeds. www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/weeds/oregonnoxiousweeds/pages/aboutoregonweeds.aspx

How: Code specifies that noxious weeds should be cut to less than 6" and mulched. However, any method that prevents the cut plants from regenerating is acceptable.

Hand pulling is best but mechanical cutting is fine. Spraying, except in rare circumstances, is not recommended. The City has mechanical scotch broom pullers for loan. Call 541-547-3565.

Have a plan for replacement! Simply cutting does not solve the problem – you will be doing it again and again. Rather, replace the noxious weeds with non-invasive plants. Consider native plants as they are well-adapted to our environment and, once established, require minimal maintenance. Take a stroll through Prospect Park between 2nd and 3rd Streets to see how YIPS! and the trails crew transformed a weed-infested lot into an inspiring native plant demonstration garden.

Vacation Rental Lottery Open

The application to enter the lottery for the vacation rental waiting list is available online as of August 1, 2020. The lottery will be open for 90 days. Go to the City website at yachatsoregon.org and look for Vacation Rentals under the Services tab (yachatsoregon.org/343/Vacation-Rentals).

Support for Businesses during COVID



Apply now for COVID-19
Emergency Business
Grants.

\$2,500 to \$25,000 in
grant funds are available
for those who qualify.

www.co.lincoln.or.us

W 2nd Street Curbs

The City would like to change the color of the curbs on W 2nd Street across from the old Fire Station from yellow to black. This change would allow for on-street parking as the Fire Station has relocated and no longer needs the area blocked off. The Public Works and Streets Commission will be making a decision on this change at their August 11, 2020 meeting at 3:00 pm. See the agenda in the City's website Agenda Center for zoom information.

Please send any comments you have on this proposal to cityhall@yachatsmail.org.

Yachats Trails

By Jan Brown, 541-547-4927
Communications Leader
espressobrown@gmail.com



Anyone familiar with the story of the [Amanda Trail](#) knows how resilient Amanda's spirit remains even when the challenges are steep. As noted in previous issues of the newsletter, one of those challenges has been to build a new permanent suspension bridge on the Amanda trail to replace the bridge that was washed away in the landslide and flood of December 2015. Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), which has been managing the project had been able to keep it going despite the need to make drastic pandemic-related financial cuts throughout the organization. We all had high hopes that the project (already supported by FEMA and other funding) would continue to move forward... but finally official word came down that the project would have to be tabled indefinitely. But then...

It didn't take long for all involved to look the situation over one last time and, as a result, things are now back in motion. With this new focus we are hoping that construction can still begin this fall and will keep you posted on progress. Of course, at that point in time, portions of the trail will need to be closed for a while – but for the best of causes!

We'd love to see you...

This month the Trails and YIPs! (Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee) crews will be getting back to

regularly scheduled work sessions from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm on the first and third Saturdays of each month. The fact that we have numerous trails in our system spread out across various locations with various areas of interest makes it is easy to split into smaller work groups now that ensure more than adequate social distancing while giving people great opportunities to converse with one another and share observations while they work.

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

Joanne Kittel, Development and Amanda Trail
541-547-3144 or jnkittel@peak.org

Loren Dickenson, Trails Crew
541-547-4559 or lorendickinson@gmail.com

Wally Orchard, YIPS!
541-547-5474 or worchard@peak.org

Bob Langley, Trails Crew and YIPS!
boblangley@lindabob.com

Jan Brown, Communication
541-547-4927 or espressobrown@gmail.com

Little Log Church and Museum

328 W 3rd St 541-547-3976

By Mary Crook

We non-techies on the Board of the Little Log Church and Museum are pleased to announce we have TWO people who have come forward to help us with a Facebook Page and newsletter. Diane Disse, a local and tech savvy businesswoman and James Kerti, also of Yachats, have stepped in to offer assistance. Our goal has been to create and maintain greater visibility for our local historic landmark. As you know, the Little Log Church and Museum is more than just an old building at the corner of 3rd and Pontiac. It's a part of our community that has a story to tell, as well as being a venue for interesting and fun activities that draw folks to the heart of town.



We also want to remind people plans are still in the works to reconstruct the church so it can continue to live safely in Yachats. Carl Miller, the president of the Friends of the Little Log Church and Museum, has been seeking contributions to that end. Once we accumulate a certain percentage of the total cost of the reconstruction,

Carl will then be able to apply for grants that might be available to us. It's a long process, but well worth the effort.

Also, don't forget that at 8:00 pm each evening during the summer, you can enjoy three minutes of mirthful music from the lovely carillon at the Log Church. It changes each evening, and it's fun. Makes for good summer smiles!

Yachats Library

560 W 7th Street 541-547-3741

By Jane Shay

Even though the library can't have the usual Summer Reading Program, that isn't stopping us from getting books to kids! Every Thursday from 10 to noon we give away new paperback books in the pavilion behind the Commons. We have picture books, beginning readers, nonfiction, Spanish/bilingual, graphic novels, mysteries, classic books and more for children ages 3 to 15 or older. Every child gets one book per week. All children are welcome! The program continues thru August 27.

The Friends of Yachats Library had three pop-up book sales in the pavilion in June and July and earned over \$2,000 for the library! They are hoping to have at least a couple more on Sundays in conjunction with the Farmers Market. Check at friendsofyachatslibrary.org for dates.

Don't forget that you can reserve books and check them out on Wednesdays from 1 to 3. To reserve online go to the City website at yachatsoregon.org and click on Departments to find the library information. You may also call the library at 541-547-3741 from 10-12 on Tuesdays or on Wednesday afternoons to speak to a librarian.

Happy reading!

Yachats Food Pantry

Now operating from the Yachats Presbyterian Church at 360 W 7th St
Open M,W,F 11a-1p
Pam Luderitz 541-547-3493

By Pam Luderitz

Again, thanks to all who have helped the Pantry with donations of time to open the pantry, money



to keep the pantry stocked, and food and materials to distribute. Special thanks to Verla who is making the wonderful hats from all your donated yarn scraps. Please keep them coming!

We can still use socks, either new or clean used ones in good condition. Socks are probably one of our most asked for items year-round.

As always material donations are welcome for drop off on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 11 am to 1 pm at the pantry at the Yachats Community Presbyterian Church. **Last month you made a difference for 187 of your neighbors.** Thank you!



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

Yachats Visitor Center

By James Kerti

First, I want to thank the Yachats Chamber of Commerce, and especially Bev Wilson, for all of their work over the years in growing the Yachats Visitor Center and helping our community.



Starting in July, I began running the Yachats Visitor Center and providing marketing services for the City. I want to say a few words about what people can expect.

Like many visitor centers up and down the coast, physical operations are currently limited due to the pandemic. As such, the Visitor Center's face-to-face presence is currently limited to a table at the

Go Paperless!

Farmers Market on Sundays, while I work out of an office at the Commons, which is not open right now. Due to the market's mask requirements, this is the best way to have safe interactions. Fortunately, it has been a great opportunity to talk more with locals who might not ordinarily stop by a visitor center. Come by and say hi on Sundays!

I am also working hard on developing a marketing strategy that allows for safe travel and interactions, and considers our ever-changing circumstances and what makes Yachats special. More information about this will be forthcoming here and online soon.

IN YACHATS EVERYONE COUNTS



...especially when you complete the Census.

The National Census determines how the billions of dollars of federal aid helps to shape communities from disaster planning to small business development, Medicare Part B, highway construction, and fund many programs that affect rural communities just like ours.

The Census makes sense for Yachats.



mail back
the questionnaire



844-330-2020



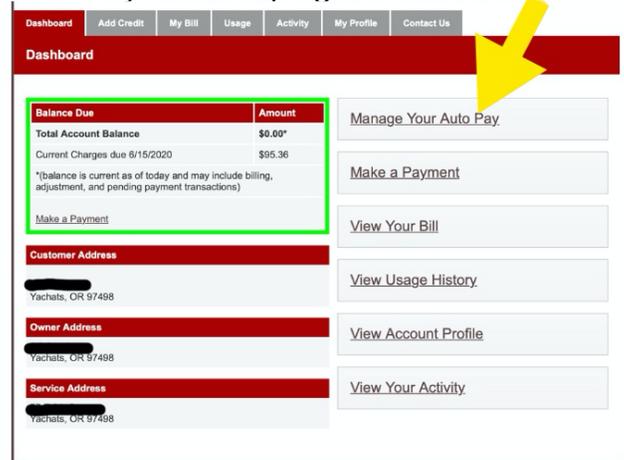
my2020census.gov

The City of Yachats utility billing system allows users to get paper bills by mail, emailed bills, or both. Your paper bill will not be stopped unless you set up your account to not receive paper bills.

Signing up for electronic payments will not automatically stop your paper bills.

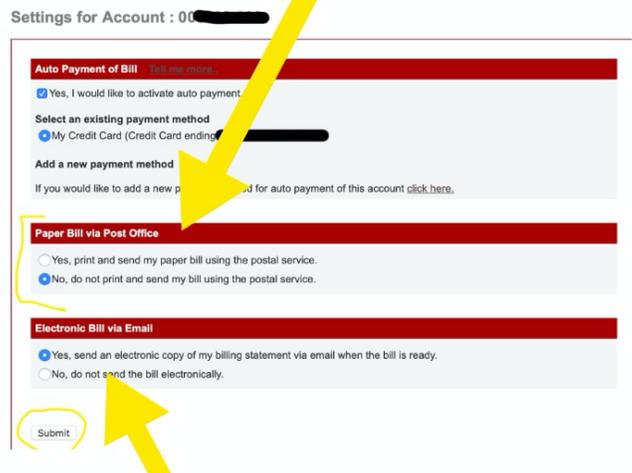
To stop receiving paper bills, you first need to log into your utility bill account from the [City website](#) or directly from yachatsor.merchantransact.com.

From your dashboard, select "Manage Your Auto Pay" at the top right of the screen.



The screenshot shows a dashboard with a red header and navigation tabs: Dashboard, Add Credit, My Bill, Usage, Activity, My Profile, and Contact Us. A yellow arrow points to the 'Manage Your Auto Pay' button in the top right corner. Below the navigation is a 'Balance Due' table with columns for 'Balance Due' and 'Amount'. The table shows 'Total Account Balance' as \$0.00 and 'Current Charges due 8/15/2020' as \$95.36. Other buttons like 'Make a Payment', 'View Your Bill', and 'View Usage History' are also visible.

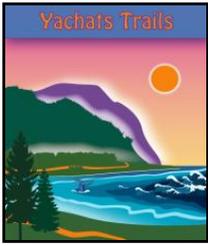
In the middle section for "Paper Bill via Post Office," select NO.



The screenshot shows the 'Settings for Account' form. It has three main sections: 'Auto Payment of Bill', 'Paper Bill via Post Office', and 'Electronic Bill via Email'. In the 'Auto Payment of Bill' section, the 'Yes, I would like to activate auto payment' option is selected. In the 'Paper Bill via Post Office' section, the 'No, do not print and send my bill using the postal service' option is selected. In the 'Electronic Bill via Email' section, the 'Yes, send an electronic copy of my billing statement via email when the bill is ready' option is selected. A yellow arrow points to the 'Submit' button at the bottom of the form.

You can choose to receive an electronic copy of your by email by selecting YES in the bottom section for "Electronic Bill via Email."

Be sure to click SUBMIT at the bottom when your settings are correct.

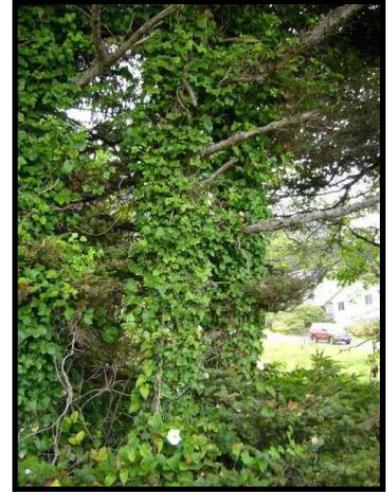


Yachats Weed of the Month – August

English and Irish ivy (*Hedera helix*, *H. Hibernica*)

Ivy is a native of Europe. It was brought to North America centuries ago as an ornamental and is still sold and used as such. We admit, it does look rather pretty as it climbs up the walls of an old mansion, or hangs down over the edge of a stone wall. But don't forget the wise words of Ogden Nash: "The trouble with a kitten is that eventually it becomes a cat." Ivy is a bit like that too. Mature ivy is a major problem, hence its place in the ranks of "Yachats' Most Wanted – Dead!"

Impact: Ivy, as a non-native, has no natural predators or pests in the USA. It easily escapes from planting areas and invades natural areas and forests. Soon "Ivy Deserts" are created, where no other vegetation survives. As ivy climbs into the canopy of trees, it adds weight to the limbs while reducing the flow of air around the trunk and the flow of nutrients up and down the tree. Trees are weakened and may be killed. It provides no significant food for native wildlife (the seeds are toxic), but it does provide excellent habitat for rats. Do you still want ivy in your garden?



Identification: Ivy is an evergreen vine with long trailing stems and waxy leaves. It is equally at home on the ground, entwined with shrubs, in a tree or climbing a wall. Juvenile ivy has dark green 3-lobed leaves while mature ivy has diamond-shaped leaves that are lighter in color. Older plants have stems up to 5 inches in diameter and produce white to green flowers which develop into black, berry-like fruits.



Management: Wear gloves when handling ivy as the sap may cause a skin reaction. In small areas, manual removal can be effective provided there is regular follow-up. Vines in trees can be cut a few feet above the ground and left to rot and fall. Roots should be grubbed out to 5 feet or more from the tree trunk. Ivy can be treated with various herbicides; however, since the ivy is often entangled with desirable plants, herbicide use may not be practical. The Yachats Trails Crew has been hard at work fighting back against ivy infestations in the Commons Wetland. We previously cleared mountains of ivy from the Whale Tail Park and the Prospect Garden. And please join us for the annual 804 Trail Ivy Pull scheduled for August 24th.

Suggested replacement plants: Kinnikinnick, a native plant, and some heather varieties form low-growing mats that are attractive, non-invasive and easy to manage.

Contact information: Call Wally at 541 547 5474 if you have any questions. For more weed info, go to www.yachatstrails.org.

Yachats "Weed of the Month" is an informational service of the Yachats Trails Committee and YIPS! - the Yachats Invasive Plants Subcommittee.

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

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

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)

Marion Godfrey 503-704-0067
Nikki Carlson, Chair 541-547-3430
David Rivinus 541-547-3048

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
Admin/Operator..... ext 105
City Planner..... ext 104
Code Enforcement.....(TCB) 541-336-5555
Community Svc Coordinator Heather Hoen..... ext 106
..... 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>