

Quiet Water Ripples



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Rain, River, Wind and Waves

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The elements combined to put on quite a show in Quiet Water and Yachats in mid January. Heavy rainfall during the month pushed the monthly total anywhere from 12" to 17" according to readings from several locations in town. Soils became saturated and the Yachats river rose to just below flood stage. High winds from a January storm interacted with King Tides on January 11-13 to create high water in LCA I and the recreation area (tennis courts, playground, and pool).



Waves coming up the Yachats River pounded their way into sloughs, and incursions along the bank leaving debris in their wake and tugging at the bank as they receded.

So what are King Tides and why is it important to pay attention. A King Tide is a non-scientific term people often use to describe exceptionally high tides. Higher than



normal tides typically occur during a new or full moon and when the moon, sun, and earth align and the moon is closest to the earth in its orbit. The highest tides here usually occur in the summer and winter. Because our summers are usually fairly dry, we are more likely to see coastal flooding during the winter King Tides.

King Tides are important, because scientists tell us that they preview how sea level rise will affect coastal places. As time goes by, the water level reached now during a

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king tide will be the water level reached at high tide on an average day.

Although there will be cleanup to do, fortunately there was no serious damage.

There are measures we can take to mitigate the damage such as not cutting paths down to the river which gives waves an opening to exploit. Robust plants with strong root systems can help protect the river bank from tidal activity. The board will be exploring with local authorities other measures we might use.



Meet your New Neighbors

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PHOTOGRAPHS CAPTURED FROM ZOOM

In this time of social distancing and mask wearing, Zoom has made it possible to meet our new neighbors screen face to screen face. While Zoom serves its purpose, I look forward to the time when we can return to larger gatherings.

Matt DeVecchio



Surrounded by tall, clear windows in his newly purchased home at 141 Combs Circle, and wearing what he called his “Covid Beard”, Matt DeVecchio chatted with me about his move to Quiet Water and the Yachats community.

Matt is a retired school teacher after 28 years of teaching grades K-8 in several varied assignments from technology to classroom teaching to distance learning and even coaching. Most recently in Bakersfield, CA, Matt decided to retire because as an older teacher, he did not feel safe after the school board’s decision to resume in person teaching before the pandemic was more under control.

He has friends in the Eugene area whom he visited in the summer and had been looking for property on the coast for 3-5 years. The requirements were to be able to see the ocean and walk to town. After a couple of tries, he found his home in Quiet Water through Zillow, and is very happy here. “I’m not moving again!”, he declared. He looks forward to the time when he can enjoy coffee and a fresh scone inside his favorite place, the Green Salmon.

Matt has been an investor in stocks and equities since the early 90’s which allowed him to build enough security to be able to retire. Now that has become the “job” that he enjoys.

As a runner of half marathons, he finds the air and temperature of the coast much more conducive to that hobby than in Bakersfield, and looks forward to a time soon when he can resume his other hobby of cycling.

Welcome to Quiet Water, Matt! Your neighbors look forward to greeting you and getting to know you better.

Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia



I met Chareane soon after she arrived at 412 Combs circle, just two doors down from me. We soon discovered that we had much in common. Having grown up as the child of an Air Force career officer, she was no stranger to frequent moves. She remembers moving almost every year and attending two different high schools her senior year—one in Michigan and one in California. But after completing a Masters Degree in

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Meet Chareane...

Public Administration at California State University-Stanislaus, she and her husband Jim moved to Oregon eventually settling in Corvallis. Jim had a productive career as a clinical therapist at OSU, and Chareane worked as Learning Center Coordinator for Linn-Benton Community College.

Jim loved the Oregon coast, particularly Cape Perpetua and they often visited Yachats, so it was no surprise when they decided to purchase a home in Quiet Water. Then unexpectedly, Jim's cancer returned and he passed away just before the purchase was finalized. Chareane bravely decided to go ahead with the purchase and looks on this peaceful community as her "healing place".

Now after a beautiful, supportive marriage of almost 40 years, she is stepping into Act II. Family ties are still strong. She has a sister-in-law

who lives in Waldport, two sons, and one 16 month old grandson.

When I asked about her interest in painting, she laughingly said that she is really "a dilettante". She enjoys good conversation, science fiction, yoga, ecology, walking, and one day looks forward to being a docent at Cape Perpetua. Conservation is a passion and she is doing all that she can to reduce her carbon footprint.

She plans to be in Yachats a couple of times a month and enjoys entertaining family here. Introduce yourself when she is here. She is a delightful person.

And about the things we have in common... I learned that she spent a summer in Taichung, Taiwan after graduation—the same city where Greg and I went to school! This world is really quite a small place.

And Soon ... Maybe More Neighbors

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Quiet Water residents Wally Orchard and Jim Welch could be called the "Birdmen of Quiet Water". Over the years they have built and placed several bird boxes around Quiet Water for the enjoyment of birds and residents alike. They have had particular success with chickadees, violet-green swallows, and tree swallows.

Now they are on a mission to build a "swallow trail" of 100 boxes over the next two years to be placed around Yachats and up river. The board has approved six for Quiet Water.

Tree swallows and violet-green swallows have similar nesting habits that are different from barn swallows that nest on porches and under eaves of houses creating a nuisance. The birdboxes will attract a much better behaved neighbor.



These acrobatic migratory birds are fun to watch as they twist and dive in the air preying on flying insects.

Jim and Wally have also installed a box suitable for owls and plan to build and install another large box on the river, suitable for wood ducks and mergansers, both of which have been seen locally.

Although the Board declined to spend HOA money on an unbudgeted expense, if you would like to help with construction or make a donation for supplies, contact Wally Orchard at 541-606-0055, or Jim Welch at 970-217-4424. By supporting their efforts, you will be assisting wildlife in our neighborhood, while also providing for interesting birdwatching opportunities for our members.

A Pair of Tweets



Male Tree Swallow



Male Violet-Green Swallow

Under Construction



After a rather slow, wet start, the house under construction at 155 Jennifer Lane which is on the corner of Jennifer and Lori Lane is almost “dried in” with windows and doors. Siding is going up now.

Pierre Morin and Kara Wilde purchased the lot and began construction in the late summer. They currently live in Portland.

Quiet Water is gradually filling out. Only 9 building lots remain out of the 72 in the development, unless the 7 households who own contiguous empty lots decide to sell them separately.

Signs of Spring

Daffodils blooming in a small garden beside Denny and Joan Cavin’s home at 228 Jennifer Drive are a cheerful reminder that spring is just around the corner. Daffodils are a symbol of rebirth and new beginnings. Thank you Joan and Denny for this beautiful sign of hope. We are all looking forward to the drier warmer weather that the daffodils forecast.



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Board Business

The QW board had its 3rd meeting of the fiscal year on February 7th via Zoom. Minutes are still in draft form, but a summary of the meeting follows.

All Board members were in attendance in addition to DRC chair, Loren Dickinson, and members Wally Orchard, Linda Tweto-Johnson, Ginny Hafner, Hayden and Shana Chandler.

Rebecca and Nan will meet in the coming weeks to create a preliminary budget for 21-22 for board approval prior to presenting to the annual meeting in June. Packets will come out in May, but we are waiting to see if the annual meeting will be in person or by Zoom.

Loren has secured willow cuttings which will be planted to conserve and protect the riparian area. Although this willow species is “robust”, Rebecca received conformation from the State that they can be pruned as long as the plant remains viable after pruning. **SEE PAGE 6 (yellow box) FOR CITY RESTRICTIONS.** Location for these starts and planting dates will soon follow. Volunteers will be needed, so stay tuned.

The pool enclosure has suffered some damage. Window sills and slats below the windows require replacements. Bob will get bids. Mold in the men’s bathroom and perhaps elsewhere must be eliminated. Rebecca is in conversation with a company to do the work. The board

agreed to purchase a new cover for the spa pool. We have not been successful in securing a pool manager so we will hire Emerald Pool and Patio to visit and provide recommendations for upkeep during the off season.

Grounds: Site Manager, Tom Lynch makes weekly curbside pickups but his schedule cannot be pinned to a specific day. Tom is scheduling around the demands of two other part time jobs. Residents can help by making sure that debris is removed from street drains. Playground chips washed away in recent storms will be replaced later this spring. Rebecca will contact Tom Lynch Sr. concerning trimming of a big tree between Redmon and Brice properties. The tractor may be replaced in the next budget cycle.

Boat Storage– There is only one launching site for water craft near the point where the river bends. Any other boat access to the river is in violation of HOA rules. The board is contemplating ideas for boat storage near the launch site and proposed a temporary solution for the Wybenga paddle boat.

A request for community food scrap composting was denied. Jim Welch and Wally Orchard were given permission to locate 6 swallow boxes in Quiet Water. Nan Scott will develop a survey to assess path options so that a plan of action can be proposed at the annual meeting..

Complete minutes and a full treasurer’s report will be posted soon on the QWHA web site.

Consolidated Fund Activity Report as of 02/09/2021

Account #	Account Name	Yr Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End Balance
3.0.001	General Operating Fund	0.00	42,497.96	27,693.20	14,804.76
3.0.004	General Reserve	76,531.83	0.00	5,294.72	71,237.11
3.1.001	LCA I	21,892.17	4,349.97	270.18	25,971.99
3.2.001	LCA II	14,983.42	2,700.00	214.52	17,468.90
3.3.001	LCA III+				
3.3.011	LCA III Carports Balance	(221.79)	840.00	0.00	618.21
3.3.012	LCA III Operations/Paving	6,217.17	90.00	201.84	6,105.33
3.4.001	LCA IV	6,150.06	1,332.00	60.00	7,422.06
3.6.001	Riparian Restoration Balance	1,684.58	0.00	690.00	994.58
	Total	<u>\$127,237.44</u>	<u>\$51,809.93</u>	<u>\$34,424.46</u>	<u>\$144,622.94</u>

Local Links

Whether you live in Quiet Water year-around or just visit occasionally, you may be interested in local news and events. YachatsNews.com is an excellent source of information. Following is an excerpt from the About section of the web site:

Residents of Yachats and south Lincoln County are very interested and involved in their community – and very demanding of it. But the demise of traditional media and news coverage by even the smallest newspapers has left a void of clear, contextual, straight news reporting to help people understand what is going on.

This news site is one person's attempt to fill that void. It will have news of local governments, events, businesses and larger trends affecting Yachats and south Lincoln county. It should be of interest to the people who live here and the thousands who visit every year.



Quinton Smith



The site is owned and managed by Quinton Smith, a Yachats resident with a long and distinguished career in Oregon newspapers. In addition to reporting and writing local news stories, he will provide links to stories and information around Oregon and the Northwest that might be of interest to readers.

There is no charge to subscribe and you will get a notice and link via email each time a new edition is published—usually weekly on Friday.

Oregon Health Authority for Coronavirus and Vaccine information:

<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

Lincoln County vaccination information and scheduling:

<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

Videos of January King Tides in Yachats:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y05CRGiVPm8>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=7x1cCOgq_Yw&feature=youtu.be

City Ordinances governing the riparian corridor allow the removal of noxious weeds, but removal and pruning of other vegetation is allowed ONLY because of storm damage, plant health, disease, damage to existing structures or demonstrated safety endangerment. QW will choose planting areas to minimize view obstruction.

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