

Code Enforcement Report
January 2012

Happy New Year to all. The New Year started out pretty quiet. I attended the City Council work session and the City Council meeting. In spite of some misinformation that was sent out to some clients of our Vacation Rental Agencies, the meeting was civil. Prohibiting Vacation Rentals in Yachats was never on the agenda. The Mayor and the Council made that clear before public discourse. The Transient Rental Task Force did little to change the existing Codes. The problem has been that the existing Codes have been ignored. There was a lot of work done on clearing up the language in the Code and definitely the citizen complaint process.

The Council accepted the recommendations with a few language changes. We will try this for our next summer season. At least, all players are aware of the Codes regarding Transient Rentals.

I am about two-thirds finished with my Vacation Rental inspections for this year. I am waiting for the agents to set up appointments for inspections. There has been full cooperation.

We were all awakened to a major wind/rain event on January 18th. I have experienced several of these over the last 30 years, but I knew we were into a good one with the first windblasts around 4:30 AM.

Thankfully, there were no reported personal injuries. Our Public Works crew, City Staff, CLPUD and other services worked overtime to deal with the emergency. I was about ready to call for the CERT team to mobilize, but immediate response from the City and CLPUD kept citizens with services.

Here is a list of the damages I saw on my rounds:

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- Downed phone lines on upper King Street
- Big Spruce tree down on upper Prospect trail
- Power lines down on upper King Street
- Salmon Creek overflowing Yachats River Road
- Yachats River Road flooded both lanes just east of water treatment plant
- Phone lines down on Radar Road
- Quiet Water flooded in two lower parking areas
- Yachats River up to walking path in Quiet Water
- Clogged culvert on Spruce Street, water on road
- Windbreak shattered at residence on Horizon Hill
- Big Spruce limb down on W. 2nd Street
- Roof damage on Prospect
- Phone lines down on W 6th Street

- Broken branch on W 7th
- Broken branch on W 1st Street blocking street
- Front porch blown off on E. 9th Street
- Downed trees at Overleaf
- Roof damage on Coolidge Lane
- Downed tree on Lemwick
- Downed limbs at the Adobe
- Blow down on north Aqua Vista
- Second limb down on W 2nd Street, resting on cable lines
- Debris piling up against the Highway 101 bridge
- Mud slide, tree on Yachats River Road

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- Window out at Drift Inn greenhouse
- Gutters down at Lions Club
- Bench at Shamrock broken
- Telecommunication cover off on Yachats Ocean View Road
- Tree blown down into house on Pacific View
- Broken limb on Horizon Hill
- Limbs down on E. 6th Street

I am sure there was other damage, but we were very fortunate that no one was injured.

Respectfully Submitted,

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City of Yachats