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The Westport Wave

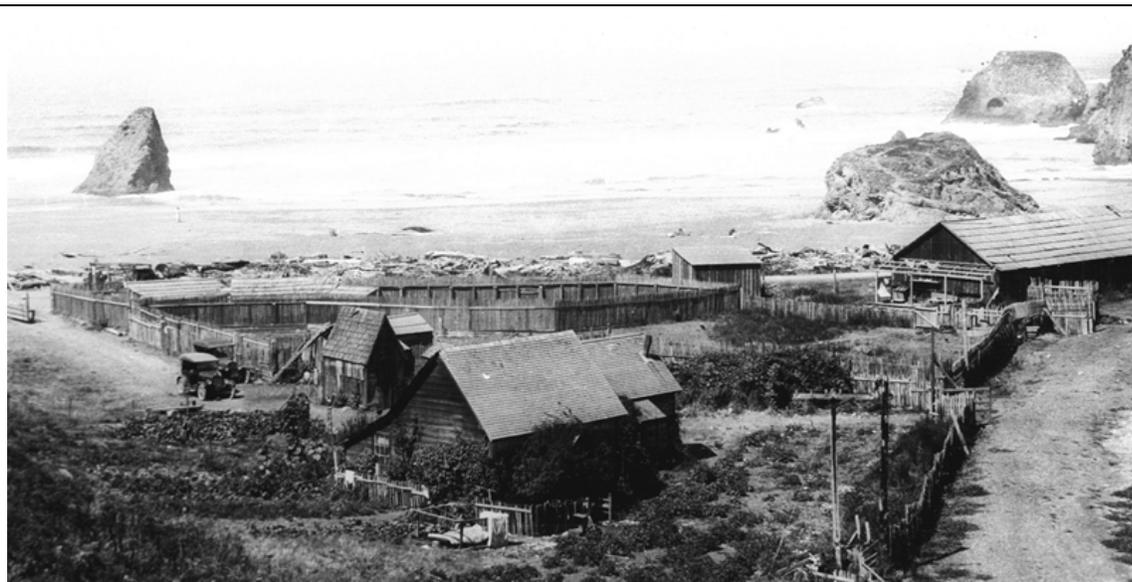
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WVS Annual Meeting October 2nd

Please join us at the **Westport Village Society Annual Member Meeting on Friday evening, October 2nd, at the Westport Community Church.**

This event will begin with a casual opportunity to socialize with neighbors starting at 6:30 PM. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, with donations of sweet or savory edible treats most welcome if the inspiration strikes you! This event is a great opportunity to catch up with local friends, renew your WVS membership, look at the Westport history photograph collection, and purchase T-shirts and local history books.

The Annual Meeting will kick off at 7:00 PM. Westport Village Society activities and finances will be summarized and members will then vote in a secret ballot to fill the expiring terms of two Directors. If you are passionate about community service and the WVS mission, consider running for one of those vacancies. Each candidate will have an opportunity to address the group prior to the election. After that we plan an open discussion about fundraising and suggestions for WVS programs and activities. Come join us and get involved! For more information, please see <http://www.westportvillagesociety.org>.



Seaside in the 1910s (photo courtesy of the Kelley House Museum)

Tsunamis, Reservations, and a Speakeasy: Seaside History Presentation Friday, October 2nd

Thad Van Bueren, President, WVS

If you are interested in local archaeology and history, please come to the Westport Village Society Annual Member Meeting at the Westport Community Church on Friday, October 2nd to see a half hour slide show discussing recent archaeological and historical findings about Seaside, that beach south of Westport where all the construction is currently happening.

As my title suggests, there is sure to be something of interest, given the eventful happenings at this neighboring place! The talk will begin shortly after 7:30 PM once the WVS Annual Meeting business and discussion is concluded. You are also invited to join the WVS and participate in our Annual Meeting (see article at left).

Kids' Movie Night – October 17th

Our October Kids' Movie Night will be held on Saturday, October 17th at the Westport Recreation Center. The feature will be posted on the Rec Center sign at the store a few days before Movie Night. Doors will open at 6:00 PM, with the movie starting when the popcorn is ready (usually by 6:20). Bring pillows and blankets/sleeping bags for the kids and a comfy chair for yourself. All are welcome to come enjoy the movie.

Westport Flea Market

Sarah Mathias

The Westport Flea Market has had a great start this year. Thank you to every one who as supported the effort. We plan to continue next year with the Yard Sale in May and the Flea Market running on the last Sunday of each month from June through September. We're also discussing a winter market around November or December and possibly something in Spring as well. If you're interested in helping plan/organize, or if you have input on this topic, feel free to contact Sarah Mathias at 962-0181 or sarah.e.mathias@gmail.com. You may also keep in touch via the Westport Markets page on Facebook.

Westport to Get Radar Speed Warning Signs

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council received input from members of the community this summer that traffic speed in the village is a concern. Based on that input, the WMAC wrote Caltrans to request installation of radar speed advisory signs on Route 1 at both ends of town. Caltrans responded favorably and plans to install those signs early in 2016. This is just an example of how the WMAC can play a role in helping our community make requests and comments to government offices that directly impact our lives. Consider coming to WMAC meetings to express concerns and visit <http://www.westportmac.org/> for more information about this advisory council. A vacancy for an Alternate Director currently exists and you can apply by contacting the office of the Board of Supervisors.

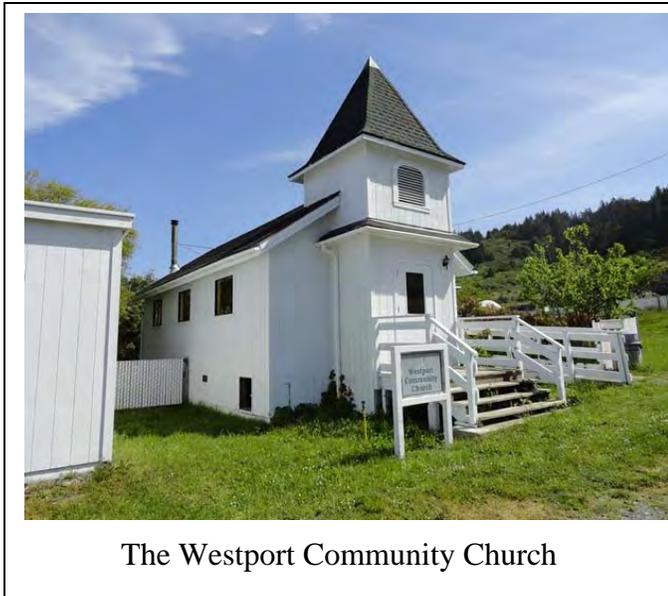


Westport Trick-or-Treating and Halloween Potluck

Sarah Mathias

It's almost Halloween and plans are in the works for trick-or-treating and a community potluck on Halloween night. All trick-or-treaters in the area are invited to gather at the Church grounds on Halloween evening at 5:00 PM to show off their costumes. We'll set off to trick-or-treat through the Village around 5:15 PM with the idea of being finished around 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited, costume or not, for a potluck afterward (7:00 PM) at the Church. The main dish will be barbecued albacore!

Last year we had a craft day shortly before Halloween for the kids. Should something like this come together again it will be posted at the Westport Store and also at the Recreation Center as well as on the Westport Parents' Page on Facebook.



Westport Community Church October Calendar

Founded in 1880, the **Westport Community Church** is pleased to offer a variety of experiences to help us discover ways to become more in touch with our spiritual heritage. We are doing our best to nurture a tradition of having weekly gatherings at the Church (which is at the end of Abalone Street on the left) to explore various spiritual paths. All suggestions and participants for services are welcome at the Westport Church – and we welcome all denominations to hold services here!

The 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month currently have a regularly scheduled focus. Regretfully, our popular 4th Sunday Buddhist speaker Mettika Hoffman will no longer be able to be here each month because her Sangas at Three Jewels Hall in Fort Bragg are now meeting on Sundays. We sincerely appreciate the tremendous success of this past year with Mettika for all of the joy, teachings, and love that she has shared with us! For now, we have the 1st, 4th, and occasional 5th Sundays open for community members to suggest other speakers and topics for these days. Please contact Church President Millie Saunders at 964-3030 to discuss your ideas and see how you can help the Westport Community Church.

2nd Sunday, October 11th, 10:00AM – Carolyn Cathey, Mendocino Center For Spiritual Living, on “Abundance”

Carolyn Cathey, Spiritual Coach and presenter of life-transforming workshops, leads a shared discussion on “Abundance”. Are you afraid of abundance? Does it make you uncomfortable? Do you think you need to take from others for you to have more? Do you think in limitation? If so, attend this discussion on abundance, how to access it, and what miracles it can do for you and your life.

3rd Sunday, October 18th, 10:00AM – Our Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katherine White is helping us to establish an ongoing Quaker Worship Group meeting on the third Sunday of every month. The format is a simple, quiet meditation for 45 minutes followed by Katherine reading Quaker passages and a shared discussion of our experience including sharing of any of our thoughts or readings that one is inspired to bring to the group. This has been and will continue to be a very peace-filled and nurturing experience.

Court-Ordered Community Service Opportunities In Westport

Gary Quinton

Do you need to serve court-ordered Community Service or serve in a Sheriff’s Department Work Release program? Why not serve it in your community? We would value your time!

There are several places and varied types of work in Westport where you can provide your hours and get credit towards the satisfaction of your court order, including work for the Westport Volunteer Fire Department, Westport-Ten Mile Cemetery District, and the Westport Village Society. Jobs include grass/weed cutting, painting, handyman work, and more. We can help you with the registration paperwork and compliance/completion documents. If you are interested, please call Gary Quinton at 964-7073.

Local Information for Newcomers

Sarah Mathias

A “Welcome to Westport!” information packet has been created for distribution to anyone new to the community. The packet contains information about the WVS, WVFD, Recreation Center, Church, local businesses, and more. If you are interested in receiving a packet, or if you'd like one to be sent to someone, please contact Sarah Mathias at 962-0181 or sarah@huntersplayground.com.

October at the FREE Westport Community Vegetable Garden

Steve Brigham

Wow – the **Westport Community Garden** (at the Community Center at the end of Abalone St.) is really doing good this year! Lots of folks are actually harvesting just about every kind of vegetable we've got right when it's at its peak, with nothing going to waste! I can't tell you how happy this makes me, and it only provides complete justification for increasing our production capacity next year. So come next spring, plan on helping create a bigger and better Community Garden, where we grow not only fresh vegetables, but herbs and flowers as well! It has always been my goal to fill up our space with enough big pots and planting beds so that individual Westportians can even plant their own special plantings. I'll let you know this winter how you can help with the all-new 2016 Community Garden!

Back to right now, in October, the Westport Community Garden has lots of great organically grown vegetables ready every day, from lettuce, kale, edible-pod peas, cilantro, and basil to green beans, summer squash, zucchini, cucumbers, lemon cucumbers, and (yes, they're finally ripening!) tomatoes. You simply won't find premium-quality organically grown vegetables anywhere for this price – mainly since all of these delicious vegetables are **ABSOLUTELY FREE FOR ANYONE TO PICK AT ANY TIME!** It's just like having your very own farm (what more could anyone want?) All we need now is YOU to pick your vegetables every day, so do your part as a volunteer and get busy harvesting!



Gary Quinton

Dear Westportians,

Last month, under this heading, a very complimentary article about me appeared and I feel compelled to comment. There are others in the Westport area that should have been thanked.

Westport is very fortunate to have so many volunteers, in fact, our entire community is run with volunteers.

I am hesitant to start naming names because I know I would miss many. Just think about it for a second: Our Fire Department, Water and Sewer Company, Village Society, Westport Municipal Advisory Committee, Cemetery Board, Church Board, BBQ, our Rubber Ducky Race, Headland Maintenance, Frisbee Golf, Community Garden, *The Westport Wave*, etc..., all done with countless volunteers who give so many hours to our community every year and do it without a formal thank you.

We are fortunate to have people with all kinds of skills...and people who have time to pitch in when needed. Every single person is appreciated and as a community we benefit and grow.

So let's all give a big "SHOUT OUT" to our entire community. From the philanthropists who donate, the people who organize the events and the volunteer workers, to the people who come out to each event... THANK YOU for your countless hours supporting our community. We make it happen together!!!

Life in Westport is good!

Westport Volunteer Fire Department Chief's Report

Frank Maurice, Fire Chief

The Westport Volunteer Fire Department responded to 45 calls during the past twelve months. We work as a team, and typically have several members of the Department responding on each of our calls. I'd like to thank all of our active duty members for serving the community. Our two top responders during past year were Jeff Mathias (39 calls) and Glen Jones (36 calls).

We also have regular training sessions to practice our skills. This month we trained with our new Class 1 engine on a structure fire simulation. Nine firefighters participated in that training on Saturday, September 19th. We simultaneously ran two 2-1/2 inch attack lines and also operated the aerial monitor that sits on top of the engine. One of the 2-1/2 inch lines fed two 1-1/2 inch lines, to enable one team to enter a structure with water while the other team applies water to the exterior and stands ready to assist the first team inside the structure. The second 2-1/2 inch line is intended to extinguish the fire from the exterior, while the aerial monitor puts water on the roof.

On Wednesday, September 23rd, we conducted an auto extrication exercise at night. The purpose of that exercise was to practice extricating people who are trapped inside a vehicle as the result of a crash or other accident and who may need treatment for injuries.

Ongoing trainings are scheduled for one Saturday and one Wednesday evening a month. If you'd like more information about our activities, feel free to attend one of our business meetings on the second Wednesday of each month starting 6:00PM at the Fire Station. All members of the community are welcome!

24/7 Westport Wave

Did you know that the easiest way to read *The Westport Wave* is on the Newsletter page of our website westportvillagesociety.org – where you'll always find the most current issue as well as all the monthly back-issues back to November 2011, all in living color! Tell your friends!



Preparing for El Nino Rains

Westport Volunteer Fire Department

We've been hearing a lot about a strong El Nino rainy season. While nobody knows exactly what that will mean for our community, we should start preparing now for the possibility of heavy rains starting later this year and continuing into the Spring. From past experience, heavy rains could bring power outages, communication outages, fallen trees, mud and rock slides, downed power lines, and closed roads.

This is the first in a series of articles about what we can do as a community to prepare. Let's start with some things each of us can do:

Have plenty of flashlights with spare batteries

Trim or remove trees that might threaten buildings or power lines in a windstorm

Make sure propane tanks are full before the rains start

Maintain an extra supply of prescription medications (a 60-day supply is recommended)

Have plastic jugs or other empty containers on hand that can be filled with potable water

In case of an emergency during the rainy season, call 911. However, we know from recent experience that

the 911 system can stop working. If that happens, call or text our Fire Chief, Frank Maurice, at (707) 357-1866 or send him an email at FrankMaurice@sbcglobal.net. If you can't reach Frank, go to the Fire Station. As a last resort, if all else fails and you need help, call Howard Forest Central Dispatch at (707) 459-7403.

The Fire Department and Water District are working together on a plan to have water available at the Fire Station during a major community emergency. WVFD is also working on plans for an emergency basic food supply. We also need to have back up plans for shelter and warmth and restroom facilities for any displaced members of our community. If you have any suggestions, or if you would be willing to contribute supplies or facilities to help in a community emergency, please call John Allison at 357-3732 or send him an email at jralison27@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more information in next month's *Westport Wave*.

Old Abalone Pub Will Be Open Fridays and Saturdays In October!

The Old Abalone Pub will be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 5:00PM to 9:00PM beginning on Friday, October 2nd. An a la carte menu, light fare, beer, wine, and espresso will be available. A *prix fixe* dinner for hotel guests and the public will be served by reservation only. Please call (707) 964-3688 for more details, or email us at westporthotel@mcn.org.

Westport Hotel Fall Specials

Get 2 Rooms For 2 Nights: The second (less expensive) room on the second night is FREE (even on weekends!)

Simple Supper Special: Ocean view balcony room and simple supper tray for two, only \$250 (plus tax and gratuity), available Monday thru Thursday only.

Weekend Special: Ocean view room with balcony and a four-course dinner for two, for just \$285 (plus tax and gratuity), Friday and Saturday only.

Sorry, specials cannot be combined. For more information or to make a reservation, please call (707) 964-3688, or email westporthotel@mcn.org.

October 2015 Westport Calendar

- October 1st** – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM
- October 2nd** – **Westport Village Society Annual Members Meeting plus Historic Seaside slide presentation by Thad Van Bueren, 6:30PM, Westport Community Church**
- October 6th** – WMAC Meeting 7:00PM, Westport Church (check <http://www.westportmac.org/> for agenda or cancellation)
- October 10th** – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Firehouse
- October 11th** – Carolyne Cathey, Mendocino Center For Spiritual Living, on “Abundance”, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church
- October 12th** – New Moon, 5:05PM
- October 14th** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse
- October 15th** – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM
- October 17th** – Westport Village Society Quarterly Board Meeting, 9:00AM, Westport Church
- October 17th** – Kids’ Movie Night, Westport Community Recreation Center, 6:00PM
- October 18th** – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church
- October 25th** – Westport Community Church Board Meeting, 11:30AM, Westport Community Church
- October 27th** – Full Moon, 7:50PM
- October 29th** – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM
- October 31st** – **Halloween**
- November 1st** – Daylight Saving Time ends, 2:00AM (set clocks BACK one hour)

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AMAZING CLASSES

At The Westport Rec Room

COME SUPPORT local activities!!!

Mon. Gentle Yoga Flow 9-10-30

Tues. Tai Chi 9-10:30

Wed. Zumba-Toning 9-10:00

Thurs. R.I.P.P.E.D 9-10:00

1 hour Classes are \$8 drop in or \$6 with a card.

1½ hour classes are \$12 or \$10 with a card.

Question call Tabby @707-367-0010