

WVFD BBQ a Big Success!

Bill Knapp, President, WVFD

A record number of people helped, participated in, and enjoyed this year's **Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fundraiser 40th Anniversary BBQ** on August 18th. We sold more meals (724), beer & wine, desserts, and WVFD Logo clothing than any other previous event.

This year's quilt was made by Aimee Maxey, in memory of lifelong resident Millie Saunders. The Quilt fabric was donated by Millie's family. The Quilt was particularly popular and raised a record amount for the quilt raffle. It was won by one overjoyed person who had been a personal family friend.

We wish we could name everyone who contributed to the success of our event. We do want to acknowledge those who really jumped in and did a bang-up job, both Firefighters and community people alike. Chief Dan Maxey started us out on the right foot with pre-planning. This included getting tents, porta-potties, food and supplies, jumpy-house, the food serving booth, and "Barrel" John - the master Tri-Tip and chicken chef. Then, starting the day before and

continuing through the day after, he was there coordinating set-up, clean-up and tear-down. Lois Senger started recruiting and organizing folks to handle the different jobs needed before, during and after the BBQ. Logan Smith, Westport's local musician and band promoter, rounded up bands from throughout the county. Michael Perry went to Breweries and Wineries throughout the county for donations and arranged for pickup or delivery, then

spent the day of the BBQ serving. Bobbie and Bill Knapp started the process for soliciting local Merchants for Raffle and Silent Auction prizes, then organized baskets, prizes and the silent auction. Sarah Cullar did double duty, organizing the vendors and running the WVFD merchandise booth. Pam Brown helped

prepare the food order, organized folks to serve the food, and made sure we were compliant with State regulations for preparing and serving food. Melinda McLaughlin organized the Dessert Booth, sourced desserts, and dealt with coffee, water, and soft drinks. Val Hale gave generously of his time, effort, and equipment, setting up the outdoor kitchen and helping with cooking and wash-up.



Bird's-eye view of the WVFD BBQ Raffle (photo by Bob Finnell)

Obviously, community members really stepped up this year, setting up, cooking, and serving food, pouring wine, pulling beer, selling tickets, helping with the raffle, cleaning up, and anything else that had to be done. Oh yes, a special thanks goes to Ian Trimbach, Ryan Grossman, and Derek DiOrio who built our fabulous new bar just in time for the BBQ.

Last, but not least, the WVFD members who helped make the event successful are: John Allison who handled radio and newspaper publicity, Jeff Mathias who set up and updated the WVFD Facebook Page, and Glen Jones, Ski Saunders, Beck Regalia, Lee Tepper (WVFD treasurer), and Steve Golman, who all stepped in to do whatever was needed, including the back-breaking work. So you see why this year's BBQ was a totally awesome event, with record breaking attendance and phenomenal revenue. The community involvement was astonishing – let's keep the momentum going!

YOU Can Be a WVFD Volunteer!

Jeff Mathias, Captain, WVFD

(Editor's note: Our Westport Volunteer Fire Department needs more volunteers! And there are plenty of jobs to do that don't require you to be a firefighter! Stop by the WVFD monthly meeting September 12th at 6PM at the Firehouse to see how YOU can help!)

When the pager goes off, whenever possible I will happily put my life on hold to get that downed tree out of the road, to make sure an airplane really didn't crash in Rockport, to herd goats off the highway, and to be there for you in your worst moments. But it takes all of us to make that happen. We need more people like me, but more than that we need people to help us lighten the load, to help do all the things necessary to support my efforts when the pager goes off. Please let us know what you can do to help. It is Westport after all, we'll get creative, it's what we do.



Supporting Our 40th Anniversary WVFD! (photo by John Allison)

September at the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub!

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager

The Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub will host some fantastic musicians this month (see next page), **and also a Paint Night in the Parlor with Derek DiOrio on September 28th!** We will continue to be open for dinner on Sundays as well as Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays through September. Invite your friends and family to enjoy a memorable evening at The Old Abalone Pub this month!

Derek DiOrio's popular "Paint Night in the Parlor" will return on Friday, September 28th at The Pub from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. A \$35 fee includes all materials and beverage of choice. This class will fill up fast, so register soon by calling (707) 964-3688.

We serve dinner Thursdays through Sundays from 5:00 to 9:00 pm, and are open Saturdays at 3:00pm for tea in the parlor and 3:30pm for the full menu in the Pub. Call 707-964-3688 for reservations and like our Facebook page for weekly special menus: <https://www.facebook.com/abalonepub>. Remember to mention "Local Love"!

SEPTEMBER MUSIC AT THE OLD ABALONE PUB



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

Guitarist **DUSTY BROUGH** brilliantly combines his roots in Flamenco with Jazz, Folk, Brazilian, Gypsy and Balkan music.



CHAD SWIMMER & MARCEL GUARACHI
Sept. 8th New and Used Latin Music!



SARAH FLAIM SATURDAY SEPT. 15TH

Sarah Wagner Flaim she has just finished an album of lullabies, Butterfly Kisses, for which a majority of the proceeds will go toward forest and marine mammal conservation. Sarah's vocals are captivating and angelic.



Chuck Tourtillott Sept 22nd 6-9pm

A performing musician with various bands and as a solo act for over three decades, Chuck Tourtillott has performed on guitar and vocals at clubs, bars, wineries, weddings, community events, schools, and charity benefits in many western states. With musical influences ranging from classic rock, blues, folk, and country, Chuck will have you singing along to your favorite tunes.



Christopher Cisper Sept. 29th 6-9pm

Fantastic original guitar, Chris's music provided a mellow yet festive atmosphere. "the music is all original. I've never had a lesson I don't use regular tunings nor do I play it (finger it) in the usual way. I get asked what style it is and I say tap style though that really isn't true." ~ chris.

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Westport Board Education Class September 29th and 30th

Thad Van Bueren

Have you ever considered volunteering your time as a Board Member of one of our six local organizations? Perhaps you are already on one of those boards, but are uncertain about all of the responsibilities of being a board member. Anyone is welcome to attend a FREE informative class by local legal and business expert John Allison on **Saturday, September 29th and Sunday, September 30th at the Westport Community Center. The class will consist of two three-hour sessions (one each day, from 10:00AM to 1:00PM).** This class is sponsored by the **Westport Village Society**, so there is no cost to attend. See **page 11 of this newsletter for the class syllabus.**

Westport Village Society Annual Meeting Friday October 5th

Thad Van Bueren, President, WVS

The WVS 2018 Annual Members' Meeting will be held Friday, October 5th at the Westport Community Church on Abalone Street starting at 6:30PM. Please see our meeting announcement on page 12 of this newsletter. As usual, the meeting will begin with a casual opportunity to socialize with neighbors and enjoy snacks and beverages. Your contributions of edible treats are welcome! A slide show of local history and WVS activities will play during the social. At 7:00PM we will review WVS activities over the past year and elect two Directors. The rest of the meeting will be devoted to the topic of Emergency Preparedness coordinated with the Westport Volunteer Fire Department.

If you find the WVS mission inspiring and live or own land in the WVS membership area between Ten Mile and Rockport, **please consider running for our Board.** Two Board positions will be elected by WVS Members at the October 5th Annual Meeting. Information about WVS is posted at: <http://www.westportvillagesociety.org>. Below are candidate's statements for incumbent Gary Quinton and also Rock Bush. More candidates are encouraged to bring diverse talent to our nonprofit. We will post all of the candidates' statements we receive in

September on our website and also publish them in the October 1st *Westport Wave*.

Gary Quinton – My name is Gary Quinton and I live just two miles south of the village of Westport, property that has been in my family since 1978. I have been a full time resident of Westport since 1999 after a career in business as a land developer. As a retired member of our community I decided to be a local volunteer because I now had the time to do the job right. My business experience has provided me the background to offer in serving the community. For the past several years I have had the privilege of serving as a board member of the Westport Village Society. I am the President of the Westport Ten Mile Cemetery District, and presently sit on the Westport Municipal Advisory Council, both positions appointed by the Mendocino Board of Supervisors. I was a first responder for the Westport Volunteer Fire Department for over 10 years and assumed the responsibility of Secretary/Treasurer. It is my belief that to be a board member is a lot more than attending meetings. At meetings it is my practice to raise alternative positions for consideration to almost everything that comes before a board for a decision, even if that position is not one I would vote for. Furthermore, I believe that to volunteer means to get involved in the projects the organization is supporting not just vote for them. If reelected to serve I promise to serve to the best of my ability. If you have any questions please call my home (707) 964-7073.

Rock Bush – I have been invited to apply for a vacant position on the Westport Village Society Board, and I am happy to be considered. My wife, Carolyn, and I have owned a house in Westport for over a dozen years and have gotten to know many of the people in town and in the area. We enjoy both the environment (our dog Ladah loves running on the beaches), and the positive social interactions. I am now retired, having worked in the Solar Observatories group at Stanford University for over thirty years. I believe that I can contribute to the WVS in a variety of ways and can provide another view of the WVS activities and long term evolution. I have experience in coordinating tasks with groups of people and developing and tracking budgets, both of which may be useful to the WVS. One goal would be to enhance the use of the WVS resources in order to contribute to the community.



Suggestions Wanted for Focal Points at our Public Cemeteries

Jane Vartanian, Secretary,
Westport Ten Mile Cemetery District

The Westport Ten Mile Cemetery District was established by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors in September of 1950. They took two already established cemeteries, Inglenook and Westport, and added the little cemetery on the hill (Newport) at Mile 72, on Hwy 1. The three cemeteries have been operated by an appointed board of citizens since that time.

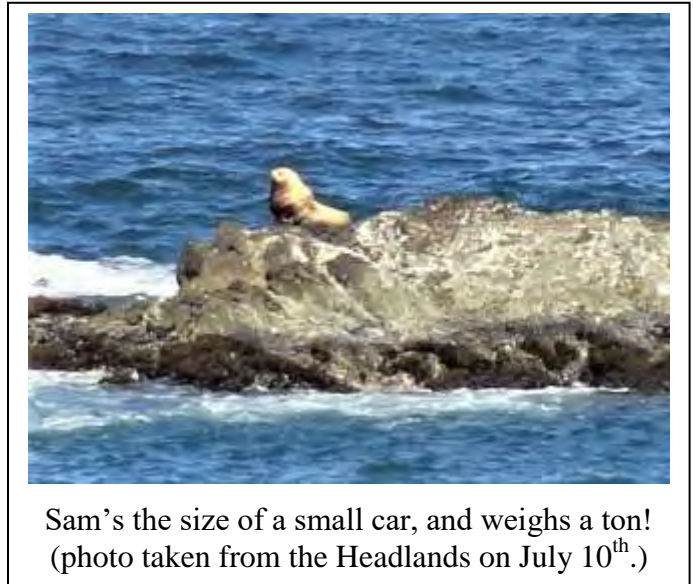
The present cemetery board has replaced all fences, and led a volunteer group of Westport citizens to replace the fallen fences of Newport cemetery thereby creating a fresh-looking historic Victorian cemetery worthy of the attention of tourists, as well as solace to those whose family members rest there.

But more was needed. A cemetery is often visited by families of the deceased and it was obvious that the plain, flat areas of Inglenook and Westport offered little to make the visits pleasant. A little private survey found that many people desired benches for rest and contemplation. It was felt that the cemeteries needed a “focal point”; an item to draw the eye to focus on the purpose of a cemetery. A generous donor provided the funds for the beautiful marble gazebo at Westport, and it now has an inspirational point of interest.

But now Inglenook needs such a focal point. It need not be a marble gazebo; but, perhaps, a simple area of benches in a bit of greenery. The board is open to

suggestions from the citizens who support these cemeteries. Anyone living along the Hwy. 1 corridor from Airport road in the south to just above Westport in the north supports these two cemeteries with their tax money and should feel free to make suggestions to improve the appearance of *your cemeteries*.

Please pass your suggestions along to Steve Brigham at the *Westport Wave* at westportwave@gmail.com. They will be much appreciated by all of us in the Westport Ten Mile Cemetery District: YOUR district.



Sam's the size of a small car, and weighs a ton!
(photo taken from the Headlands on July 10th.)

Sam Returns for the Summer

Steve Brigham, Editor

What's as big as a VW Bug and weighs just as much? Why it's Sam the Sea Lion, of course! Sam's no ordinary sea lion – he's a Steller Sea Lion (sometimes called the Northern Sea Lion), and his people are the third biggest of all the pinnipeds (only walruses and elephant seals are bigger).

What makes Sam special is that for the past several years, he (or someone who looks a lot like him) has been visiting Westport in the summer. One year, he even brought his whole family – and this is special because Sam's people (most of whom live far north of here) are rare in these parts. How do I know about Sam? Well, I just look out my window – if he's around, he's often on Northwest Rock (which I call Splash Rock) right out from the Westport Headlands. Sam's not here every day, but if he's here, he's hard not to spot, and you might hear him sing too!



The Westport Community Church

**1st Sunday, September 2nd, 10:00AM –
Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group**

Katharine White leads our regular 1st Sunday Quaker Worship Group meeting. The format is a simple, quiet meditation for 45 minutes followed by Katharine 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.

**3rd Sunday, September 16th, 10:00AM –
Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group**

Katharine White leads our regular 3rd Sunday Quaker Worship Group meeting. The format is just like our 1st Sunday Service.

Westport Church Broadens Mission

The **Westport Community Church** has recently approved a change in its Articles of Incorporation to embrace a broader mission. The new mission of this nonprofit is: **"to facilitate opportunities for spiritual growth and serve the needs of the Westport community."** While the Church has always served the community, the recent acquisition of the school building underscores an expanded role for community service. The community property will continue to provide a space for both community and spiritual events. The altered WCC mission signals a shift toward greater inclusiveness and service to the community. Church Trustees Val Hale and Erin Detrick are heading up the effort to plan for revitalized community use. Please chat with them. Input is sought on desirable uses, as well as how to sustain the operation with fundraising, donations, and other approaches. Your thoughts are welcome. The next WCC Board Meeting is Sunday, September 16th at 11:30AM at the Westport Church.

Our September Westport Community Church Board meeting will be held on Sunday, September 16th at 11:30AM at the Church – all are welcome to attend!

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 and weed cutting, painting, handyman work, and more. We can help you with registration paperwork and compliance/completion documents. If you are interested, please call Gary Quinton, (707) 964-7073.

24/7 Westport Wave
The Westport Wave is always free to everyone at any time on the Newsletter page of our website westportvillagesociety.org – where you'll always find our most current issue as well as over six years of monthly back-issues, all in living color! Check it out, and tell your friends!

Remembering Sheryl Korhummel

Roxanne Korhummel

Sheryl Lavon Korhummel, age 64, passed peacefully as she slept during the early hours of July 23rd, 2018 at Post-Acute Care in Ukiah CA. She was born July 4th, 1954, to Lorayne Fern Sipila and Billy “Jack” Moore of Caspar.

Those who knew her well knew that she could be quite the “firecracker.” On June 2nd, 1972 Sheryl married her high school sweetheart and the love of her life John Korhummel. The couple moved to Westport where they would build a life together and raise their 3 daughters.

She had a green thumb and enjoyed spending time in her garden. Sheryl was known for her warm hospitality, she loved to cook for friends and family. With her big heart it was evident that her family was very important to her.

Sheryl was one of the most thoughtful, kind, and caring people you could ever meet. Her beautiful smile and contagious laughter will be truly missed. Those of us who had the pleasure to know her will cherish our memories of her. She touched the lives of all those she loved and will hold a special place in all our hearts.

Sheryl will be remembered by many and is survived by her husband of 46 years John, daughters Jennifer, Tabitha, Roxanne, brother Sherman, sister Shelly, cousin Shirley, 7 grandchildren Savannah, Arista, Fionna, Jonathan, Emily, Eli, Parker and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

A memorial will be held Sunday, September 23rd at 12:00PM at the Westport Church, with a potluck to follow.



*“Some things are over Some things go on
And part of me you carry Part of me is
Gone But you got a heart so big it could
crush this town And I can’t hold out forever
Even walls fall down” – Tom Petty*



Tatume, Or Not Tatume?

Steve Brigham

...That is the question. As in Life itself, sometimes in the world of gardening we don't always get what we want, but we actually get something better!

Case in point this year at the **Westport Community Garden**, where earlier in the year I planted some "Patio Zucchini" plants ("compact plants, great for containers") that I had purchased. Soon, however, these plants started growing long vines like nobody's business (which a true zucchini would never do), and then they started making little round fruits which look like round zucchinis. Now round zucchinis are great, but they grow on shrubby, not viny plants. It left me wondering what the heck these squash plants were!

The answer, quite probably, is that we've got two big pots of Tatume on our hands. What's a Tatume? Well, it's a fairly newly-popular "heirloom" squash which comes from Mexico, and its round fruits (best harvested when around the size of a baseball) are said to be even better than zucchini. Gourmet cooks rave about them, and say they are absolutely the best summer squash of all, and for grilling in particular. And that's not all – fruits can actually be left to get bigger on the vine and used like winter squash.

One note about squash here at the Westport Community Garden – because of our cool, foggy summers, I have to grow our squash (and tomatoes,

cucumbers, and beans) under greenhouse cover. And that means that our insect friends that pollinate squash flowers often do not take notice of the squash flowers, and so the the flowers go unpollinated and make no viable fruit. So here's where you can help – just go to the Community Garden sometime in the morning (squash flowers are most fertile before noon) and pollinate the squash plants (while you're at it, you can have a go at the cucumbers too).

Now maybe I don't have to tell you about how to pollinate stuff. I mean, maybe you've figured out how people pollinate, and plants are not really that much different. In the case of squash, there are separate male and female flowers on the same plant. The male flowers have fuzzy yellow stuff all over their central column, which is called pollen. The female flowers have a moist, sticky structure on the end of their central column, which is called a stigma. Just take a male flower and stuff it in the female flower so that you get the pollen all over the stigma (as long as you've got enough pollen, you can use the same male flower to pollinate more stigmas). Doesn't that sound like fun? Pollination is what bees do all the time, but without them, there ain't no squash – so get going and go play "bee"!

At the **Westport Community Garden**, you pick your own fresh, delicious, organically grown vegetables anytime you want them, **ABSOLUTELY FREE!** **This month is peak Harvest Time, and we'll have Chinese Snow Peas, Sugar Snap Peas, Green Beans, Tomatoes, Squash, Cucumbers, Lemon Cucumbers, Swiss Chard, Kale, Strawberries, Cilantro, Parsley, Chives, Greek Oregano, and French Thyme, plus an assortment of salad greens such as Butter Lettuce, Romaine Lettuce, Red Lettuce, Arugula, and Mesclun Mix.** So just look for the greenhouse at the Westport Community Center at the end of Abalone Street, and yes, everyone in the whole world is welcome – and the Garden is open 24/7, so it just doesn't get any more convenient than that. Just pick what you want, any time, and remember to close the gate when you leave so the deer don't get in! Big Thanks to the **Westport Village Society**, whose generous funding is paying for starter plants, fertilizer, and supplies for this, our 7th big year of Community Gardening in Westport!



Big crowds all day!

Photos from the WVFD 40th Anniversary Barbecue

Thanks so much to all of the Volunteers and Donors to the WVFD 40th Anniversary Fundraising BBQ on August 18th! And Even More Thanks to all of the hundreds of folks who came to the BBQ to support the WVFD and have a great day on the Westport Headlands! We all had such a great time!



Everyone's enjoying the live bands.



Every street in Westport was jammed with cars!



Lois Senger, WVFD Volunteer, and Dan Maxey, WVFD Chief – Great job folks!
(photo by Heidi Friedland)



Mixxology playing some rousing tunes.



September 2018 Westport Calendar

Sunday, September 2nd – First Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Church

Monday, September 3rd – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4th – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting CANCELLED (visit: <http://www.westportmac.org/>)

Saturday, September 8th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse

Sunday, September 9th – New Moon, 11:01AM

Sunday, September 9th – Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown

Tuesday, September 11th – Rosh Hashanah Ends at Sundown

Wednesday, September 12th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Business Meeting, 6:00PM, Firehouse

Thursday, September 13th – Bookmobile, 9:00-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Sunday, September 16th – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Sunday, September 16th – Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting, 11:30AM, Westport Community Church

Tuesday, September 18th – Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown

Wednesday, September 19th – Yom Kippur Ends at Sundown

Saturday, September 22nd – Fall Equinox, 6:54PM

Sunday, September 23rd – Sheryl Korhummel Memorial, 12:00PM, Westport Community Church (potluck to follow)

Sunday, September 23rd – Sukkot Begins at Sundown

Monday, September 24th – Full Moon, 7:52PM

Thursday, September 27th – Bookmobile, 9-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Friday, September 28th – Paint Night in the Parlor with Derek DiOrio, 5:30PM to 7:30PM, Westport Hotel

Saturday, September 29th – Westport Board Education Class Session #1, 10:00AM to 1:00PM, Westport Community Center (see pages 4 and 11)

Sunday, September 30th – Westport Board Education Class Session #2, 10:00AM to 1:00PM, Westport Community Center (see pages 4 and 11)

Sunday, September 30th – Sukkot Ends at Sundown

Tuesday, October 2nd – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Church (please check <http://www.westportmac.org/> for possible cancellation)

Friday, October 5th – Westport Village Society Annual Members' Meeting, 6:30PM, Westport Community Church (see pages 4 and 12)

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Skills for Nonprofit Board Members – Sept. 29th & 30th, 2018

A Free Class by John Allison at the Westport Community Center – all are invited!

First Session (Saturday, September 29th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM):

- Legal Aspects of Board Service
 - Introduction to different types of boards
 - Overview of governing documents
 - Bylaws
 - The role and responsibilities of a board member
 - Fiduciary duties and conflicts of interest
 - Liability and indemnification of directors
 - The Brown Act
- Managing the Organization
 - Creating a vision for the organization
 - Mission statements
 - Building trust in the organization
 - Effective leadership
 - Employment practices
 - Personnel records
 - Dealing with difficult people
- Interpersonal Relationships and Communications
 - Understanding different communications styles
 - Communicating with difficult people

Second Session (Sunday, September 30th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM):

- Finance
 - Introduction to financial documents and terminology
 - Budgeting
 - Monitoring performance vs. budget
 - Analyzing trends in financial performance
 - Audits
 - Risk management
- Board Meetings and Strategic Planning
 - Meeting agenda
 - Rules of order
 - Closed or open meetings
 - Minutes
 - Committees
 - Short term and long term planning
 - Record keeping practices
- Community Relations
 - Communications with the public
 - Working with the media
 - Building community support
 - Fundraising
 - Managing a crisis



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September 1, 2018

Dear Neighbors,

WVS warmly invites you to renew your membership or join our local nonprofit for the first time. We contribute to the life of our community, depending on volunteers for all that we do. Your dues and donations help us manage the Headlands Park, publish a monthly community newsletter, and pursue diverse projects that benefit the community. A membership form and information about WVS is available at: <http://www.westportvillagesociety.org/>, or come to our Annual Meeting in person.

All are invited to the WVS Annual Member Meeting on **Friday October 5th** at the Westport Community Church. The evening begins at 6:30 PM with a casual opportunity to socialize. Snacks and beverages are provided, with donations of edible treats encouraged! Catch up with local friends, become a member, and view our historic photo collection. The Annual Member Meeting starts at 7:00 PM with a brief review our activities over the past year and an opportunity to vote to fill the expiring terms of two Directors.

Only members living in or owning property in the membership area are qualified to vote and run for office. A map of our membership area can be viewed on our website and the membership form. **We'd also like to mention that we encourage you to run for our Board** if you find the WVS mission inspiring and live or own property in the membership area.

The second half of Annual Meeting is set aside for your suggestions for goals and activities for the coming year. This year we'd like to focus particular attention on emergency preparedness. The devastating fires of the past couple of years highlight the importance of this topic. Members of our local volunteer Fire Department will join the conversation. They urgently need dedicated community volunteers.

You don't have to be on our Board to get involved in the activities of our organization. Everything we do is accomplished by volunteers! Come join us on the evening of October 5th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

President