

## Westport Holiday Fun!

Steve Brigham, Editor

Hey, if you thought that nothing ever happens in Westport, you're in for a big surprise this month, with our biggest power-packed schedule of all kinds of Westport Holiday events and activities ever! With so much to do right here in our little town, this is a great year to stay Home For The Holidays and just enjoy it all!

Our Westport Holiday Season kicks off with our **Holiday Tree Lighting on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 5:15PM, followed by a Santa Party at the Recreation Center (see article at right). A **Christmas Party** will be held at the Westport Church at 10:00AM on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** (see page 4 and the flyer on page 8), followed by a fantastic **Holiday Open House** hosted by Gary and Michiko at the **Switzer Farm** from 3:00PM to 6:00PM (see page 3). Don't miss this great opportunity to meet your wonderful neighbors and see their newly restored home that some call the "Westport Mansion".

The bulk of our Westport Holiday events this month will take place at the **Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub**, which is open for regular Thursday thru Sunday hours all month. Please welcome new General Manager Tabby Korhummel as she presents a fantastic Holiday schedule for our townsfolk, including Saturday Afternoon Teas, Sunday Champagne Brunches, a **Winter Solstice Party with Christmas Caroling** on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, and a **Gala Masquerade Dance on New Year's Eve**. (see page 2 and the flyer on page 7 for details, and see our Wave Holiday Calendar on page 6 for the complete Westport Holiday lineup.) **Happy Holidays** to all from your friends at *The Westport Wave*!!



## Westport Holiday Tree Lighting 5:15PM Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Sarah Cullar

This year our **Holiday Tree Lighting** and activities for the kids will be on **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Activities will include holiday crafts, decorating the tree, the tree lighting itself, a visit from Santa, and a Holiday movie. Ornament making will be from 3:30PM to 4:45PM at the Recreation Center. At about 4:45PM, we'll head down to the tree site across from the Westport Community Store and let the kids finish decorating the tree. The plan is to plug in the tree around 5:15PM, and then head back up to the Recreation Center for a visit from Santa and a holiday movie with popcorn, hot cocoa, and hot apple cider. Anyone is welcome to come participate and watch all the fun, or at least be there for the lighting of our Westport Holiday Tree!

## Holiday Events At The Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub!

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager

**In celebration of staying open till New Year's Eve we have planned several events for the month of December!**

**Our Saturday Afternoon Teas** from 3:00PM to 5:00PM will be Christmas-themed, and on the 16th Tea will be a mid-winter/Hanukkah theme.

**Champagne Sunday Brunches December 10th, 17th, and 24th.** To kick off the first brunch we are collecting sponsors to "buy a fire fighter brunch". A great way to say thank you for all they do! These volunteers fundraise to buy equipment, attend weekly trainings and meetings, and are on call 24/7 to respond to emergencies. If you can't attend brunch you can call or stop by the Hotel to sponsor a firefighters meal. Sponsors will receive a WVFD glass as a thanks you.

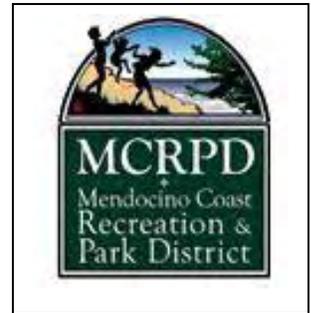
**Winter Solstice Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>.** Join us to light a luminary and celebrate the return of the light on the longest night of the year. Navarro Vineyards will be offering special pricing and pairings with the evening's menu. We will have **caroling and hot cider** in the parlor starting at 7:00PM. Please join us for the festivities!

**New Year's Eve December 31<sup>st</sup>.** We will ring in the New Year with a Masquerade Dance serving a hot hors d'oeuvres buffet, cake, and Champagne. Dress your best ("Strut Your Stuff") to this Black Tie event and be ready to ("shake a tail feather") and dance the night away. Prizes for the best dressed. Pre-sale tickets are available now, \$35 advance, and \$40 at the door.

**Please bring your friends and families for our December festivities!** Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/abalonepub/> for events, current menu and hours, or call us at (707) 964-3688 for questions and reservations. **Happy Holidays, and see you at the Pub!**

## December MCPRD Classes at the Westport Recreation Center

Tabby Korhummel



**Mondays 9:30AM** – Yoga with Melinda (see below for Holiday schedule)

**Tuesdays 8:30AM** – Tai Chi with Beck (drop-in rate \$5/class)

We love new students, so please come try all of our classes! All classes are great for beginners and experienced exercisers alike! For more information please call Tabby at [707-367-0010](tel:707-367-0010) or message the **Westport Community Recreation Center on Facebook.**

### Westport Yoga

Melinda McLaughlin

Westport Yoga meets most Mondays from 9:30AM to 11:00AM in the Recreation Room at the Westport Community Center on Abalone Street, and is based on the teachings of B. K. S. Iyengar. During this Holiday season, we will NOT meet on December 18th, December 25<sup>th</sup>, or January 1st. Classes will resume normal weekly scheduling on January 8th.

The drop-in rate for a class is \$12.00. Purchase of six or more classes drops the rate to \$10/class. Props and mats are available thanks to the Westport Village Society and MCRPD. However, your own yoga mat is always a good idea. December's focus is on our side bodies and attention to the circumferential (Mathematics is everywhere!) nature of the breath. All levels are welcome.

### WVS Mini-Grants

The Westport Village Society Mini-Grant Program awards grants in three different community service categories: 1) benefit/beautification of the community, 2) events, and 3) outreach. Funds are available again this fiscal year, through June 30, 2018. Please see the Mini-Grant Application Form on our WVS website [www.westportvillagesociety.org](http://www.westportvillagesociety.org) for details.



*Please Join Gary and  
Michiko for a Holiday  
Open House at the Switzer  
Farm of Westport (The Fee  
House) on Sunday,  
December 10<sup>th</sup>, 3PM to 6PM*

Gary Weiss

Gary and Michiko would like to invite all Westporters to join us for a **Holiday Open House** party at our place (36700 North Highway 1) on **Sunday, December 10, between 3:00 and 6:00PM**. It's our chance to meet those we haven't yet met, to get to know better those of you we have met, and to

celebrate the Holidays with all of you. We will have good food and beverages and hope you can just bring yourselves and good cheer. Casual!

Please RSVP to Gary at  
[garyevanweiss@gmail.com](mailto:garyevanweiss@gmail.com) or

(415) 939-5862 by Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> to let us know if you can make it! Thanks!

*24/7 Westport Wave*

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



The Westport Community Church

## Westport Community Church December 2017 Calendar

Founded in 1880, the **Westport Community Church** is a multi-denominational church which serves the Westport community and its many spiritual paths. It is also the prime meeting hall for the Westport Community and its activities. In addition to being a community meeting hall, we are also doing our best to nurture our tradition of having weekly spiritual gatherings at the Church (which is at the end of Abalone Street on the left), with all religious and spiritual denominations both welcome and encouraged to hold both regular and special services here. Please contact us at [westport.community.church@gmail.com](mailto:westport.community.church@gmail.com) for use of the Westport Community Church for community meetings, activities, or religious services, and also to see how you can help keep our Westport Community Church organization improving and our Westport Community Center buildings and grounds maintained and improved.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katharine White leads our regular 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – Westport Christmas Celebration!

Carolyn Cathey invites all who wish to Celebrate Christmas and the Holiday Season with friends, festive snacks, songs, and the (optional) sharing of what Christmas or other Seasonal Holidays mean to you. We'll discuss what all of the Holiday celebrations share with the 'Light' and Eternal Truths. Please bring your musical instruments, festive snacks to share, and your love. (Please see flyer on page 8).

*Carolyn Cathey's new book, "Divine Messages from Jesus for a magnificent life" is now available in paperback and Kindle versions. For more information, please see*

<https://carolynecathey.com/divine-messages-from-jesus/>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – Our Bi-Monthly Quaker Worship Group

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

*Please note that the Westport Community Church now has a new e-mail address, [westport.community.church@gmail.com](mailto:westport.community.church@gmail.com). If you would like to be on our mailing list and receive reminders of our programs and services as well as other Church news, please send us an e-mail and we'll include you on our e-mail list.*

*You are invited to our monthly community volunteer meetings on the first Sunday of every month at 11:30PM at the Church – please stop by to see how you can help improve our valuable Community Center and community resources!*

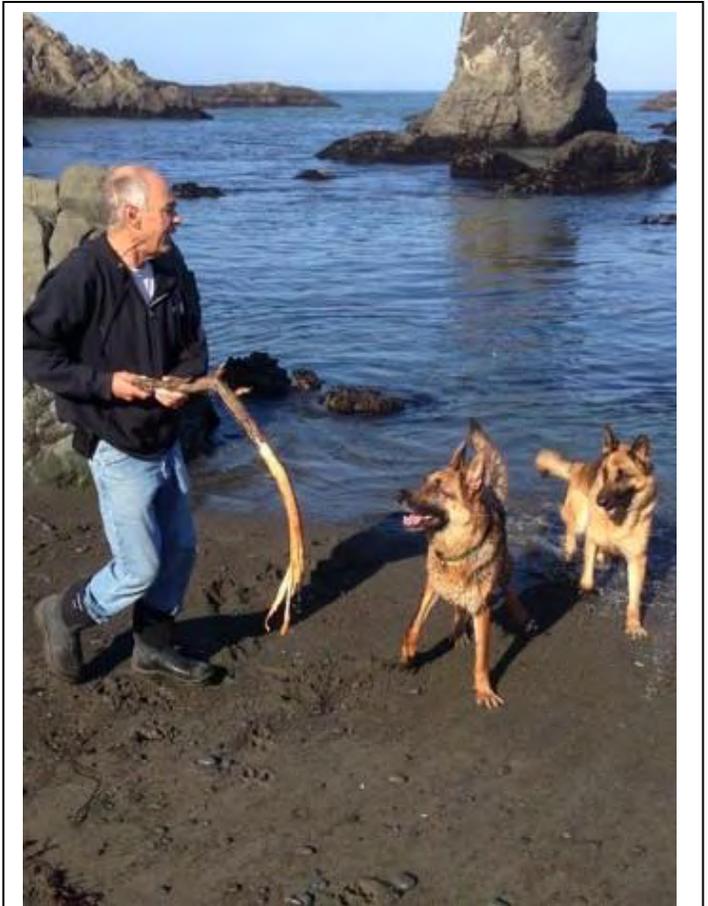
## “Building and Regenerating Topsoil” Talk in Mendocino on December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Event Description:** The historical record shows that the collapses of many past civilizations can be attributed to the depletion of topsoil. Since the beginning of agricultural production in the Great Plains of North America in the 1880s, about one-half of its topsoil has disappeared. Depletion of topsoil can take place through water and wind erosion, over-tillage, overuse of nutrient inputs, compaction, pH problems, and salinization. On the average, it takes 500 years to build an inch of top soil, and in many cases in California it takes 2,000 years. A recent UN Report stated that we have only 60 years of topsoil remaining. As human populations continue to increase, and our need for water and soil increase, the preservation, conservation, and restoration of soils has become some of the most important work on Earth. Join us to learn some simple soil-related regenerative techniques for the land you steward, so that you can better care for and rebuild this precious resource.

**Logistics: Thursday, December 7, 2017, 7:00PM to 9:00PM. Held at the Community Center of Mendocino, 998 School Street, Mendocino, CA.**

**Speaker:** Leading this event will be Matt Drewno. Matt runs the Victory Gardens for Peace project, sponsored by Ecology Action of Willits. Situated at the Stanford Inn in Mendocino, the project involves hands-on research into soil regeneration, growing food on poor soils, and changing the composition of soils through natural amendments. The project includes not only an extensive garden, which produces organic food served at Ravens Restaurant (at the Stanford Inn), but also hosts a local seed bank. Matt is certified in permaculture, restoration of oak-savanna ecologies, and biointensive food production. After a Bachelors of Architecture (BA) from Iowa State University, he founded and ran a permaculture design business in the mid-western United States. He has been working with Ecology Action since 2010, serving on the board of directors, and training both individuals and communities in the principles of intensive food production on small plots of land. He

has experience designing and working on organic farm-scale food production, design and implementation of food forests, residential-scale food production, and community gardens.



Frank Maurice, with Captain (center), and Nina Finnell (right), at Eddie White Beach in Westport.  
*(photo by Bob Finnell)*

## Remembering Frank Maurice

Bob and Carolyn Finnell

Frank was so friendly and welcoming. Frank was upbeat. Frank enjoyed Westport. An early memory was of Frank periodically bringing his dogs, especially his German shepherd, "Cap'n", to romp on Westport Headlands Beach with our German shepherd Nina, and Frank would coax and encourage the dogs to have good fun and exercise, heaping praise on them. He loved to toot his truck horn to friends and neighbors as he drove down Westport's Main Street. We're saddened by his departure, but so thankful to have known him.

## December 2017

### Westport Holiday Calendar

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Super Full Moon, 7:46AM

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – First Sunday Quaker  
Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Church

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Westport Community  
Church Monthly Board Meeting, 11:30AM, Westport  
Community Church

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Municipal  
Advisory Council Monthly Meeting, 7:00PM,  
Westport Community Church

**Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9-9:30AM,  
Westport Community Store

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Holiday Ornament Making,  
3:30PM to 4:45PM, Westport Recreation Center

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Holiday Tree  
Lighting, 5:15PM, Westport Community Store  
(followed by a Holiday Party at the Rec. Center)

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Westport County Water  
District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport  
Firehouse

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Buy A Firefighter A  
Champagne Sunday Brunch, 9:00AM to 1:00PM,  
Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Christmas  
Celebration, 10:00AM, Westport Community  
Church (see flyer on page 8)

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Gary and Michiko's  
Holiday Open House, 3:00PM to 6:00PM, Switzer  
Farm (see page 3)

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** – Hanukkah begins at  
sundown

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Volunteer  
Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport  
Firehouse

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Micro New Moon,  
10:30PM

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas-themed  
Champagne Sunday Brunch, 9:00AM to 1:00PM,  
Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** – Third Sunday Quaker  
Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Church

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Hanukkah ends at  
sundown

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Winter Solstice,  
8:27AM

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9-9:30AM,  
Westport Community Store

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Winter Solstice Party  
and Christmas Caroling, 7:00PM, Westport Hotel  
and Old Abalone Pub

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas-themed  
Champagne Sunday Brunch, 9:00AM to 1:00PM,  
Westport Hotel

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Day

**Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** -- Kwanzaa

**Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** – Boxing Day

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** – New Year's Eve

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** – Gala New Year's Eve  
Masquerade Dance, 9:00PM to 12:30AM,  
Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** – New Year's Day

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**Weekend Wonder for 2**

Check in Friday Dec 8th 15th, or 22nd

Package includes:

\*2 nights stay

\*Holiday themed Saturday Afternoon Full Tea

\*Sunday Champagne Brunch and

\*Ocean side wine tasting at Pacific Star Winery

\$425 plus tax for

Ocean View balcony rooms

\$385 plus tax for non-balcony rooms

\*Special offers cannot be combined.

**Holiday Themed Saturday Afternoon Full Tea**

\$16 per person

Christmas themed

Dec 2nd, 9th, 23rd

Mid winter/Hanukkah themed  
Dec 16th

**Navarro Night- Winter Solstice Celebration December 21st**

Light winter solstice luminaries in celebration of the longest night of the year. Navarro Vineyards will join us for special wine paring and pricing for the evenings menu. Caroling and Hot Cider in the parlor

**Holiday Brunches**

*Brunch with the Fireman, Sunday December 10th*  
(Buy your Fire Fighters brunch) In honor of their selfless service to the community, bring a Fire Fighter to brunch or call to sponsor and receive a WVFD glass with brunch beverage of choice.

December 17th and 24th, Christmas Champagne Brunch  
All brunches served 9:00am to 1:00pm  
With live music by Tony Roach



**New Years Eve "Strut your Stuff" Masquerade Dance party!**

*Break out your party frock and come shake your tail feathers at the Old Abalone Pub 9:00pm-12:30am*

Prizes for best dressed!

Advance ticket price

\$35 and \$40 at the door

Includes hors d'oeuvres buffet, 2018 cake, champagne toast at midnight and party favors.

**LET'S CELEBRATE!**

*Christmas at Westport*

*Sunday, Dec 10, 10:00 am  
Westport Community Center*

24900 Abalone St. Westport, CA

**SING CAROLS \* LIGHT CANDLES \* FESTIVE SNACKS**

**Message:** Eternal Truths are for all, beyond specific religions. We'll discuss what this season of lights means to you, and what Eternal Truths Christmas, Hanukkah, Buddhism and observance of the Winter Solstice share/celebrate during this holiday season. **BRING SNACKS.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**