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The Westport Wave

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Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual BBQ Saturday, August 18th!

WVFD

Join the celebration of our 40th Anniversary this year at the Westport Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fundraising Barbecue that will be held on Saturday, August 18th from Noon until 9:00PM. Enjoy an afternoon and evening of fun, great food, and live music on the beautiful Westport Headlands! Since we are celebrating the Fire Department's 40th Anniversary, some special treats are in store, including an after-sunset dance party and light show. Proceeds from the event help support the Westport Volunteer Fire Department, which provides year-round initial 911 emergency response service on the Northern Mendocino Coast.

Live music will be provided by Lost Johnson Productions and Highway One Sound, featuring several great local performers, including the Steven Bates Band, Sue Sisk, Mixxology, Lucky Otis, the

Thorn Petals, and Highway One. Come dance to the music or simply listen and enjoy! Admission is free.

Our famous Barbecue features barrel-roasted tri-tip, chicken, and a vegetarian option. Meal tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for kids under 10. Beer, wine, and dessert can also be purchased.

There will be plenty of fun activities for the whole family (but sorry, no dogs). A beautiful quilt and many other great raffle prizes can be won. This year's Quilt (see page 2) is of special interest to Westportians. The vintage material was donated by the family of Millie Saunders, a life-long resident of Westport. The Quilt, entitled "Millie's Garden", was designed and pieced by well-known expert quilter Aimee Maxey. Many craft merchants will have their wares for sale. Helicopters from Reach/CalStar, CalFire, and CHP will be arriving and departing if weather and availability cooperate. The

helicopter crews will be available to describe how their services work and affect our local community. You'll also have a chance to play volleyball or horseshoes, and kids can enjoy playing in the jump house, other games, and face painting. See you there!




40th ANNIVERSARY

2018 ANNUAL WFVD FUNDRAISER

In the event of an automobile accident, especially in such a rural area, it is imperative to have updated gear to help the aid process go as smooth and as fast as possible. **Therefore all of the proceeds will go towards replacing out dated auto extrication gear.**

Lost Johnson Productions & Highway One Sound Presents:

STEVEN BATES BAND	MIXXOLOGY
SUE SISK	THORN PETALS
LUCKY OTIS	

AFTER-SUNSET DANCE PARTY AND LIGHTSHOW FEATURING:

HIGHWAY ONE

BEER AND WINE

BARREL ROASTED BBQ 1PM to 5PM

TRI-TIP • CHICKEN • VEGGIE MEAL AVAILABLE

MEAL TICKETS: ADULTS \$15
KIDS \$12 (less than 10y)

QUILT and BASKET RAFFLES

CRAFT BOOTHS • VOLLEYBALL • HORSESHOES
KIDS GAMES • JUMP HOUSE • FACE PAINTING

SATURDAY AUGUST 18th 12PM-9PM

2018 WVFD BBQ Quilt Raffle



"Millie's Garden" Designed & Made by Aimee Quilted by Cindi Jo

See this beautiful and historic hand-made 2018 Westport Quilt at the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub this month until August 18th, when it will be raffled off at the WVFD BBQ. Buy lots and lots of raffle tickets now at the Hotel and Pub, and of course also at the BBQ! This is an amazing, one-of-a-kind Westport collector's item, which because of its importance (see page 1) will be coveted forever!

August 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!

On **Saturday, August 4th**, **Erin Brazill** will be bringing her Brazillionaires to town along with **Miss Erma** from 7:00-9:00pm. Check them out here for a preview of their music:

<https://www.ermamusic.com/blank>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjXMODAPV0g>

On **Saturday, August 11th** from 6:00-9:00pm, **Chuck Tourtillott** will be playing (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yD76iM8PNs>).

Friday, August 17th from 6:00-9:00pm **Steven Bates** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yD76iM8PNs>

Saturday, August 18th from 6:00-9:00pm **Dusty Brough** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-k2XVf6qqY>.

Saturday, August 25th from 6:00- 9:00pm **Erin Brazill** and Friends.

We are serving our new summer menu with specials like Peaches and Prosciutto over tender organic butter lettuce and Heirloom Tomatoes with fresh mozzarella and basil. **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"!

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 an

informative class by local legal and business expert John Allison on **Saturday, September 29th and Sunday, September 30th** at the Community Center in Westport. 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. The class syllabus is posted on the WVS web site on the "Meetings" tab. It will cover many important aspects of service on nonprofit and government Boards. Handouts will be provided to course participants. John's valuable presentation will be distilled from a 12-week course that he gave recently at Mendocino College in Fort Bragg. We hope to see you there!

Westport Village Society Annual Meeting October 5th

Thad Van Bueren, President, WVS

Mark your calendars please. **The WVS 2018 Annual Members' Meeting will be held on Friday, October 5th at the Westport Community Church on Abalone Street starting at 6:30 PM.** 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 then briefly 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, a concern we all face in our remote location.

We encourage you to consider running for the WVS Board if you find the WVS mission inspiring. You can find out about our mission and activities at: <http://www.westportvillagesociety.org>. For those interested in running for our Board, please send a brief candidate statement to thad@mcn.org for inclusion in the September 1st *Westport Wave* newsletter. We'll also provide that information in the WVS Annual Meeting announcement which is mailed to members and local property owners by mid-September. It would be helpful if your statement explains why you are interested in running and something about your background and skills. You will also have a chance to speak prior to the vote on October 5th at the Annual Members' Meeting.



The Westport Community Church

**1st Sunday, August 5th, 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, August 19th, 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, August 19th at 11:30AM at the Westport Church.

Our August Westport Community Church Board meeting will be held on Sunday, August 19th 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!



WVFD Responding August 2018

Bill Knapp, President, WVFD

This is an open letter to the Residents and Property Owners in our response area. The **Westport Volunteer Fire Department** needs your help.

Our response area covers roughly 108 square miles, from the Pacific Ocean to six miles inland between mile post 72 on Highway 1 just south of the Inn at Newport Ranch and mile post 89 at the Usal Road turnoff. We provide the initial emergency response for medical emergencies, traffic collisions, traumatic injuries and fires within our response area. With the exception of law enforcement calls, WVFD is typically the first agency to arrive at the scene of a 911 emergency call.

The point of this letter is to make the Westport Community aware of a crisis facing WVFD and an appeal for help. Our immediate problem is not money or equipment, it is personnel. WVFD currently has 6 active responders living in our response area. We expect to lose two of them next June, bringing the total down to 4. Four responders will not be sufficient to provide good service. It is not possible for all active personnel to be available for all calls due to work schedules, vacations, and other conflicts.

To keep the level of service that has been delivered in the past and to allow improvement of service over time it is imperative that WVFD grow its active roster to at least ten responders before next June.

We, the WVFD Board and active members, have been struggling with this problem for many months. The issue is not unique to Westport, it affects many volunteer fire departments in the county. To date we have not been able to solve the volunteer recruiting problem for Westport and do not believe we will without direct support and PARTICIPATION from the community.

If you have any interest or concern about this issue come to any WVFD Business Meeting, held on the second Wednesday of every month starting 6 p.m. at the Firehouse, call either Bill Knapp (964-7355) or Chief Dan Maxey (357-4353), or talk to any member of WVFD you know. The WVFD needs your help!

Community Garden News

Steve Brigham

At the Westport Community Garden, you pick your own fresh, delicious, organically grown vegetables anytime you want them, ABSOLUTELY FREE! This month, we'll have Chinese Snow Peas, Sugar Snap Peas, Green Beans, Lemon Cucumbers, Swiss Chard, Curly Kale, Parsley, and Cilantro, plus an assortment of salad greens such as Butter Lettuce, Red Lettuce, Arugula, and Mesclun. 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!



SEE YOU AT THE WVFD BBQ, SATURDAY AUGUST 18TH, 12PM-9PM!

August 2018 Westport Calendar

Thursday, August 2nd – Bookmobile, 9:00-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Sunday, August 5th – First Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Tuesday, August 7th – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting CANCELLED

Wednesday, August 8th – Westport Ten Mile Cemetery District Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Wednesday, August 8th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Firehouse

Thursday, August 11th – Super New Moon, 2:57AM

Saturday, August 11th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse

Thursday, August 16th – Bookmobile, 9-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Saturday, August 18th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department 40th Anniversary Annual Fundraising Barbecue, 12:00PM to 9:00PM, Westport Community Headlands

Sunday, August 19th – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Sunday, August 19th – Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting, 11:30AM, Westport Community Church

Friday, August 26th – Full Moon, 4:56AM

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

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