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# The Westport Wave

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## Community Meeting



### Westport Village Society Annual Meeting Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM

Thad Van Bueren, President, WVS

The Westport Village Society 2018 Annual Members' Meeting will be held Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Westport Community Church on Abalone Street starting at 6:30PM. 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 **three** WVS Board 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 at or own land in the WVS membership area between Ten Mile and Rockport, please consider running for our Board. **Three Board positions will be elected by the WVS Members at the October 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.** Information about the WVS is posted at: <http://www.westportvillagesociety.org>.

On page 2 of this newsletter are the 2018 WVS Board candidates' statements for incumbent **Gary Quinton, Rock Bush, and Tabitha Korhummel.** More candidates are welcome and encouraged at our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting as we strive to bring new and diverse talent to our nonprofit community benefit Westport Village Society. Please come and vote!

**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.



**Tabitha Korhummel** – My name is Tabitha Korhummel, and I am a lifetime resident of Westport. My Grandmother on my father’s side moved here in 1969 with seven sons and one daughter. On my mother’s side, my great great great Grandparents are recorded on the 1900 census living in Westport. So I think it’s safe to say that I am deeply rooted and connected with our little Village.

I’m interested in joining the Westport Village Society Board because this community is very important to me, as is its preservation and growth. For several years, I worked with the Mendocino County Recreation and Parks District, directing our recreation programs in the portable building next to the Westport Church. These programs included gymnastics for kids, painting, dance, yoga, cooking, and jewelry crafting, just to name a few.

Currently, I work as the General Manager at the Westport Hotel, a beautiful gem in the heart of our community that serves as a community gathering place on many occasions. When I grow up, I want to be an artist. You may recognize my artwork from the WVFD BBQ or past Ducky Races posters. If you feel that there is room for my creativity and community-minded enthusiasm on the Westport Village Society Board, then please consider attending the WVS Annual Members’ Meeting on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, and cast your vote for me (aka Tabby).



**5:00PM to 9:00PM Thursdays through Saturdays for dinner. We are also open from 3:00PM to 5:00PM on Saturdays for Tea in the Parlor.**

“You Art What You Eat” is the theme of the new group art show hanging in the Pub. Our menu is changing along with the season. We have a few new additions featuring orchard-fresh seasonal local apples. Also some fantastic Hard Apple Ciders to celebrate fall.

Music in the Pub will continue every Saturday in October with a variety of new musicians, along with Westport’s favorite Erin Brazill playing on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Music nights can be busy, so remember to make a reservation to secure a table at (707) 964-3688. **Here is the full Old Abalone Pub music line-up for October:**

## **Pumpkin Pie and Other-Things-Pumpkin Contest Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> 3:30PM at the Westport Hotel**

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager

Get inspired by the bounty of Fall and test your baking/cooking skills with all things pumpkin at the **Westport Hotel on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM!** There will be two categories for judging, “Pumpkin Pie” and “Other Things Pumpkin” (think pumpkin bread, muffins, cakes, soup, stew, and more). Prizes will be awarded.

Not up to baking or cooking? Then come judge – for \$7 you can taste several entries. Tasting will continue while supplies last. Tell your friends and family to come join in the fun! (see flyer on page 10)

## **October at the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub!**

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager

Fall is in the air at The Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub! As we transition into the fall season, our hours have changed. **We are now open from**

**Erin Brazill performing on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00PM** – singer, song writer, original and covers.

**Barry Schrager performing on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00PM** – Genre: Everything – A wide range of music from the songs of Leonard Cohen to the blues of Muddy Waters. Barry sings and plays it all. You will be pulled in with the first chord.

**Marcus McCallen performing on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00PM** – Genre: Progressive Folk – Poetic, modern renaissance balladry and upbeat, moving, melodic rock and roll.

**Chad Swimmer performing on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00PM** – Genre: Latin Music – Chad plays a very intoxicating style of Latin music.

**Matt Westmoreland performing on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00PM** – Genre: Country, Bluegrass – Poetic, modern renaissance balladry and upbeat, moving, melodic rock and roll. An old-new sound that comes together with passion and grace.

**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”!**



## The Mendocino County Pedestrian Project

Steve Brigham, Editor

The Mendocino Council of Governments has secured funding for a comprehensive regional study to improve sidewalks, paths, and safe crossings in Mendocino County. The Mendocino County Pedestrian Needs Assessment and Engineered Feasibility Study – or Mendo Pedestrian Project – will evaluate the needs, priorities, and feasibility of improving pedestrian facilities in the region, and provide options and recommendations leading to the eventual construction of new and infill pedestrian facilities.

Several upcoming workshops will be held to seek input on how to improve walking conditions throughout the County. An online survey is also available. Two workshops will be held in Fort Bragg, with a focus on North Coast communities (Albion to Westport): **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Fort Bragg Town Hall, 363 N. Main St., and Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm, CV Starr Center, 300 S. Lincoln St.**

Participants will hear about the path to improved walking conditions, including techniques and funding to improve sidewalks, paths and crossings. Input will be sought on community priorities from past planning projects as well as new priorities.

**Additionally, the public is invited to participate in an online survey to help determine pedestrian needs and priorities in the region. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and is available at [www.MendoPedestrian.org](http://www.MendoPedestrian.org).** Results of the survey will be shared with MCOG and local agency staff, planners and engineers to help illuminate the most important issues in the region. A similar planning effort was conducted earlier this year on Mendocino County's South Coast. The final South Coast Existing Conditions Report is now available at



[www.MendoPedestrian.org](http://www.MendoPedestrian.org), and a draft list of priority projects will be completed in early 2019.

The Mendo Pedestrian project is funded by Caltrans through the Rural Planning Assistance and Sustainable Communities Transportation Planning Grant funds. Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) is administering the project and providing matching funds. The project is conducted in coordination with the Cities of Fort Bragg, Point Arena, Ukiah, and Willits, and the County of Mendocino. For updates, future workshop dates, and more information about the Mendo Pedestrian project, visit [www.MendoPedestrian.org](http://www.MendoPedestrian.org).

**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 over six years of monthly back-issues, all in living color! Check it out, and tell your friends!



## Westport Halloween!

Sarah Cullar

It's almost Halloween! Once again, on **Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**, we'll gather as a community for Trick-or-Treating and a potluck. On Halloween night all Trick-or-Treaters can gather at the **Westport Community Center at 5:15PM**. We'll set off through the town around 5:30PM. Everyone is welcome to come to the Church afterward for a potluck. The potluck will start when we get back from Trick-or-Treating. This should be around 6:45PM, but it's different each year. If you live in town you can keep your eyes on the Trick-or-Treat route. We'll start off toward Omega, then go to Pacific, then weave our way back to the beginning via Pelican and Seaview. Hope to see you there!

## 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!** In October, we'll have Chinese Snow Peas, Sugar Snap Peas, Green Beans, Cucumbers, Lemon Cucumbers, Tatume Squash, Tomatoes, Swiss Chard, Curly Kale, Parsley, Chives, Cilantro, Oregano, and Thyme, plus an assortment of salad greens such as Butter Lettuce, Romaine 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, at any time, and enjoy!

## Westport Board Education Class A Big Success!

Steve Brigham

Many thanks to all for a very successful Board Member Education Class so generously and wonderfully taught by Westport’s own **John Allison** on September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Westport Community Center. Representatives from all six Westport Community Boards attended, and we all had a very fun and very educational time!

John’s teaching style is so comfortable and enjoyable, and of course with his lifetime of legal and business experience, he is knowledgeable as all get-out. Even if you’ve been on a million boards before, this class really taught you a lot, including many terrific insights into Board bylaws, organizational management, and interpersonal communications.

Thank you so much to Melinda McLaughlin for organizing and providing for this seminar, including delicious coffee and snacks. And a very big thanks to Val and Erin at **The Westport Community Store** for providing delicious sandwiches both days free of charge for all attendees. Finally, thanks so much to the **Westport Village Society** for funding this seminar so that all could attend, learn, and enjoy free of charge. It takes a Village – and we’ve got one!

## Westport Community Church News

### Westport Community Church Board

The interior of the Westport Community Church got a much-needed thorough cleaning and new paint job in September, with a volunteer who has requested to be nameless leading the way on the project, assisted by Ron Anderson, Jim Korhummel, Thad Van Bueren, Donna Traycik, and Gary Quinton. Thanks to this dedicated team of volunteers, our Church building is now a beautiful white on the inside as well as out, and is as spotlessly clean as it has been for years. A big plus is that we now have a new and very functional refrigerator in the kitchen! Big thanks to Norvell’s for donating the paint for this most successful project!

Termites continue to be an issue in the Church building, however – Baile is working with a company

that has offered to evaluate the building and give an estimate of the cost of tenting the structure free of charge. The next step is raising the funds for the actual tenting to protect our Church building from being slowly eaten away.

There is a lot of work to do and we are forming five committees: Maintenance (Val, Sue, and Baile), Fundraising (Baile, Val, Thad, and Erin), Governing Procedures (Thad, Erin, Dorine), Spiritual Programming (Baile), and Community Programming (Erin and Val). The community is invited to participate and should contact any of the people listed with ideas and questions about meeting dates. We welcome assistance of any kind from the community, including ideas for all types of programs and events. Fundraising is particularly critical at this time as the WCC faces a termite issue in the church building and regular utility bills. Contributions to our nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity can be sent to the **Westport Community Church at P.O. Box 23, Westport CA 95488**. If members of the community have ideas for any event to raise funds, we’d love to encourage that.

### NEW DISCUSSION GROUP

The **Tich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group** is coming soon to the Westport Community Church! We will be begin a discussion group soon on a monthly Sunday yet to be determined. The subject of the discussion group will be passages from Tich Nhat Hahn’s book **Living Buddha, Living Christ**, which is a wonderful book helping us walk the talk.

## 2017-2018 Water Year Rainfall in Westport 36.51”

Steve Brigham

Well, here on the Westport Headlands, we finished our October through September 2017-2018 Water Year with 36.51” of rain, right around 84% of our yearly average. That’s a far cry from the same period in 2016-2017, when we got a whopping 65.03”, which was 151% of normal. So what kind of rain will this coming winter bring us? Don’t miss my annual **Westport Fearless Winter Weather Forecast**, coming up in the November *Westport Wave*!





The Westport Community Church

**Our October Westport Community Church Board meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30AM at the Church – all are welcome to attend!**

### 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.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – 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.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00AM – 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.

## 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.

## Westport Help Wanted

Gary Weiss

Hi Westporters! We are wondering if someone in or around Westport would be willing to do some work on our land. We have 75-100 small “volunteer” pine trees growing in our meadow that we would like dug out and removed. We have a variety of other outdoor projects too. If you are interested, please contact Gary Weiss at [garyevanweiss@gmail.com](mailto:garyevanweiss@gmail.com) or 707-962-0575 or 415-939-5862. Thanks!



Mendocino County locals who take the survey will have a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to their favorite local business (restrictions apply). The survey takes less than 5 minutes and can be found at [www.edfc.org/Broadband](http://www.edfc.org/Broadband). Those without internet can participate by calling EDFC at (707) 234-5705 or by picking up a copy of the survey at their local library. The survey will be open until October 24, 2018.

As EDFC takes on this new role, the Broadband Alliance of Mendocino County, the original grassroots organization formed to advocate for improved broadband

access continues its work with Community Foundation Board Member Kathy Wylie, as its new Chairperson. The group is supported by funds from the Community Foundation's Broadband Development Fund for Mendocino County. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact EDFC at (707) 234-5705 or via email at [diann@edfc.org](mailto:diann@edfc.org).

## Take The Broadband Survey And You May Win \$50!

Diann Simmons

With the departure of Trish Steel, the Economic Development and Financing Corporation (EDFC), is now serving as the County of Mendocino's Broadband Coordinator.

"It was a natural fit for EDFC," said Heather Gurewitz, Executive Director, "As an organization that coordinates economic development in Mendocino County, we know that high speed internet is essential for existing and future businesses in our county. This isn't about Netflix or Twitter, access to reliable high speed internet is essential for our schools, hospitals, and especially local businesses."

As the broadband coordinator, EDFC will be taking on a number of responsibilities including developing a strategic plan for internet connectivity and serving as Mendocino County's representative in the North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortium.

EDFC is kicking off its new role by releasing an internet access survey. "The last needs assessment for our county was done more than 5 years ago and we know a lot has changed. This survey is critical for helping plan for the future," explained Gurewitz.

## The Welcoming Prayer (by Thomas Keating)

(submitted by Baile Oakes)

*Welcome, welcome, welcome.  
I welcome everything that comes to me today  
because I know it's for my healing.  
I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions,  
persons,  
situations, and conditions.  
I let go of my desire for power and control.  
I let go of my desire for affection, esteem,  
approval and pleasure.  
I let go of my desire for survival and security.  
I open to the love and presence of Creation  
and the healing action and grace within.*



*You are invited  
to help Lee and Dorine  
celebrate  
50 years together.*

*Saturday, October 27,  
from 2:00 --  
casual, drop-in party  
with food  
at the Old Schoolhouse*

**October 2018**  
**Westport Calendar**

**Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting CANCELLED

**Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Village Society Annual Members’ Meeting, 6:30PM, Westport Community Church

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** – First Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

**Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** – New Moon, 8:46PM

**Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Firehouse

**Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Pumpkin Pie and Other-Things-Pumpkin Contest, 3:30PM, Westport Hotel

**Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Village Society Quarterly Board Meeting, 9:00AM, Westport Community Church

**Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

**Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** – Westport Community Church Monthly Board Meeting, 11:30AM, Westport Community Church

**Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** – Full Moon, 9:45AM

**Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

**Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Halloween – Westport Trick-Or-Treating begins at the Community Center at 5:15PM, with a potluck at the Community Center beginning at 6:45PM

**Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** – All Saints Day

**Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – All Souls Day

**Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** – Daylight Saving Time Ends, 2:00AM (Set Clocks BACK One Hour)

**Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** – Election Day (VOTE!!!)

**Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Church (please check <http://www.westportmac.org/> for possible cancellation)

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