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The Westport Wave

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Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual BBQ Saturday, August 17th!

Your Westport Volunteer Fire Department

The Westport Volunteer Fire Department is holding its 41st Annual Fundraising Barbecue on Saturday August 17th from 12:00 Noon until 9:00PM. Enjoy an afternoon and evening of fun, great food and live music on the beautiful Westport Headlands!

Proceeds from the event help support the Westport Volunteer Fire Department, which is the primary first responder to all 911 calls for all locations accessed from Hwy 1 between Mileposts 72 through 92 (Usal Rd), and Branscomb Rd to 6 miles inland. This year's funding priority is mandatory maintenance on our engines and

equipment. The main cost will be for tire replacement. WVFD has 3 engines and a rescue vehicle in current service, for a total of 24 tires. Depending on the vehicle, cost ranges between \$400 and \$600 per tire. Tires must be replaced based on

age, not wear. We also have PPE (personal protective equipment) reaching mandatory replacement age. The WVFD needs to budget \$6,000 for tires and \$10,000 for PPE to be spent over the next 10 months.

Live music, the largest single day music production on the Coast, will be provided by Lost Johnson Productions and Highway One Sound, featuring several great local performers, including **Steven Bates, The Mighty T-Bones, The Thorn Petals, Highway 1, Sue Sisk &**

Danny Barca, Sarah Flaim, Calvin Turnbull and WESTPORT'S OWN Erin Brazill & Derek DiOrio. AND, THE ADMISSION IS STILL FREE!

A DAY ON THE WESTPORT HEADLANDS
 Lost Johnson Productions & Highway 1 Sound Present:
 LIVE MUSIC
 Mighty T-Bones ThornPetals Highway 1
 Sue Sisk & Danny Barca
 Erin Brazill & Derek DiOrio
 Steven Bates Calvin Turnbull
 Sarah Flaim
 After Sunset Dance Party & Light Show
2019 Annual WVFD Fundraiser
BARREL ROASTED BBQ
 TRI-TIP CHICKEN VEGGIE MEAL AVAILABLE
 CRAFT BOOTHS VOLLEYBALL HORSESHOES
 KID'S GAMES JUMPY HOUSE FACE PAINTING
 Quilt & Basket Raffles
 Silent Auction featuring Mendocino Wines
 BEER WINE DANCING
 BBQ tickets: Adults \$15 Kids < 10 \$12: Donation to WVFD
Saturday, August 17th 12-9
 BBQ 12 - 5 Pub Fare 6 - 9
 WESTPORT FIRE RESCUE VOLUNTEER
 Sorry No Dogs

Come dance to the music or simply listen and enjoy! The **Sunset Dance Party and Light Show** is back by popular demand. AND, there will be pub style hot snacks available from 6 to 9 PM.

Our famous Barbecue features barrel-roasted tri-tip, chicken, and a vegetarian option. BBQ is served from 12 to 5 PM. BBQ tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for kids under 10. Beer, wine and dessert can also be purchased. Water, coffee, and tea will be available for purchase.

There will be plenty of fun activities for the whole family (but sorry, no dogs). A beautiful quilt and many other great raffle and silent auction prizes can

be won. The **2019 WVFD Raffle Quilt** (pictured below) was designed and pieced by well-known expert quilter Aimee Maxey of Westport. This year's Raffle and Silent Auction will continue the popular tradition of the past with more Mendocino Wine and Destination packages. 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 crews are available to describe how their service works and affects our local community. You'll also have a chance to play volleyball or horseshoes, and kids can enjoy playing in the Jumpy House, other games, and face painting. See you there!

Donations Needed for the Dessert Booth at the WVFD BBQ

Melinda McLaughlin

We are hoping you've already found your favorite dessert recipe and are gathering the ingredients and getting ready to bake! For those of you not inclined to bake or not all that talented in the kitchen, we will gladly accept store bought items! Your contribution may be taken to the Westport Store on Friday, August 16th, or brought to the BBQ on Saturday, August 17th.

Mikie and Bill Drummond will be setting up the Dessert Booth starting at 10AM Saturday morning and are looking forward to thanking you for any and all contributions. Coffee and drinks will also be available to purchase.

Various community members will take over for the Drummonds the rest of the day. Many thanks to all who will contribute to the continued success of this money maker for our Westport Fire Department.



Tickets
1-\$1 6-\$5 15-\$10 35-\$20
Need not be present to win
Quilt by Aimee Maxey, Westport CA

Community Hall August Events

Erin Detrick

I'll be hosting a **Westport Movie Night on Friday, August 9th at 6:00PM at the Westport Community Hall**. \$5 suggested donation at the door. Popcorn, soda, and candy will be sold as well. This month, we are featuring a locally filmed movie, "**The Russians Are Coming**". See you all there!!

I'll also be hosting a **'White Elephant' Bingo Night on Saturday, August 24th at 6:00PM at the Westport Community Hall**. A suggested donation of \$2 per card is appreciated... and don't forget to bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift, which will be used as a bingo prize. All donations go to Westport Church and Community Hall maintenance and monthly expenses. Thank you and look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions please contact me at erind.3500@gmail.com

The Westport Community Garden

Steve Brigham

Now in our 8th big year, the **Westport Community Garden** (at the Westport Community Center at the end of Abalone Street) produces delicious and nutritious fresh, **organically grown** vegetables that you pick yourself at any time, **ABSOLUTELY FREE!** The Garden is open to **EVERYONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD 24/7**, and is supported by your donation dollars to the **Westport Village Society**.

All you have to do is get off your rear end and go pick yourself some nice fresh veggies (did I mention it's free?), and you'll be surprised how much better they taste when they're picked fresh like that compared to that days-old stuff you get from the grocery store. In August at the Westport Community Garden, we'll have **romaine lettuce, butter lettuce, red leaf lettuce, baby artichokes, broccoli, arugula, Italian parsley, cilantro, onion chives, French thyme, Greek oregano, lemon balm, green kale, purple kale, Chinese snow peas, and strawberries** – with beans, squash, cucumbers, and tomatoes coming along by September. Stop by the Garden frequently, and **Don't Panic, It's Organic** – we never ever use pesticides or chemical fertilizers 'round here, and we've got everything for you but the salad dressing!



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PUB!

August at the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

Tabby Korhummel, Hotel and Pub General Manager

The Old Abalone Pub is open from 5:00PM to 9:00PM every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and Sunday for Dinner, and also from 3:00PM to 5:00PM every Saturday for Tea.

We've got some great music and special events for August at The Pub! Please see our Flyer on Page 9 for a complete listing. Call (707) 964-3688 for reservations and more information, and like our Facebook page for weekly specials: <https://www.facebook.com/abalonepub>. Remember to mention "Local Love"!

Also, we are now hiring for House Keeper, Prep Cook, and General Maintenance! If you're interested, please call Tabby at 707-367-0010.



The key to nature's therapy is feeling like a tiny part of it, not a master over it. There's amazing pride in seeing a bee land on a flower you planted - but that's not your act of creation, it's your act of joining in. -- Victoria Coren Mitchell

Sign Up to Use The Westport Community Hall And Church

You can reserve the Westport Community Hall or the Westport Church for classes and other activities by placing your event on the

Community Hall and Church Calendar at the Westport Store. Reservations are on a first come basis. Donations are welcome to help sustain the facilities. Please leave the buildings in better condition than you found them, turning off lights and appliances, removing trash, cleaning, and locking up. Due to insurance issues, no smoking or alcohol use is allowed. Please contact Val Hale with any questions at 489-6380.

Westport Community Church August Spiritual Programs

Baile Oakes

3rd Sunday, August 18th, 10:00AM Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group

This discussion group is focused upon Thich Nhat Hahn's Book: "Living Buddha, Living Christ". No need to have the book. We will share passages from the book and discuss how they might or might not influence how we show up for our selves and all Creation.

4th Sunday, August 25th, 10:00AM Monthly Quaker Worship Group

Katharine White continues to gift our community with a Quaker Worship Group meeting. Katharine usually begins with a reading from Quaker passages, then leads us in a quiet meditation. Participants are encouraged to share thoughts that arise during this time of meditation. This is followed by Katharine leading us in 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 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.

Input Sought on The Westport Community Hall and Church

Thad Van Bueren

A community potluck meeting was held at the Church on July 20th. About 15 to 20 people attended to enjoy food and drinks while sharing ideas about how to stimulate more community use of the facilities and keep it operating in a sustainable manner. A wide range of ideas were discussed. The Westport Community Church is seeking additional input in order to develop a long term plan for maintaining and improving the facility for the benefit of the community.

Most of the WCC Board attended, including Erin Detrick, Bert Roberts, Val Hale and Thad Van Bueren. They sketched some challenges currently facing the nonprofit such as the need for sustainable funding and major termite damage that both must be addressed to ensure the facility remains available. Many ideas for activities and fundraising were discussed at the meeting. It was generally agreed that any improvements would need to build on the momentum of increasing community activities.

If you were unable to attend, please send your ideas to the WCC at PO Box 23, Westport CA 95488 or thad@mcn.org. Your thoughts on the following questions would be particularly helpful: What activities/uses would you participate in on the premises? What activities are you willing to organize and lead? Are you willing to help raise funds to keep the facilities available? Would you favor improvements in the facility or changes in how it is managed? Please be as specific as possible and get your comments to us by mid-August. The next Church Board meeting will be on **Thursday, August 15th at 10:00AM** at the Church. All are welcome!

24/7 Westport Wave

This month's *Westport Wave* and over 7 years of monthly back-issues are always free to everyone at any time on the Newsletter page of our website www.westportvillagesociety.org – in living color, with live links! Check it out, and tell your friends!



Westport Village Society Annual Meeting October 4th

Thad Van Bueren, WVS President

Mark your calendars for the WVS 2019 Annual Members' Meeting. It will be held on Friday, October 4th at the Westport Community Church on Abalone Street starting at 6:30 PM. 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 ducky event history will play during the social. Please share your best Ducky event photos with Rock Bush at rockibush@gmail.com.

At 7:00PM the meeting will be brought to order and WVS activities and finances will be reviewed for the past year. We will also elect two Directors to serve three year terms. The rest of the October 4th Annual Member Meeting will be devoted to hearing your ideas and suggestions for WVS activities in the coming year.

We encourage our members to consider running for the WVS Board if you find our mission inspiring. You can find out about WVS 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. Your statement can explain why you are interested in running and something about your background and skills. You will also have a chance to speak on October 4th prior to the vote at the Annual Members' Meeting. Your written statement will also be mailed in the WVS Annual Meeting announcement sent to members and local property owners.



Art Crone, Bill Knapp, and Gary Quinton working on the Westport Cemetery plot marking project

An Update on Local Cemeteries

Thad Van Bueren

Our local cemeteries are treasured places that require regular maintenance and management. That obviously doesn't happen by magic. It is carried out by dedicated local volunteers under the direction of the County's Westport Ten Mile Cemetery District. The Directors are appointed by the County Supervisors and currently consist of Gary Quinton, Jane Vartanian, John Allison, Steve Brigham, and Thad Van Bueren. The positions are unpaid.

The Cemetery Board wants to make you aware of tasks that are being performed because your help is vital and much appreciated. The District relies heavily on volunteers and donations, in addition to carefully managing Trust assets generated by plot sales. Plots are still just \$600 for a 4x8 foot area that can be used for a single burial or entombing several cremains. In addition to the work of managing finances, records, and policies, the Board relies on community volunteers for projects and maintenance. For example, Jim Korhummel recently did an outstanding job weed eating and mowing the Westport Cemetery.

A road realignment project began July 5th in the Westport Cemetery with the generous assistance of Steve Brown, the owner of the Wages Creek Campground. Steve used his own equipment to move

the gravel base rock onto the new route between the front gate and marble gazebo. The road will be top dressed with some additional gravel in the near future and a concrete block will be moved outside of the perimeter fence. Thanks Steve for your help!

Work also began on July 30th on a large project to permanently mark the corners of all plots in the actively used portions of the Westport and Inglenook cemeteries. This will ensure that plot limits are exactly known instead of measured approximately from survey monuments each time a new burial is scheduled. The plot marking project is being underwritten with a generous donation from Lee Tepper and Dorine Real. This precision work will be ongoing at the two cemeteries until it is

completed sometime this fall. Rebar stakes are being driven into each corner, then topped with aluminum caps stamped with the plot numbers. Volunteers Thad Van Bueren, Gary Quinton, Bill Knapp, John Morrill, Art Crone, and Steve Brigham have begun the plot marking project at the Westport Cemetery – caution tape has been placed around the current work area for your safety, and we appreciate your patience while this work is being completed.

Behind the scenes, an inventory of all existing occupied and sold plots in the District has been created in a comprehensive spreadsheet. That inventory was compiled in response to several recent developments. First, the Chapel By The Sea in Fort Bragg needed to decline to continue managing the records for the Cemetery District, which they had long done in the past. Secondly, the County Counsel provided an opinion on what types of information had to be maintained. Because available records have some gaps, we welcome volunteers who are interested in carrying out supplemental research.

Work is also planned to accurately map the Inglenook Cemetery prior to plot marking. That work will include transcription of all monuments for inclusion in the inventory. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the tasks mentioned in this article, please contact me at 964-7272 or thad@mcn.org.



"O stock" frequents the north Pacific from the Okhotsk Sea in the west to our West Coast shores.

A dead fin whale nearly 70 feet long previously washed ashore at Blues Beach in February 2007, and others have taken place near Fort Bragg. Fin whales are the second largest baleen whale, second

Minke Whales are noted for approaching boats and ships out of curiosity – sadly, this one probably died because of a collision with a ship's propeller.

Strandings

Thad Van Bueren

Several marine mammals have washed up dead on local beaches this summer. It is hard to determine if the events are typical or extraordinary. The first was a 13 foot long male (bull) elephant seal that washed up on Eddie White Beach at the Westport Headlands Park on June 30th or perhaps earlier. A dead whale later washed ashore on Blues Beach at Chadbourne Gulch south of Westport on July 4th. Both strandings were investigated by Sarah Grimes, the local stranding coordinator at the Noyo Center for Marine Science in Fort Bragg.

Sarah says the cause of death for the elephant seal is uncertain, while the 25-foot whale at Blues Beach was likely killed by a propeller strike. The whale is a male Northern Pacific Minke Whale or lesser rorqual (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*). Minke whales are one of the smallest baleen whales that filter feed on krill and small fish, travelling widely in the north Pacific Ocean. Minke whales typically live from 30 to 60 years and can grow to more than 30 feet long. The

only after the Blue whale. The Westport Village Society obtained a permit to recover and display the mandible and baleen from that 2007 fin whale. Plans are being developed for an exhibit of these artifacts at the Westport Headlands Park.

The Noyo Center for Marine Science in Fort Bragg and the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco respond to any dead marine mammal washed ashore between Rockport and the Santa Cruz county line. They are members of the Marine Mammal Stranding Network. Dead animals offer scientists the opportunity to learn about the health of marine mammal populations and the threats they face. By collecting specimens and performing necropsies, scientists gather valuable data about marine mammal migration patterns, habitat threats, and human impacts to inform conservation.

To report live marine mammals in distress, please contact the Marine Mammal Center at (415) 289-7325. Report Dead Marine Mammals to Noyo Center's Stranding Coordinator, **Sarah Grimes at (707)-813-7925** or sarah@noyocenter.org.



SEE YOU AT THE WVFD BBQ, SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH!

Saturday, August 17th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fundraising Barbecue, 12:00PM to 9:00PM, Westport Community Headlands

Sunday, August 18th – Monthly Thich Nhat Hahn

August 2019 Westport Calendar

Thursday, August 1st – Bookmobile, 9:00-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Tuesday, August 6th – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting cancelled (see <http://www.westportmac.org/>)

Friday, August 9th – Movie Night featuring “The Russians Are Coming”, 6:00PM, Westport Community Hall

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

Sunday, August 11th – ‘Snaps For Sinners’ at the Westport Hotel and Abalone Pub, 6:00PM to 9:00PM (see page 9)

Wednesday, August 14th – Westport Ten Mile Cemetery District Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Wednesday, August 14th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Firehouse

Thursday, August 15th – Full Moon, 5:29AM

Thursday, August 15th – Bookmobile, 9-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Thursday, August 15th – Westport Community Church Board Monthly Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Saturday, August 24th – ‘White Elephant’ Bingo Night, 6:00PM, Westport Community Hall

Sunday, August 25th – Monthly Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Thursday, August 29th – Bookmobile, 9-9:30AM, Westport Community Store

Friday, August 30th – Super New Moon, 3:37AM

Monday, September 2nd – Labor Day

Friday, October 4th (Save the Date!) – Westport Village Society Annual Members’ Meeting, 6:30PM, Westport Community Church

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**SNAPS FOR SINNERS at The Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub
August 11th 6:00 to 9:00pm**

Snaps for Sinners is a saucy swing ensemble hell-bent on making people dance and have a good time, while also delivering a powerful progressive message that inspires empathy and altruism. With influences ranging from traditional Jazz to Folk-Punk to Country, Snaps for Sinners is dedicated to creating an all-inclusive experience through the blending of multicultural arts. With the release of their 2nd album, "The Cat's Medicine" and the kick off of their 3rd U.S. tour, Snaps for Sinners has been igniting audiences nationally!

EVENTS

Chuck Tourtillott 8/3 6:00-9:00pm

ART OPENING 8/9 5:30: Oil pastels by Jacquelyn Cisper with music by Chris

8/11 Snaps For Sinners 6:00-9:00pm we will make room for dancers

8/16 Erin Brazill 6:00-9:00pm

8/17 Chad Swimmer 6:00-9:00pm

8/24 David Stuart aka Tumble Weed 6:00-9:00pm

8/31 Christoper Cisper 6:00-9:00pm