

Free Masks for COVID Protection

COVID Response Network

Courtesy of the Mask Awareness Project of the COVID Response Network, complimentary mask kits are available at the following locations, so anyone can pick up free mask packs anytime. **This project is made possible by North Coast Opportunities, the Community Foundation of Mendocino, and generous community members.**

Fort Bragg – Down Home Foods and Colombi Market

Mendocino – Spark Gallery, Corners of the Mouth, and Frankie's

CRN Mission

The mission of the **COVID Response Network** is to do what we can as concerned people to make a broad, deep, and effective response to the threats of COVID-19. Our pilot region is the Mendocino Coast of California.

Caltrans Seeks Input

Caltrans is seeking input on a draft District 1 Active Transportation Plan. Active transportation means walking, running and biking. This is a chance to provide comments on how the Route 1 corridor can be improved to provide safer opportunities for non-motorized travel in the local area. You can access a fact sheet at:

[https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://www.catplan.org/files/managed/Document/1154/Social*20Media*20Toolkit*20July*202021.pdf_?JSUIJQ!!LWi6xHDyrA!viaeQ3fm1TQ-rZJFIZ4ls8j_DL-0KX1ZCIYUPUtwz2mITqnCR407JwLZEggJp5ZP-nyZOw\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://www.catplan.org/files/managed/Document/1154/Social*20Media*20Toolkit*20July*202021.pdf_?JSUIJQ!!LWi6xHDyrA!viaeQ3fm1TQ-rZJFIZ4ls8j_DL-0KX1ZCIYUPUtwz2mITqnCR407JwLZEggJp5ZP-nyZOw$)

The plan will be posted by August 16th at <https://www.catplan.org/district-1>. Comments are due by September 3. You can still offer specific suggestions by using a Caltrans mapping tool at survey.catplan.org. Contact Kari Shelley with questions at kari.shelley@dot.ca.gov or by calling (707) 684-6982.



Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group Starts Up Again – 2nd Sunday, August 8th, 10:00AM

Baile Oakes

This **Westport Community Church** 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.

We request that attendees be vaccinated and weather permitting we will meet outside the Church.

My actions are my only true belongings. I cannot escape the consequences of my actions. My actions are the ground upon which I stand. We have to walk in a way that we only print peace and serenity on the Earth. Walk as if you are kissing the Earth with your feet.

There is no way to happiness - happiness is the way. – Thich Nhat Hahn

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 nine years of monthly back-issues, all in living color, with live links! Check it out, and tell your friends!



Thad in the briar patch again.

Headlands Work Day

Westport Village Society

A large group of Westport Village Society volunteers turned out on Saturday July 17th from 10 am until 1 pm to tackle manual removal of invasive plants. The work focused on a section fronting on Main Street (Highway 1) south of the main entry. WVS thanks Rhiannon Korhummel, Anna and Bob Finnell, Jim Genereaux, Bert Roberts, Lee Tepper, Dorine Real, and Thad Van Bueren. Bob called it a “good exercise program.” And it is. Rhiannon kindly brought fresh donuts to share.

WVS continues to hold volunteer work days every third Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 1:00 pm. The next work day is **Saturday, August 21st**. We welcome your participation. It is a great way to meet friends and neighbors while doing something positive for our community park. Please bring gloves, water, and loppers/pruners. Contact us at wvs@westportvillagesociety.org with questions or input.

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.



Bob and Anna Finnell at the July Headlands Work Day.



August at the Westport Community Garden

Derek DiOrio

Stop by the Westport Community Garden in August for fresh, organically grown vegetables, herbs, and flowers – ready for you to harvest, ABSOLUTELY FREE! At the Westport Community Garden, fresh vegetables are free to everyone every day, so please come do your part by harvesting regularly so that nothing goes to waste! Just bring your own cutting utensil and a bag to take your goodies home in. We're at the end of Abalone Street at the Westport Community Center (look for the greenhouse).

In August, the greenhouse will be full of tomatoes, cucumbers, tomatillos, melons, pole beans, and peppers. Plus, we'll have cauliflower, broccoli, beets, brussels sprouts, cabbage, and radishes.

With California being in one of the worst droughts in recorded history, water conservation efforts are becoming especially important this summer. At the

Community Garden I try to minimize our water usage by implementing a couple of water conservation techniques which you could also utilize around your own home and garden:

- Top-dress your garden beds with rice hulls, mulch, straw, hay or even cardboard to prevent topsoil evaporation.
- Try not to water in the heat of the day. It's best to water early morning or evenings to prevent evaporation loss and the burning of your plants.
- Don't play the game of "catch up". Water your garden consistently - if your soil dries out too much it may become hydrophobic and will then require ample amounts of water to get back to base saturation levels.

• Plant flowers and other ornamentals that are native to California and/or are drought tolerant.

- Choose containers to grow in that hold moisture well and don't dry out quickly.
- Adding a bit of moss and/or coco coir to your soil can help retain moisture and cut down on watering.
- Drip irrigation is a great way to cut down on usage by delivering precise amounts of water directly to the plants' roots.

The **Community Garden** work days are the first and third Saturdays of the month @ 10:30AM (weather permitting). But please also feel free to stop in anytime you feel like getting your hands in the dirt - there are always weeds that need to be pulled, vines that need to be trellised and veggies harvested this time of year. If you are uncertain about what to do, just check the white board inside the greenhouse for up-to-date tasks/jobs needing to be done around the garden. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Garden in some way and has helped to make it into what it is today. It's really starting to come together for us and I'm excited for the future!
Happy Summer Everyone!!

Westport Water District News

John Morrill, Westport County Water District
Operations Manager

To our valued customers:

The estimated July total water used by our District is 578,736 gallons. This is a 3% reduction from the 2020 July total. This is in the right direction toward the voluntary reduction goal of 20% requested by Mendocino County

When you get your June bill, please review it and consider what you can do to reduce your water consumption, especially if you went over your baseline.

The Westport County Water District Board of Directors and I have been working diligently on our Drought Emergency Plan. I am hoping to have a finalized and adopted plan very soon. This plan will spell out when we, as a District, need to get very serious about conserving water. Every customer will know what will be needed from them in the way of water use and conservation and why this is necessary.

On another note, we recently had to pull a sewer lift pump out of the sewer lift station and send it off for repair. The pump was jammed with an undergarment. This has happened several times before and this time the pump did not survive. Please help us keep our cost down by not flushing any trash, feminine hygiene, baby wipes or incontinence products down the toilet.

Blues Beach Land Transfer

Thad M. Van Bueren and Dr. Jeanine Pfeiffer

We thank many locals who share our belief that we have a historic opportunity to support descendant tribes who seek to protect and manage Blues Beach as it was originally intended.

Caltrans acquired the 172 acres associated with the Blues Beach property in the mid-1970s with Scenic Easement funding. That grant money mandated protection of the property's diverse environmental resources. Sadly, that promise was not kept. Camping, fireworks, and driving on Blues Beach have been illegal for many decades, yet they are pursued with impunity.

The County Sheriff and State Parks claim to lack jurisdiction. The California Highway Patrol is technically responsible, but rarely visits or takes action; nor do they typically prioritize enforcement of local ordinances. Cal Fire also has peace officers, but they are stretched thin dealing with illegal fireworks across the entire state. As a result, the beach access at Chadbourne Gulch is monopolized by people who hold resource protection, the law, and broader public interests in contempt.

The situation has escalated to epidemic proportions in recent years, attracting outlaws from far flung areas. Many locals stopped visiting Blues Beach long ago as it has grown increasingly unsanitary, hostile, and unsafe to visit.

After many years of careful consideration and negotiation, Senate Bill 231, proposed by State Senator Mike McGuire and Assemblyman Jim Woods has been structured to ensure that the property transferred to a tribal nonprofit will protect cultural and natural resources while maintaining lawful public access. We encourage you to read the bill and contact your state representatives with any questions.

The proposed nonprofit consortium of descendant tribes (Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians and Round Valley Indian Tribes) have a vested interest in protecting ancestral village sites, shell middens, ceremonial areas, and wild-harvesting grounds on the property. They have ties to this property going back thousands of years.

The transfer will ensure that conservation and lawful coastal access will be maintained under the law, while development will be precluded. It is also a small step toward acknowledging and redressing losses faced by the indigenous inhabitants when their lands were violently usurped during American colonization. Nothing can undo or make amends for those atrocities, but this transfer is a form of reparation.

This is why a substantial majority of Westport residents, along with hundreds of supporters throughout Mendocino County have signed a local petition at the Community Store and a Change.org petition supporting Senate Bill 231. It is a gesture of goodwill. Thank you for standing with the tribes in solidarity.

August Westport Calendar

(Please note that because of COVID, meeting occurrences, dates, and modes may vary.)

Tuesday, August 3rd 7:00 pm—Contact WMAC at WMAC95488@gmail.com for details

Thursday, August 5th – Bookmobile, 9:30AM-10:00AM, Westport Store (service outside of Bookmobile only)

Saturday, August 7th – Westport Community Garden Work Day, 10:30AM, Community Garden (see p.4)

Sunday, August 8th – New Moon, 6:50AM

Sunday, August 8th – Thich Nhat Han Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Church (see page 2)

Wednesday, August 11th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM (call Chief Dan Maxey at (707) 357-4353 to attend remotely)

Thursday, August 19th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM (call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom)

Saturday, August 21st – Headlands Work Party, 10:00AM to 1:00PM, Westport Headlands (see page 3)

Saturday, August 21st – Westport Community Garden Work Day, 10:30AM, Westport Community Garden (see page 4)

Thursday, August 19th – Bookmobile, 9:30AM-10:00AM, Westport Store (service outside of Bookmobile only)

Sunday, August 22nd – Full Moon, 5:01AM

Wednesday, August 25th – (see p.1) Deadline for submitting statement of interest for Westport Village Society Board election to wvs@westportvillagesociety.org

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Contributions for our September 1st issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by August 27th, and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at westportwave@gmail.com. Thanks!



It is the most invasive and dangerous species on the planet. It destroys the whole ecosystem and then moves to new areas and does the same until everything is exhausted. The other one is a fish with big teeth. (submitted by Baile Oakes, original by Gregoire Rousseau)



Welcome to

WESTPORT

Safety First, Kindness Always.

The Westport Village Society
Presents

Preserve and Protect
A Headlands Work Party

Third Saturday
of Every Month
(weather permitting)

Drop in anytime between
10 AM & 1 PM

Please bring water and gloves.
Meet in the Headlands.