

Look into offering classes on topics suggested by community members. We would all like to have in-person interaction activities again!

- Possible survey to find out what people would like to do and how they would like Westport to be in five years
- Fundraising needs to be revisited, this will be incorporated into the 3 – 5 year plan process

The other major item on the annual meeting agenda is the election of Board Members. This year there were two openings and only the incumbents ran. Both Rock Bush and Gary Quinton were re-elected.

Highlights from the October 27th Business Meeting:

- The minutes of the July Business Meeting and the October membership meeting were approved and will be posted on the WVS web site
- Financial analysis showed that we are significantly behind on membership renewals and donations. There will be a November year end appeal letter sent out to the WVS mailing list.
 - It was decided to use USPS mail for major membership and communications directed to attract new members.
 - It was acknowledged that the Annual Meeting notifications were sent out late
 - In the future the agenda will be published in the September Wave and mailing will be sent via USPS prior to the end of September
- Under active business:
 - Headlands work parties which had been well attended through the summer and fall will be suspended for the winter rainy season.
 - The community garden will be cleaning up the fall harvest and planting winter veggies, it will be active through the winter
 - There was community input on the use of highway cones to block the vehicle entrances, which are designated NO PARKING, primarily for emergency access reasons. WVS was asked to meet

with the Fire Department to seek an alternative means, with less negative visual impact.

- Officer elections – at the first quarterly of the fiscal year, the Board elects officers for that year:
 - President – Bill Knapp
 - Vice President – Thad Van Bueren
 - Treasurer – Rock Bush
 - Secretary – Erin Brazill
- Strategic Plan Discussion
 - It was noted that little progress was made on the Strategic Plan over the last year. After some discussion it was agreed that quarterly business meetings are not an effective venue to do planning. It was decided to schedule a special meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month specifically to work in the plan and to rebuild the committee structure to support plan goals. These will be public meetings noticed in the Wave and via email to any interested persons. The first of these meetings will be Wednesday November 17th via Zoom at 7:00PM. If you are interested please email wvs@westportvillagesociety.org.
 - During the discussion it was agreed that WVS should move to a schedule of one business meeting per quarter with three additional specific topic meetings spread through the quarter. The planning meeting is the first of these additional meetings.

The past year has been difficult in many ways, but illuminating in some others. WVS like many, maybe most organizations is going to have to change to be successful in the future. In the case of WVS its success is dependent on being relevant to the community it serves and having participation and buy in from the people in the area. The actions taken during this year will impact the next decade for WVS the organization and the greater Westport community. I will sign off with a significant plagarism: We are all in this together. What a few do will affect many.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Westport Halloween, Social Distance Edition, Part 2

Sarah Cullar

We've decided to err on the side of caution with the current surge and hold a socially distanced **Halloween** event again this year.

On Halloween night, local kiddos will participate in a socially distanced outdoor parade through town beginning and ending at the Westport Store (please come out to cheer them on as they pass - we will take our usual route). We will gather at the Westport Store at 5:15PM, and set out shortly thereafter. At the end of the parade, the kids will each receive a goodie bag.

Please join us in making this happen and have a little fun in these strange times!

Guess The Weight of the Pumpkin at the Westport Community Store

Val and Erin

Let's have some fun, **Westport Community Store** style. Come into the store and guess the weight of the big pumpkin our family grew. One guess per person.

Winner will be announced on Halloween after the kids parade around town. Winner will get to choose a pizza OR sandwiches for two, of their choice.

Happy Fall and Happy Halloween!

Westport Municipal Advisory Council Meets November 2nd

Thad Van Bueren

There will be a WMAC Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd at 7:00PM. Topics include abandoned vehicles, Blues Beach with guests (Senator Mike McGuire, tribes), Cahto Road emergency evacuation route, etc. Inquiries should be addressed to Rob Scott (<robtscott@sbcglobal.net>), with more information on zoom at WMAC95488@gmail.com.

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



Order your Westport Hotel Thanksgiving pies by November 15th!

Pumpkin Spice Cake with Goat Cream Cheese Frosting \$35
Pumpkin spice cream pie/ pecan crust \$35 (Vegan & GF)
Dorine's Cheese cake w/cranberry topping \$35
Carmel Apple cinnamon rolls \$30 half dozen.
Call ahead and place your order!!
YUM!!
707-964-3688

Input Sought on Local Transportation Plans

Thad Van Bueren

The Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) is updating the Mendocino County Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Active Transportation Plan (ATP). A draft plan

is now available for public review and comment. The draft plan may be viewed on MCOG’s website at <https://www.mendocinocog.org/draft-2022-regional-transportation-plan>.

The RTP is a long-range planning document covering a 20-year time span, which includes short- and long-range transportation projects across all modes of transportation. That includes motorized, non-motorized, and public transit. It promotes a safe and efficient transportation system, and establishes regional goals that support mobility, economic, and health aims of the region. The RTP includes the Active Transportation Plan that addresses non-motorized modes. The 2022 RTP and ATP are scheduled to be adopted by MCOG on December 6, 2021.

Comments on the draft plan may be submitted on the Social Pinpoint page at <https://mcog.mysocialpinpoint.com/mcog-2022-rtp>, by email to lellard@dbcteam.net, or sent to 525 South Main Street, Suite G, Ukiah, CA 95482, for receipt by MCOG no later than December 5, 2021. Comments may also be presented at the public hearing December 6. For more information visit MCOG’s website at www.mendocinocog.org, call the MCOG office at 707-234-3434, or email lellard@dbcteam.net.

News From The Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager, Westport Hotel

We will be open for indoor dining for the last few weeks of the season from 5:00PM to 8:00PM on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. For the safety of our employees and customers we have chosen to follow the Mendocino County green dot Covid guidelines – meaning that we require our staff to be vaccinated or tested weekly and our patrons to show proof of vaccination to dine indoors.

Take-out and outdoor seating (weather permitting) is also available. Masks are required indoors when not actively eating or drinking. Please check our Facebook page for current menu updates.

For your Fall Holiday feast, we will be having a pie/cake sale! Orders need to be placed by November 15th for pick up on Nov. 23rd or 24th.

Pumpkin Pie \$25
Apple Pie \$25
Apple Carmel Crunch Pie \$35



Westport Community Church News

Erin Detrick, President, WCC

The Westport Community Church Board would like to announce that the Church and Community Hall are now available for indoor activities. Protocol for events: 1. You must write your event details on the calendar available at the Westport Store. Without this step, your event does not exist. 2. All those that attend your event (including vaccinated individuals) **MUST WEAR A MASK.**

Cleanup is also required with hygienic wiping of touched surfaces like door handles. All activities must be placed on the calendar at the store. Please contact me at erind.3500@gmail.com or 707-489-2546 for information about holding events or any other questions you may have regarding the Church or Hall. Again, our Church Board thanks you for your continued patience and support.

Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group – November 14th, 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 we will meet according to the Church Covid precautions.

People have a hard time letting go of their suffering. Out of a fear of the unknown, they prefer suffering that is familiar. – Thich Nhat Hahn

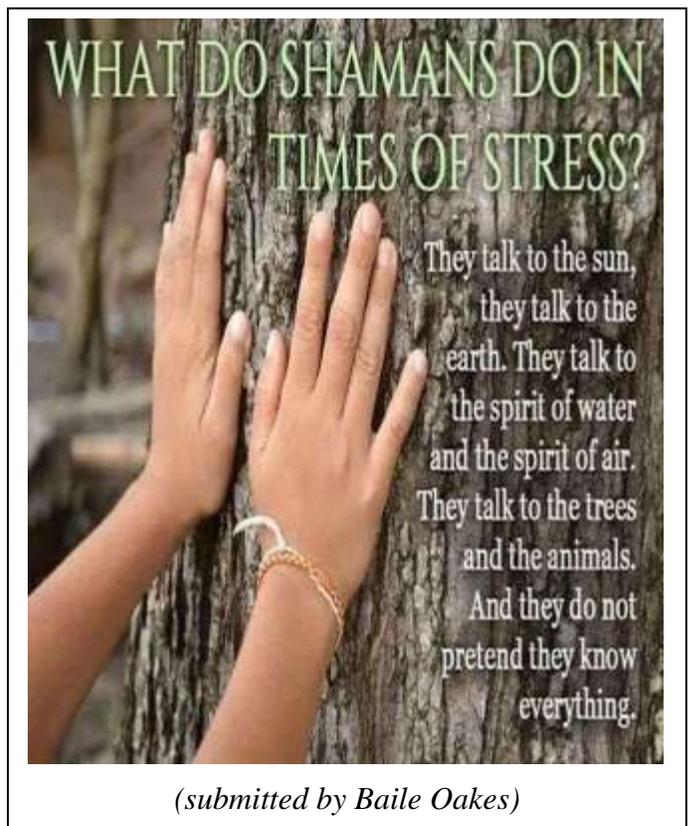
Free Masks for COVID Protection

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



(submitted by Baile Oakes)



Westport Water District News

John Morrill, Westport County Water District
Operations Manager and Chief Plant Operator

To our valued customers,

So far in October (10/26), we have been gifted with 8.6 inches of rain for the month!! This has brought the creek up to 115 cubic feet per second as of the morning of October 25th. That is a staggering **51,000 gallons per minute**. I do not believe that we are in any danger of going into Stage 4 and needing the extreme conservation measures any time soon. Because of this The Westport County Water District Board of Directors has canceled our Drought Emergency Status, effective November 1st.

The National Weather Service is predicting a La Nina weather scenario for this winter. The effects of this on us in our region are unclear. The forecast, currently, is for improvement on our drought status, but with much uncertainty. Let's hope for the best.

Everyone in our community has been doing their part. Our monthly water usage is estimated to be 195,800 gallons for October. This is only 37 percent of the 526,942 gallons produced during October 2020!

Thank you all for conserving and thus helping to keep our Westport water flowing during this past very dry summer!

November at the Westport Community Garden

Derek DiOrio

Stop by the Westport Community Garden in November for fresh, organically grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers – ready for you to harvest anytime, **ABSOLUTELY FREE!** 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).

The greenhouse is still full of cherry and heirloom tomatoes, tomatillos and peppers (the raised bed to the left contains sweet peppers and the one to the right contains hot peppers) so make it up there to pick some if you can! I've been using a food dehydrator to make "sun-dried" tomatoes and, boy, are they good! Mid-October, we managed to plant some more lettuce, spinach, and kale in the raised beds outside the greenhouse and, as more tomatoes and peppers die off in the greenhouse, we will continue to plant more cool weather crops there as well.

In order to prevent conflict with other Westport Community Projects, the Community Garden work day will now take place on the first Saturday (November 6th) of each month @10:30am ONLY. But, please feel free to stop in anytime you feel like getting your hands in the dirt - there are always projects happening and things needing to be done at the garden. 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. For the month of November, our main focus will be on continuing to rebuild any existing, gopher ridden raised beds and filling them with soil, amending with nutrients, and planting. Other tasks will include pruning, weeding, trellising, and cleaning up any dead/dying plant matter. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the garden in some way and has helped to keep things watered and growing. Despite the days getting shorter and cooler, we are still able to grow a good amount of produce during the winter months because of our great little greenhouse! **Thanks WVS, Happy Fall Equinox, and Happy Thanksgiving!**



HAPPY THANKSGIVING from your Community Garden and The Westport Wave! (Garden photo by Derek DiOrio)

November Westport Calendar

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

Sunday, October 31st – Halloween

Sunday, October 31st – Westport Kids Parade Through Town In Costume. Parade starts at 5:15PM at the Westport Store (see page 3)

Monday, November 1st – All Saints Day

Tuesday, November 2nd – All Souls Day (Day of the Dead)

Tuesday, November 2nd – WMAC meeting, 7:00PM. Please contact wmac95488@gmail.com for details (see page 3)

Thursday, November 4th – Super New Moon, 2:14PM

Thursday, November 4th – Diwali

Saturday, November 6th – Westport Community Garden Work Day, 10:30AM, Community Garden (see page 6)

Sunday, November 7th – Daylight Saving Time Ends, 2:00AM (Turn Clocks BACK One Hour)

Wednesday, November 10th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM (call

Chief Dan Maxey at (707) 357-4353 to attend remotely)

Thursday, November 11th – Veterans Day

Thursday, November 11th – Bookmobile, 9:30AM-10:00AM, Westport Store (masks required)

Thursday, November 11th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM (call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom)

Sunday, November 14th – Thich Nhat Han Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Church (see page 5)

Wednesday November 17th – Special Westport Village Society Zoom meeting on the single topic of the WVS Strategic Plan.

There will also be an email sent out before the meeting (see page 2). If interested please email wvs@westportvillagesociety.org.

Thursday, November 18th and Friday, November 19th – Partial Lunar Eclipse 10:02PM to 4:03AM – Maximum Eclipse 1:02AM

Friday, November 19th – Micro Full Moon, 12:57AM

Thursday, November 25th – Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 28th – Hanukkah Begins at Sundown

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Contributions for our December 1st issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by November 26th, and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at westportwave@gmail.com. Thanks!