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# The Westport Wave

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## DeHaven Creek Headlands Project Update

Westport Village Society

The Westport Village Society Board, with one member absent, voted by consensus

on March 8<sup>th</sup> to pursue acquisition of the 26-acre oceanfront property west of Highway 1 at Branscomb Road for conservation and public access purposes. The Board vote, after some discussion, was based on significant community support indicated at meetings, in letters, and by donations made prior to approval of the project.

A purchase agreement was signed on March 16<sup>th</sup>, and escrow has been opened. The purchase price will be set at fair market value based on an appraisal that is currently in progress. The completion of the purchase depends on the award of a grant by the State Coastal Conservancy and the success of our fundraising campaign. WVS can withdraw if funding is not obtained before the end of escrow in mid-December. The prospects for success appear good.

A Phase 1 Environmental Assessment, title report, archaeological survey, and consultations with local tribes and the public are planned in the coming months. Those activities will help support the WVS grant application; including sections on goals and objectives, community engagement, and benefits and impact, and inform a report we will prepare to document property baseline conditions. Our grant application to the SCC is due July 15<sup>th</sup>. An essential aspect of our work between now and early July will be to raise funds to help support the acquisition.



We are kicking off a fundraising campaign with a goal of reaching \$25,000 by July 1. We have already received \$7,125, but there is a way to go. To kick things off, several local WVS members have made pledges totaling \$6,500 as a Challenge Pool. If you donate between now and July 1 your donation will be matched by those pledges, until the pool is depleted, doubling the amount WVS receives. Please make your checks out to Westport Village Society with a memo "DeHaven Challenge." If you wish to make a donation that does not deplete the Challenge pool, please put DeHaven Creek Headlands Project on the memo line. Mail them to PO Box 446, Westport CA, 95488. If you would like to contribute to the Challenge Pool please contact WVS at [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org) for details.

We welcome other ideas for fundraising. One suggestion from a member is to provide incentives for specific levels of contribution. If that idea is adopted, it will be made retroactive to any donations already received. We are considering online donation apps such as GoFundMe, GiveLively, and others that may make it easier to donate for those without checking accounts. If you have suggestions and direct knowledge of how to incorporate this on the WVS web site please direct those suggestions to [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org). Thank you for your generosity!



## Westport Hotel and Pub News

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager,  
Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

**The Old Abalone Pub is open Thursday-Friday-Saturday for dinner seating from 5:00- 8:30pm. Reservations are welcome.**

We are serving something for everyone from the carnivore to the vegan, with a weekly fish special, soup and seasonally inspired salads.

Our menu is sourced from small local vendors using organic ingredients when possible.

**Saturday April 16th we will have a Bonnets and Bunnies Tea, 3:00 - 5:00 pm by reservation only. A prize will be given for the most creative Easter bonnet.**

We are hiring! Housekeeper \$20 hour, front of house server \$14 plus tips, and general maintenance, pay to be determined.

Call Tabby 707-964-3688 or [email westporthotel@mcn.org](mailto:westporthotel@mcn.org)

## The Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt – 11AM Sunday, April 17th On The Westport Headlands

Sarah Cullar

**Hey kids! The Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt is happening on Easter Sunday, April 17th, at 11AM on The Westport Headlands!**

We're asking that the adults for each child participating donate a dozen eggs per child, filled or dyed (all donations are welcome, whether you have children participating or not). Donations of eggs can be left at the Westport Store Saturday or dropped by the Headlands to the egg hidiers (Sarah and anyone who would like to help out) Sunday morning by 9:00AM.

So get your parents (and grandparents) moooving, and see you there!



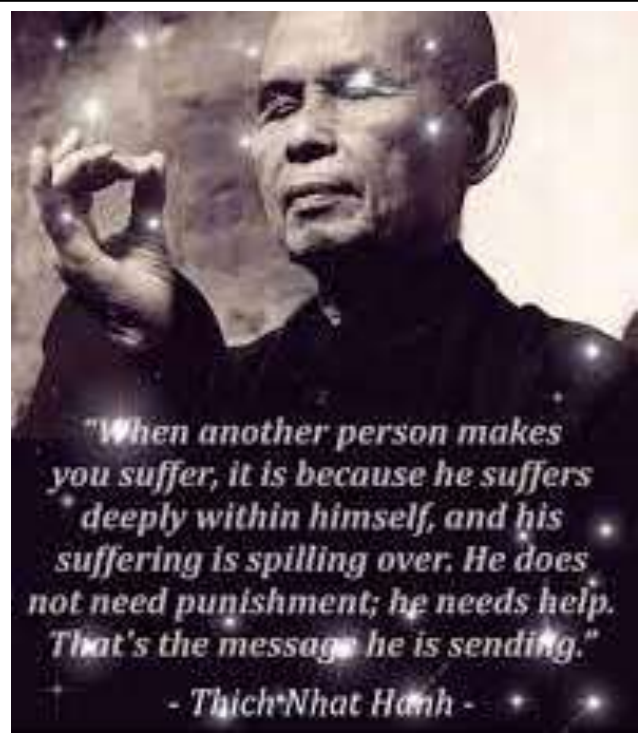


**Meditation & Talk with Babaji**  
**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:00PM:**  
 Baile Oakes

Learn simple practices to cultivate inner peace through meditation.  
 Satsang with Babaji at the Westport Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM.  
 In the coming months, Babaji will also lead a Satsang at the Westport Church at 2:00PM on May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Be there!



**The Westport Church**



**Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion**  
**Group – Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>,**  
**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.

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

## The State of the Westport Village Society – Spring 2022

Bill Knapp, President, WVS

Last winter went by really fast, at least for me. In November, WVS had a Special Meeting for Planning to launch an effort to engage the Board and Membership in defining goals and plans for the next three years. The meeting was productive and promised forward activity. Minutes are available at <https://www.westportvillagesociety.org>, at upper left corner of the Home page click “Meetings”, and then under “2021 Minutes” click “Minutes 11-17-2021”. However, several things intervened: winter holidays, the omicron surge, and the DeHaven Creek Headlands project. WVS Board and membership activity between December and now has primarily centered on the DeHaven Creek Headlands Project; its current status reported on page 1.

As President of WVS, I see many other areas and projects that need attention, and while I will be engaged and responsible for the DeHaven Creek Headlands Project, I plan to shift my main focus to other areas. While it has frequently been pointed out that WVS is, by its charter and by-laws a multipurpose non-profit, some people see its energy and resources focused on Land Trust activities, to the exclusion of other possible areas of endeavor.

To ensure future success in properly addressing the purposes of the organization, WVS must do a better job of addressing and furthering all parts of the WVS Mission. WVS is a community-based organization and cannot succeed without robust community participation. The community is a diverse group, and for WVS to succeed a significant part must believe that WVS projects and events are relevant to them, both as individuals and as groups. Part of the founding vision of WVS was to form an organization that could be an umbrella to enable and help community members and groups achieve goals they find vital to the well-being of the Westport community.

I have three goals I think need to be accomplished by the July 27, 2022 FY22Q4 meeting:

- Restart the planning process for WVS that was launched last November

- Engage Members and Board in a process to define a shared vision for the community
- Use the vision statement to create a set of goals and objectives with a 3 year horizon
- Present a draft Three Year Plan to the Board and Membership at the July 27 Quarterly Meeting
- The vision, goals and objectives need to be inclusive and relevant to as much of the community as possible, while adhering to the stated Mission Statement
- Improve Board communication with Membership – this is where Goals get set
  - Increase the communication and interaction between Board and Membership
  - Goal development needs to include and be embraced by Members
  - Members are the most likely source of new Board members, whose development is necessary for a sustainable organization
- Rebuild or replace the committee structure – this is where execution of Objectives gets done
  - Encourage members to work on projects they want to see accomplished and get satisfaction from their participation
  - Recognize these groups cannot be composed of only board members, it is not feasible or sustainable for the execution of projects or activities to be done by the Board alone
  - Groups taking on a specific task with a defined end may not need a board member
  - A standing committee or group taking on a task without a defined end should have a Board member, but not necessarily as the chairperson

- Groups/committees would be approved by the Board as to goals and budgets; in addition they will report at quarterly meetings on their progress; however this needs to be done in a way to allow reasonable autonomy and flexibility of operation

The above thoughts and proposed actions are mine, informed by listening, observing, and processing WVS meetings and activities over the last few years. I see this as a **starting point and subject to change**. I am looking for input, dialog and development between now and July 27<sup>th</sup>. There is no chance of success without active participation by all of the Board and the Membership. I plan to utilize 3 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of April, May, June, and July for open meetings on these topics. The fourth 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday will be reserved for a Board Retreat type of meeting.

In closing, I want to pick your brains. I want you actively involved in the process of shaping WVS to meet the needs of a changing community. What are your priorities; how do you see Westport thriving? What do you want done to keep the people of the Westport Community proud to be members of the community?

I can be reached at: [bill@netwidget.com](mailto:bill@netwidget.com), [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org), or by phone 964-7355

## Westport County Water District News

John Morrill, WCWD Operations Manager

Greetings! We dealt with the drought last year very successfully. Westport County Water District customers were responsible with their water use. Also, we had enough water coming down Wages Creek that we were able to draw from it and did not have to use our standby well.

This year is looking like we will be challenged again. As of now our water supply is fine but I anticipate a strain on it from possibly August until significant rainfall this coming winter. It may become more



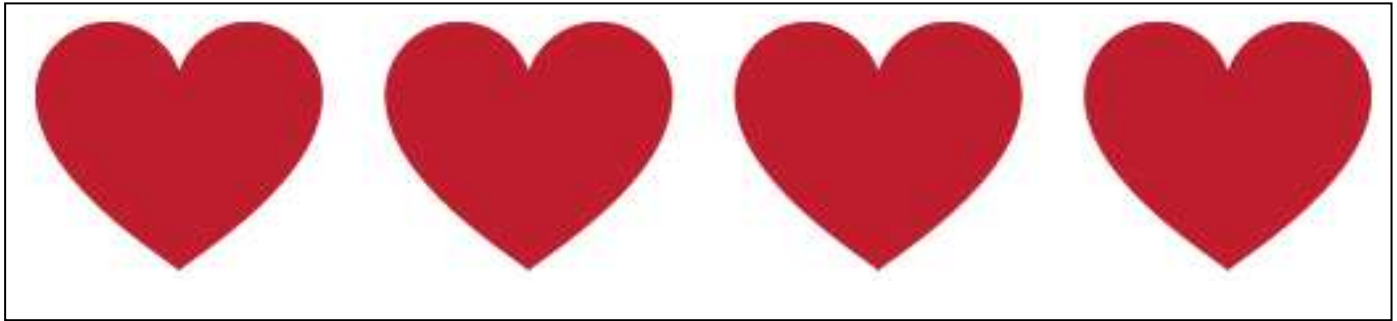
serious than last year. We will be reviewing and possibly updating our Drought Emergency Plan.

This is a great time to develop good habits regarding our water use. Shutting off water when washing dishes, during showers, brushing teeth, etc. can all help without compromising hygiene or safety.

Outdoor usage can be huge and a good opportunity for conservation. Please plan your outdoor plantings with water conservation in mind and an awareness that outdoor watering may not be possible this fall.

Faulty plumbing is another potential large waste of water. A leaking toilet can waste 700 gallons a day. Dripping faucets can also add up to significant amounts. Broken sprinklers or sprinkler pipes also hurt.

We are always available to assist if you are having a water leak emergency. We may have some plumbing supplies you might need and can shut your water off to facilitate repairs and minimize loss. You can call my cell phone at 707-303-6677 for assistance.



## My Thank You Note to Westport, Part 1

Erin Brazill

I am titling this Part 1, because I have a feeling I will add to this list in years to come. I had an interesting month. I am feeling like I have a lot to be grateful for. I wanted to share and invite you to mull over the same.

1a. Thank you to the Westport Fire Department. I had a pretty scary incident where I fell asleep at the wheel and (luckily) rolled into the Headlands (long story short: not a DUI, just tired-and am not injured at all-car sadly was totaled)-, and Dan, Sal, Eric, Julianna, and others were there to support me and help me every step of the way from pretty much the second I stepped out of my smooshed little car. Dan ushered me to sit in his warm truck and made sure I was safe and well and I was circled by their support and caring. I am so very grateful to the Fire Department. We are so, so lucky to have them in this town and in our community.

1b. Thank you to the Westport Village Society for being understanding of my crash landing into our precious headlands, and allowing me to tidy up my mess and make amends with no drama-camp -and instead just sending sweet notes of concern and care. It really made me feel cared for by my fellow board members. Thank you!

2. Thank you to the Westport Store, Xav, Erin and Bill Eagleton. Do you know, as a teacher, the number one requested field trip (well, besides a Giants game) is to come to Westport? When my class comes, we always order sandwiches ahead of time from the

Westport Store. They are delicious, fresh, nutritious and we are learning to support local businesses....BUT due to a nice donation from Bill Eagleton...and the kindness and generosity of the Store...we have NOT been allowed to pay a cent towards sandwiches, sides, and drinks for the past year. Understand, for my students (young adults with disabilities) this is like magic. This is like a birthday and Christmas rolled into one. A dear student was so moved he wanted to put \$30 in the tip jar. A yummy sandwich, soda, and bag of chips is a gesture that makes a meaningful memory and creates a warm aura of welcome to my wonderful students. Thank you so much Bill Eagleton, Xav, Erin, and the rest of the store staff...you always make us feel like royalty.

3. Thank you to the Westport Church Committee! A few weeks back on a Sunday, they hosted a wonderful group meditation and talk by Babaji from the Sonoma (but local-Chadburn Gulch) Ashram. There were over 30 people there. It was a beautiful, sunny day with chairs outside, flowers, and Chai tea. People had driven from Garberville and beyond to be there. We sat, listened, and meditated in the beautiful clear air together. It was like having a cool drink of spring water on a hot day. It was just what I needed, to quote "The Cars". I am still finding meaning and repeating some of the things that were said on that day. It is one of my happiest memories in Westport. Thank you Church committee for creating this event - (and special thank you to Baile, who I know had a big part of it.)

Thank you all for reading. Thank you for being a part of this community and my life. And...if you like... take a moment to think about what you are thankful for. I promise, you will feel a little glow at the end of it-just as I feel now.



For Jim Korhummel

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Full Moon, 11:55AM**

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – Bonnets and Bunnies Tea, 3:00PM to 5:00PM, Westport Hotel (reservations required – see p.2)**

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday**

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Thich Nhat Han Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Church (see page 3)**

## April Westport Calendar

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

**Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – All Fool’s Day CANCELLED** due to war and epidemic

**Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ramadan Begins At Sundown**

**Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – WMAC meeting CANCELLED.** Contact [WMAC95488@gmail.com](mailto:WMAC95488@gmail.com) for details

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Satsang with Babaji, 2:00PM, Westport Community Church (see page 3)**

**Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM (call Chief Dan Maxey at (707) 357-4353 to attend remotely)**

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Bookmobile, 9:00AM-9:30AM, Westport Store (masks encouraged)**

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM (call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom)**

**Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday**

**Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Passover Begins at Sundown**

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00AM, Westport Headlands (see page 2)**

**Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Westport Community Church Board Meeting, 6:30PM, Westport Church**

**Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Passover Ends at Sundown**

**Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Westport Village Society Board Meeting, 6:30PM, Westport Church**

**Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Bookmobile, 9:00AM-9:30AM, Westport Store (masks encouraged)**

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – New Moon, 1:28PM**

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