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The Westport Wave

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DeHaven Project Update

Westport Village
Society

The Westport Village Society has completed a grant application to acquire and plan future management of the DeHaven Creek and Headlands property. The budget for the grant includes the land purchase, additional studies, public input, preparation of a Management Plan, and the design and permitting of modest access improvements. We also met with representatives of several local tribes to open a conversation with them about facilitating traditional use of the property. An annual tribal walk on Branscomb Road took place on June 18th, culminating with festivities held at Westport Union Landing State Beach.

WVS has raised over \$21,000 over the past six months thanks to the generosity of over 50 donors. Those funds have supported many tasks necessary for the success of the project, as described in earlier articles. We are now ready to apply for grant funding from the California Coastal Conservancy. Support



2019 view of DeHaven Creek and Headlands facing east (courtesy of Google Earth).

letters for the WVS grant application for the “DeHaven Creek and Headlands Acquisition Project” would be very helpful. Contact www.wvs@westportvillagesociety.org for a sample letter you can tailor with your own sentiments.

We are still raising funds for long term management of the DeHaven property. Contributions can be made out to Westport Village Society and marked “DeHaven” in the memo line. Mail them to WVS, PO Box 446, Westport CA 95488. We are also looking for help with planning and management tasks. Please contact our email address or call Thad at (707) 964-7272.



The Westport Church

Peace Through Meditation With Babaji, Sunday July 3rd, 2:00PM

Learn simple practices to cultivate inner peace through meditation.

Satsang with Babaji at the Westport Church, 1st Sunday July 3rd, 2:00PM

Future Babaji satsang at the Westport Church: Sunday, August 7th at 2:00PM.



Babaji

Nothing exists by itself alone. We all belong to each other; we cannot cut reality into pieces. My happiness is your happiness; my suffering is your suffering. We heal and transform together.

Thich Nhat Hahn

Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group – Sunday July 10th, 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 – 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!



Some people remember riding on this old FBUSD bus, now donated for WVFD emergency training.

Westport Volunteer Fire Department News

WVFD

June was an eventful month for the Westport Volunteer Fire Department. We had our annual elections meeting on June 8, extrication training with CalFire on June 18, an extended 911 call on June 26, and helicopter training on June 29. Here are the results of our annual elections meeting:

- **Dan Maxey – Fire Chief, Board member and CEO**
- **Jeff Mathias – Assistant Fire Chief and Board President**
- **Ski Saunders – Fire Captain and Training Officer**
- **John Huff and Steve Goleman – Fire Captains**
- **John Allison – Board member and Secretary**
- **Ellie Kelsey – Board member and Treasurer**
- **Melinda McLaughlin – Board member**

For the extrication training we practiced rescuing passengers trapped inside a school bus. Working on a surplus bus donated by the Fort Bragg Unified School District, we used hand tools and battery-operated power tools to remove windows and doors and to cut escape hatches in the sides of the bus. Training with CalFire gave us the opportunity to learn excellent practical tips and to become familiar with the different tools each agency uses.

The extended call on June 26 involved the removal of a large diameter tree that had fallen across Usal Road, blocking access to and from Usal beach. A CalFire engine also responded to the call. After a fair amount of work the tree was removed from the road and access was restored.

Many of our 911 calls involve people with medical emergencies or traumatic injuries, and patients often need to be flown out by helicopter. Identifying and setting up landing zones, communicating by radio with incoming helicopters, and loading patients onto helicopters are skills we all need to have. More details about our helicopter training on June 29 will be provided in the next issue of the *Wave*.

Best wishes to everyone in our community for a happy and safe Fourth of July!



Removing a giant tree that fell on Usal Road June 26th.



Wanted!! Who Is This Man?

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Thad Van Bueren

Who is this man? If you know, I'd love to hear from you. This is just one example from several archive boxes of photos recently donated to the Westport Village Society by the heirs of the late Nedra Lancaster, a long time collector of Westport memorabilia.

Some general clues can be gleaned from careful examination of this 4x6 inch Albumin print. This type

of photograph is printed directly from a glass plate negative, not developed. It was the dominant method of reproduction from the 1860s until the early 20th century. We also know it was taken by Aurelius O. Carpenter who lived in Ukiah from 1859 to 1919 and is the author of a County history published in 1914. Further research is likely to reveal precisely when he added a studio in Fort Bragg.

The hairstyle and dress of this man offer additional clues that suggest it was taken in the last quarter of the 19th century. He has a moustache but no beard, a style most popular in the latter part of Carpenter's career. Notice this man is wearing a chatelaine hung from a double breasted coat with a Cambridge style collar and bow tie. Use of chatelaines went out of style by the turn of the century. My guess, subject to further refinement, is 1880s or 1890s.

As donations of local history materials continue to crop up, WVS could use your help cataloguing, scanning, researching, and preserving them. If this interests you, please contact me at (707) 964-7272 or wvs@westportvillagesociety.org. Visit the "Local History" page on the WVS website for more information:

<https://www.westportvillagesociety.org/history.html>.

Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub News

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

The Old Abalone Pub is open for dinner seating every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 5:00PM to 9:00PM. Reservations are welcome. We will be serving Saturday afternoon tea on July 2nd from 3:00PM to 5:00PM by reservation. Call 707-964-3688 to reserve your table!



246 years ago, Ben Franklin (left) conceived of it, John Adams (center) gave the speech that sold it, and Thomas Jefferson (right) wrote it. Happy Birthday to the Declaration of Independence!

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

Saturday, July 16th – **Westport Community Garden Volunteer Work Day, 10:30AM, Westport Community Garden**

Thursday, July 21st – Bookmobile, 9:00AM-9:30AM, Westport Store (masks encouraged)

Thursday, July 21st – Westport Community Church Quarterly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church

Wednesday, July 27th – Westport Village Society

Quarterly Board Meeting, 6:30PM by Zoom. See wvs@westportvillagesociety.org for details. It may be changed to in-person at the Church.

Tuesday, July 28th – New Moon, 10:54AM

Friday, July 29th – Islamic New Year Begins at Sundown

July Westport Calendar

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

Sunday, July 3rd – Peace Through Meditation with Babaji, 2:00PM, Westport Church (see page 2)

Monday, July 4th – Independence Day

Tuesday, July 5th – WMAC meeting, 7:00PM. Westport Community Church. Contact WMAC95488@gmail.com for details

Thursday, July 7th – Bookmobile, 9:00AM-9:30AM, Westport Store (masks encouraged)

Sunday, July 10th – Thich Nhat Han Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Church (see page 3)

Wednesday, July 13 – Super Full Moon, 11:37AM

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

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