

September 1, 2022

# The Westport Wave

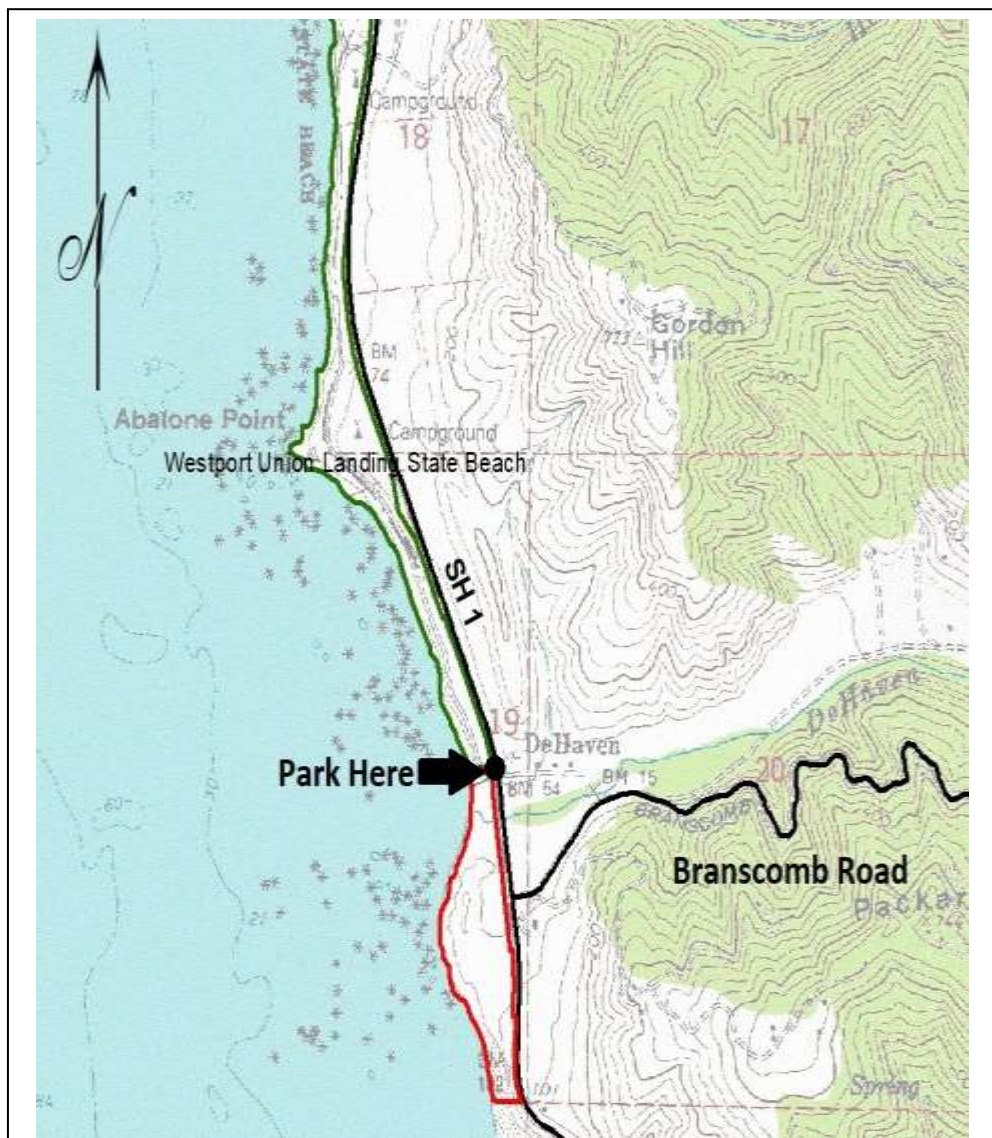
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## Meeting with the State Coastal Conservancy at DeHaven Beach on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Westport Village Society

You are invited to meet the Board of the State Coastal Conservancy at DeHaven Beach on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm. The next day at 10:00am at the Fort Bragg Town Hall they will decide whether or not to award a grant to the Westport Village Society to complete the acquisition. This is your opportunity to voice your strong support for permanent conservation of the property and protection of public access. It is also the autumn equinox—an auspicious time to visit this beach we all treasure!!

Thanks to your generous donations, WVS believes our grant application is pretty competitive. A show of support on the afternoon of September 21 will boost our chances of getting a green light. It is also a good chance to hike the property and see all it has to offer. Support letters to the State Coastal Conservancy can also be sent. Visit the “Projects” page on our website



Come celebrate the Fall Equinox at the DeHaven Beach Meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> and show your support for this great conservation project!

<https://www.westportvillagesociety.org/projects.html> to download a sample letter that you can personalize before sending. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org) or call Thad at (707) 964-7272.



Membership area for the Westport Church

membership is restricted to individuals over 18 years of age whose primary residence is within Townships 20 North and 21 North of Range 17 West of Township 21 North of Range 18 West of the Mount Diablo base meridian (see map above). Membership is not restricted by Spiritual orientation.

For those looking to get more involved in the WCC, contact me for a new board member application. I will need all applications completed and returned by October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Board members must be a member of the Westport Community Church. The candidates will be announced in the November edition of *The Westport Wave* and on the bulletin board at the Westport Community Store. Voting info. will be available at that time, as well. Contact me at [erind.3500@gmail.com](mailto:erind.3500@gmail.com) with any questions you may have. Thank you.

## New Westport Fire Safe Council First Meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>

Melinda McLaughlin

**The newly formed Westport Fire Safe Council will hold its first meeting on Saturday, September 10th, 2022, at 10:00AM at the Westport Firehouse.** Fire Safe Councils are grassroots, community-led groups organized to help residents protect their homes, communities, and environments from catastrophic wildfire.

Please attend! If you have questions in the meantime, contact Melinda McLaughlin at [melindasmclaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:melindasmclaughlin@gmail.com) or (707) 972-7840.

## Westport Community Church News

Erin Detrick, President , Westport Community Church

The Westport Community Church board members would like to announce that we are accepting new memberships. Family membership is \$30. Individual membership is \$20. These membership dues go towards the utilities and upkeep of the church and community hall. You will also be able to help with important decisions such as voting in the upcoming December election to fill the available board member position. Please have your membership dues in by no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Send dues, along with name(s), mailing address, and other contact info. to WCC, PO Box 23, Westport, CA. Eligibility for

## 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.** Saturday afternoon tea by pre-reservation request only. Please call (707) 964-3688 or email [westporthotel@mcn.org](mailto:westporthotel@mcn.org) for reservations.



The Westport Church

## The Sacredness of the Words We Speak

Baba Harihar Ram

Our voice is one of the greatest gifts that we are given. Paying attention to what you are saying, why you are saying it, and what you seek to accomplish by



Babaji

speaking is a spiritual practice that is simple and accessible to all.

Speech is something very tangible. We use our voice all day and every day. It is so close to us. Observing speech doesn't require anything from outside. It just requires our own presence to ourself. We honor our higher Self by paying attention to how we project ourselves into the world through our speech.

The words we say do not end after they have been spoken. They cause a ripple, put out into the emptiness, changing the universal consciousness. The words spoken by sages and saints in the past continue to reverberate today. Any prayers, any mantras, any sweet word that is put out in the universe lasts forever.

The day we truly become aware of this phenomenon that is happening through us, peace and beauty are created around us, and we come very close to realizing the timeless truth that we are not separate from the Divine.

*The mission of Baba Harihar Ram (Babaji) is to help people experience fullness in life through simple spiritual practices and meditation. He currently splits his time between the Sonoma Ashram in Sonoma and Upasana Hilltop Sanctuary here in Westport. For more information, please visit [www.sonomaashram.org](http://www.sonomaashram.org) or reach out by email at [info@sonomaashram.org](mailto:info@sonomaashram.org).*

## Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group – Sunday, September 11<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 Church Covid precautions.





## Westport County Water District News

### WCWD

The Westport County Water District (“WCWD”) held its monthly meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The WCWD is in the process of reviewing and implementing an updated delinquent payment policy and process. The WCWD is also compiling a list of qualified consultants that may assist on various projects (see the WCWD website or the August 2022 *Westport Wave*). The September 15, 2022 WCWD Regular Board meeting will address these topics amongst other topics. This is an open Board meeting for all to attend with an agenda item that allows for public comment.

WCWD also held properly noticed special Board meeting on August 23, 2022 to respond (on short notice) to Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services’ Proposed Amendment of the County’s General Plan to Address the Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities that Exist Within the County as Required by California Government Code Section 65302.10(a), and Senate Bill 244 (posted on the <https://westportcountywaterdistrict.com/> . We appreciate the Department’s interest in our input. The WCWD composed and issued a 3-page letter highlighting our interest in grants and other financial assistance to update the WCWD aging infrastructure

including treatment plant, water tanks, pumps, and pipes. Additionally, the WCWD letter stated that the WCWD water/sewer system is near capacity with little room for expansion. The WCWD letter stated that additional building and planning projects should carefully access and pay for any burden to or detrimental effect on water quality, quantity and sewage disposal, as well as environmental damage from any water table contamination, excessive water runoff, and slope stability resulting from building projects on adjacent lands to WCWD as well as within the District. The letter reply was sent on Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> and is posted on the WCWD Website under District News. The next WCWD regular meeting is currently scheduled to be held by Zoom on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Please Contact Kayla at [wcd55@gmail.com](mailto:wcd55@gmail.com) for the Zoom access link.

## Court-Ordered Community Service Opportunities in Westport

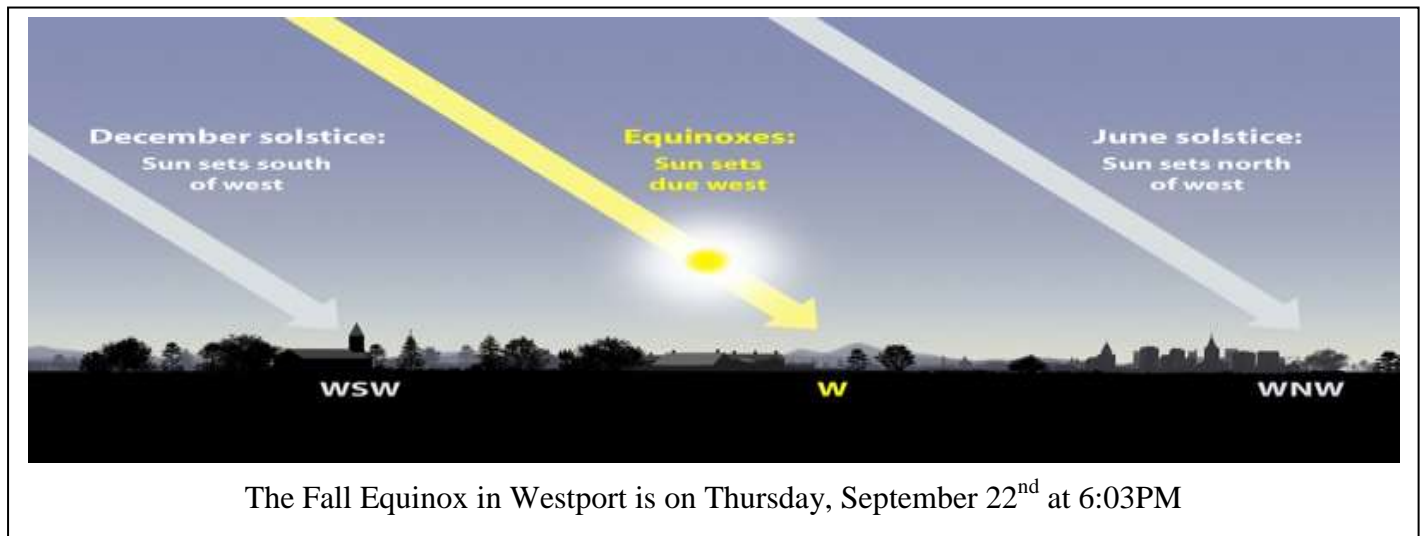
Gary Quinton

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](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!



## September Westport Calendar

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

**Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:30AM to 10:00AM, Westport Store (masks encouraged)

**Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** – Labor Day

**Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Municipal Advisory Council meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Church. Face masks required.

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** – Full Moon, 2:59AM

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** – First Meeting of the new Westport Fire Safe Council, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse (see page 2)

**Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Community Garden Volunteer Work Day, 10:30AM, Westport Community Garden

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** – Thich Nhat Han Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Church (see page 3)

**Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM (call Chief Dan Maxey at (707) 357-4353 to attend remotely)

**Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:30AM to 10:00AM, Westport Store (masks encouraged)

**Thursday, September 15<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) (see page 5)

**Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** – Westport Meeting with the State Coastal Conservancy, 3:00PM, DeHaven Beach (see page 1)

**Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Fall Equinox, 6:03PM

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** – New Moon, 2:54PM

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** – Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sunset

**Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Rosh Hashanah Ends at Sunset

**Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:30AM to 10:00AM, Westport Store (masks encouraged)

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**Contributions for our October 1<sup>st</sup> issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by September 27<sup>th</sup>**, and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at [westportwave@gmail.com](mailto:westportwave@gmail.com). Thanks!