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The Westport Wave

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Westport Halloween Oct. 31st!

Erin Detrick

It's Halloween! I am super-excited to announce this year's Halloween festivities. Like pre-Covid Halloweens, we will be trick-or-treating house to house, then celebrating with our Halloween potluck party. On Monday, October 31st, we will gather at the Westport Community Church around 5:15 PM. We'll take our traditional group photo then set out for town at 5:30 PM. As usual, we will walk as a group through town, escorted by the WVFD. Our route will start off by heading toward Omega, then we'll zigzag through town, then Pacific, and, finally, Hillcrest Terrace ending up at the church....where everyone is welcome to participate in the potluck party around 6:45 PM. Hope to see you all there! Lastly, I want to thank our wonderful community members who generously contribute every year to this event with their enthusiasm and awesome treats and goodies. Thank you to the Westport Volunteer Fire Department members who give their time to making sure we are all safe walking around town!

Day of the Dead Celebration at the Westport Cemetery Saturday Nov. 5th

Erin Brazill

For the first time in Westport, there will be a Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) celebration in our own Westport Cemetery from 4:30-6pm with the movie *Coco* following at the Community Center on November 5th around 6:30pm.

This is in remembrance of friends or family who have passed away. It is traditionally a two day or more event- usually held on October 31st, with continued celebrations on November 1-2. It is believed that on the 1st of November little babies and angels visit their loved ones on earth from Heaven and adults who have passed visit on the 2nd. It is an Aztec celebration that started in the 1500s and is still celebrated and beloved today in Mexico and in many parts of the United States by multiple cultures as well.





Hathorn will be playing Spanish style guitar during the celebration at the cemetery.

Day of the Dead costumes are encouraged, such as loosely worn Victorian Wear, colorful hats, top hats, and skeleton outfits.

Please bring flowers to put on graves. We will provide some flowers, glass jars and water. The Children's fund will provide flash lights to all families. We encourage people to bring LED candles, solar lights or battery operated lanterns if possible. A Westport fire person will be present with a fire extinguisher and first aid kit.

We will be showing the Disney Movie "Coco" (which has a Day of the Dead theme) at the Westport Community Center afterwards. We will be serving Pan Muerto and Hot Chocolate at the Community Center. This is a **free** family, multi-cultural event and we hope to see you all there!

This event is a collaboration between TLC (the Transition Learning Center from FBUSD), The Mendocino Coast Children's Fund, and the Westport Cemetery District.

If you have any questions or would like to help out in any way, please contact Erin Brazill or

[Juliana Sanchez](mailto:community@mccf.info) at the Children's Fund at community@mccf.info, 707-962-8111

Here is an informational article about Day of the Dead that you might enjoy.

<https://www.theplazarestaurant.com/the-history-of-day-of-the-dead-dia-de-los-muertos/>

We chose to celebrate on November 5th as in some areas of Mexico Day of the Dead is celebrated for the entire month. We also know Halloween is a big time in Westport and wanted to give ample recovery time. This is the first time ever this event has been planned to occur in Westport!

Please bring dishes that were favorites of your loved ones who have passed away as contributions to the appetizer-potluck at the cemetery. In addition, bring objects that had significance with your loved ones who have passed. Please also bring a photograph of a passed away loved one if possible so we can create a Day of the Dead altar on a table that evening.

We will also be cleaning and beautifying our Westport Cemetery. A committee is in place to keep it tidy and restore its usual setting the next day after the celebration.

On November 5th, we will have pinatas, music, and face painting as well as Day of the Dead bread and hot chocolate after at the Community Center. Sean

Westport Fire Safe Council Meeting on November 12th

Melinda McLaughlin

The Westport Fire Safe Council will hold its next meeting on Saturday, November 12th, 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.



Fall at the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

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

Our Fall Pub hours for dinner are 5:00PM to 8:00PM on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, closed at 8:30PM. We will be closed for our normal winter break in December and January and re-open on Valentine’s Day week in February. Come dine with us soon or just have a drink at the bar and enjoy the view.

We continue to offer Saturday Tea by advance reservation request. This is truly a delightful experience that is a perfect way to celebrate any occasion. Give us a call if you would like to plan a tea party. **Saturday Nov 12th is our annual “Pie and Other Things Pumpkin” contest.** Entry fee is \$10 or be a judge. The winner will receive a Gift Certificate for Saturday Afternoon Tea for two, a \$50 value.

On Sunday November 20th from 4PM to 8PM, we will host a very important fundraiser for our dear friend Lindsay Jacobson as she undergoes cancer treatment (see also page 8). Lindsay was raised in Fort Bragg, and you may know her or remember her as being a server here at the Pub many years ago. She is now a 5th grade teacher and a very active mom of 2. She has worked at Laytonville Elementary for 8 years as ESL teacher and multi grade teacher. She has coached numerous soccer and baseball teams. She loves to play on coed soccer and softball teams for our community.

Lindsay was diagnosed with breast cancer in early July. She has undergone one surgery and started chemo treatments in early August. She will be going through a lot more treatments and at least one more major surgery. As you know this weighs hard on expenses. Medical bills are starting to pile up and with Lindsay not able to work, this is a huge stress. She will not be returning to work until March 2023 and is not able to receive disability. If anyone can help in any way it would be greatly appreciated. Lindsay is ready to come back to her regular days at school with her students. Let’s show Lindsay some love! Here is the GoFundMe address:

<https://gofund.me/34c4504c>

November Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub Events:

Saturday, November 12th – PIE and OTHER THINGS PUMPKIN contest 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturday, November 12th – Musica Latina with Pura Vida , Chad, Annie, Nomi and James

Sunday, November 20th – Fundraiser for Lindsay Jacobson, 4PM to 8PM (dinner served 5PM to 8PM).

Saturday, November 26th – our last night for the season (5PM to 8PM)!

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24/7 Westport Wave

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The Westport Church

Westport Community Church News

Erin Detrick, President, Westport Community Church

The WCC would like to announce two candidates for the available board member position – Albert Roberts and Tabitha Korhummel. To be sent a ballot and have your vote count, you must have your membership dues paid; \$20 for individual or \$30 for family. Must live in the local area (see map below). Send dues to PO Box 23 Westport CA 95488. Ballots will be mailed out December 1st. Results will be announced in *The Westport Wave* January 2023 edition. Please email me with any questions erind.3500@gmail.com.



Westport Church Membership Area

Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group – Second Sunday, November 13th, 2:00PM

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.

The Wings of Knowledge and Action

Babaji

Knowledge and action are like the wings of a bird in the sky. Without one, the other remains incomplete.

Knowledge, like a map, will not take you anywhere unless you act on it. You must make the effort to explore and experience something in order to truly understand it. Without action, knowledge becomes a burden. Ignorance is bliss: it’s better to “not know” then to “know” and not act on that knowing.

Purification of the mind takes place through action. When we act on what we know, all the resistance in the mind goes away. If we are acting from the right sentiment, the mind is purified. When action purifies the mind, true knowledge arises, and liberation is obtained. We come to understand that we are not separate from the Divine, our own Higher Self.

When you acquire knowledge and act on it from the right place in your heart and mind, you catch the wind. Like a hawk soaring effortlessly with wings outstretched, you soar through life.

Babaji’s mission is to help people experience fullness in life through simple spiritual practices and meditation. He currently divides his time between the Sonoma Ashram in Sonoma and Upasana Hilltop Sanctuary here in Westport. For more information, please visit www.sonomaashram.org or reach out by email at info@sonomaashram.org.



WVS Solstice Gathering and Annual Meeting Recap

Bill Knapp, WVS President

It has been an eventful year for the community and for the Westport Village Society. To celebrate our connections and the successful conservation of DeHaven beach and headlands we're hosting a solstice/holiday gathering for the community. Please mark your calendars for a celebration Sunday December 18 from 5:00-8:00pm at the Westport Hotel. Food and drink will be available. Your gift is your presence. We look forward to catching up with you and exchanging ideas about how to make good things happen in the coming year!

By way of an update, Dorine Real and I were relected by WVS members to the Board and the Board appointed officers for the coming year. I will continue to serve as President, Thad Van Bueren will continue as Vice President, Gary Quinton will take over the Treasurer's duties, and Robert Finnell will serve as Secretary. We offer our deep gratitude to former Treasurer Rock Bush and former Secretary Erin Brazill for their dedicated service. We are excited to announce that work is beginning on an upgrade of the WVS website to improve communication with the community and our members. That redesign will include the addition of a way to become a member and donate to WVS online.

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.

Oktoberfest Celebration Success

WVFD

The *Oktoberfest* Celebration on October 22nd was a great success. More than a hundred people gathered outdoors at the Firehouse to enjoy good food and drink, live music and friendly conversation. Kids had fun in the jumpy house and then carved pumpkins a little later in the day. The weather even cooperated!

The Westport Volunteer Fire Department also raised some much-needed funds. We are very grateful for the support of our community which enables us to continue providing year-round 911 emergency response service on the northern Mendocino Coast.



Oct.22nd Oktoberfest (photo by Bob Finnell)



VOTE by November 8th!

November Westport Calendar

(Please see also the Westport Community Center activities and classes on page 3 and the Westport Hotel activities on page 4)

Monday, October 31st – Halloween (see page 1 for Westport Halloween festivities starting at 5:15PM)

Tuesday, November 1st – All Saints Day

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

Saturday, November 5th – Day of the Dead Celebration, 4:30PM to 6:00PM, Westport Cemetery (see page 1)

Sunday, November 6th – Daylight Saving Time Ends, 2:00AM (set clocks **BACK** an hour)

Tuesday, November 8th – Total Lunar Eclipse, 2:16AM to 3:41AM (maximum 2:59AM)

Tuesday, November 8th – Full Moon, 3:02AM

Tuesday, November 8th – Election Day

Tuesday, November 8th – Westport Municipal Advisory Council meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Church. Face masks required. Contact WMAC95488@gmail.com for info.

Wednesday, November 9th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM (call Chief Dan Maxey at (707) 357-4353 to attend remotely)

Thursday, November 10th – Bookmobile, 9:30AM to 10:00AM, Westport Store (masks encouraged)

Thursday, November 10th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM (call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom)

Friday, November 11th – Veteran’s Day

Saturday, November 12th – Westport Fire Safe Council Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse (see page 2)

Saturday, November 12th – Westport Community Garden Volunteer Work Day, 10:30AM, Westport Community Garden

Saturday, November 12th – Pie and Other Things Pumpkin Contest, 3:00PM to 4:00PM, Westport Hotel

Sunday, November 13th – Thich Nhat Han Discussion Group, 2:00PM, Westport Church (see page 5, please note new time)

Sunday, November 20th – Benefit For Lindsay Jacobson, 4:00PM to 8:00PM, Westport Hotel (see pages 4 and 8)

Wednesday, November 23rd – New Moon, 2:57PM

Thursday, November 24th – Thanksgiving Day

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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!

BENEFIT FOR LINDSAY JACOBSON



**Dinner Music
&
Silent
Auction
Nov.20th 4-8pm**

There will be lots of great auction items to bid on including: gifts, surfboards, original artwork, lodging gift certificates, firewood and more...Dinner is \$25 for adults and kids 12 and under are \$10 and will be serve 5-8pm. Lets do all we can to support Lindsay through her cancer treatment.

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