

February 1, 2023

# The Westport Wave

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## Westport Village Society Outlook for Spring and Summer 2023

Bill Knapp, President, WVS

December and January felt like a long dark and wet period. The rain was needed and welcome, but the sunny days at the end of January sure felt good. The WVS January business meeting reviewed the final details of the DeHaven Headlands and Beach acquisition. As you probably already have heard, the property is now under land trust conservatorship by the Westport Village Society. There is still work to do; create a Management Plan through Public meetings, develop a plan for access

improvements required by the California State Coastal Conservancy Grant, and manage the implementation of the access improvements.

In addition to Land Conservation activity, WVS will be restarting local community social activities. In 2020, WVS in partnership with Kyle Siler had planned to put on the Westport Whale Festival. Most of us remember January and February of 2020 for the county-wide Covid lock downs. All events were cancelled. This year the Chamber of Commerce, of which WVS is a member, is encouraging local coastal communities to restart their Whale Festivals. The



**The Westport Whale Festival Is Back This Year! Be there March 25<sup>th</sup>!**

WVS Board unanimously agreed to sponsor, working with Kyle Siler, the 2023 Westport Whale Festival.

Back in 2020 the Chamber, in an effort to spread out Whale Festivals on the North Coast of Mendocino, assigned weekends in March, Westport was given the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. **This year that will be Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar!** There will be much more information available via the Westport Wave, mailings, and the WVS Web site going forward. Please think about participating by attending with family and friends and possibly helping with planning and helping run activities at the Festival.



Much of the 2023 Westport Whale Festival on March 25<sup>th</sup> will take place on the Westport Headlands.

The event will be focused on the Westport Headlands, with some activities around the Westport Whale at Kyle's house just north of the Westport Inn.

**There will be a Special Board Meeting at 6:30 PM Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. The agenda will be split between Whale Festival initial planning and looking at possible additional activities and events through fall of 2023. This will be a combination in-person and Zoom meeting.**

An agenda will be sent out Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any ideas, please submit an email to [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org) or bring them to the meeting.

Spring is coming, along with the usual preparation at the Community Garden under Derek DiOrio's guidance; soil amendment, seedlings, bed cleaning, setting starts will begin soon. WVS wants to reach out to the community and nurture a renewed sense of making Westport a place we want to be.

## February Classes at the Westport Community Center

Various classes and meetings are planned at the Community Center in February. If you would like to host an event at the Community Center, please sign

up and put your phone number on the calendar in the Westport Store or contact Erin Detrick at [erind.3500@gmail.com](mailto:erind.3500@gmail.com) to ensure there are no scheduling conflicts. Event hosts are asked to follow simple rules posted in the two meeting halls. Masking is suggested but not required. A sliding scale donation of \$5-\$10 per person per session is suggested for ongoing classes:

- **Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:00PM** – RIPPED exercise program with Kayla. This combines resistance, speed, force, endurance, and core exercises to promote fitness.
- **Wednesdays at 9:00AM** – Tai Chi with Beck.

## Next Westport Fire Safe Council Meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>

Melinda McLaughlin

The Westport Fire Safe Council will hold its next meeting on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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.





The Westport Church

## Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group – Second Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Being of True Service in the World

Babaji

We all want to live with peace and happiness, away from struggles of any kind. How can we bring contentment into our lives?

There is a story from the ancient Vedic scriptures that guides us. Once upon a time, the devas (gods), demons, and humans were fighting amongst

themselves. The world was falling into chaos. Finally, a group went to seek the help of Brahma, the Creator. As he awoke from his deep meditation, Brahma uttered the sound:

**Daaaa**

From this sound, the overindulgent Gods understood: Daman – restraint (of the senses and desires). The cruel demons understood: Daya – compassion. The greedy humans understood: Daan – giving ... and peace prevailed.

If we apply this story to ourselves, we can see that the personalities of god, demon, and human all reside within us. When we connect with our own inner wisdom we can find peace by remembering daman, daya, and daan.

Restraining ourselves from overindulgence and practicing compassion, can we live in the world with an attitude of “what can I give?” instead of a preoccupation with “what do I want?” Can we give a smile? Can we give our attention? Can we give kindness, acceptance, love, and forgiveness?

Let our word for the new year be: **daan** – giving.

Let us seek out ways to give and, in doing so, be of true service to the world. It is only through selfless service that we can experience true peace and happiness in our lives.

*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](http://www.sonomaashram.org) or reach out by email at [info@sonomaashram.org](mailto:info@sonomaashram.org).*

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## Westport County Water District News

John Morrill, WCWD Operations Manager

Dear Residents of Westport County Water District,

Westport County Water District (CWD) has plans to apply to state funding programs for water and wastewater system improvements and upgrades that will include the following:

Westport CWD plans to apply for two planning applications and subsequent construction applications, one for drinking water and one for wastewater. The water system has a failing 100,000-gallon redwood tank that needs replacement and a desire to pursue a groundwater source to augment or replace our surface water source. Our wastewater lift station is in poor shape and needs refurbishment and all our buildings are deteriorated and need repaired or replaced.

As part of the application process, the funding agency needs to determine the median household income of the service area. Westport CWD will have an impartial third-party contractor perform a focused household income survey.

Income surveys require a high percentage of residents to respond for the survey to be considered valid. Submittal of incomplete or inaccurate income information could significantly delay or potentially jeopardize the service area's ability to receive state or federal funding support.

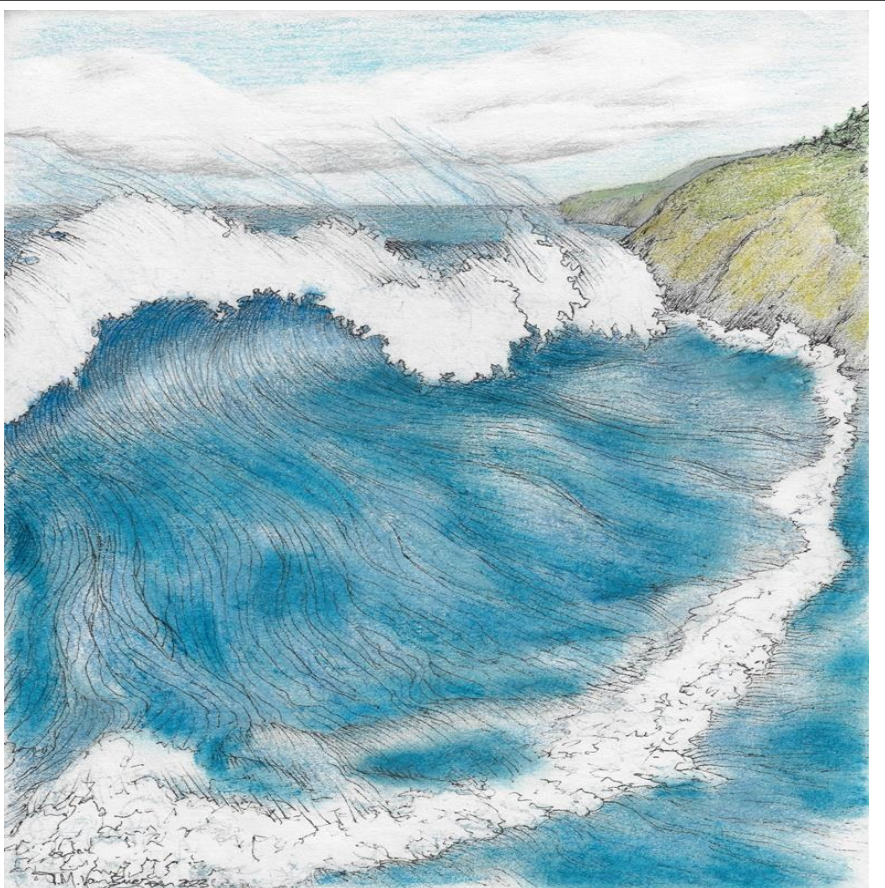
It is therefore critical that you provide the information requested accurately on the survey form. Your responses to this survey will be kept anonymous. No personal identifying information will be reported in the survey results.

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) will perform this survey. An income survey will be mailed to you in the next few days. Please complete the information and return it to RCAC using the self-addressed postage paid envelope provided. If unable to meet the response rate after repeated mailings, RCAC will perform door-to-door survey.

RCAC has been authorized to perform this survey on behalf of Westport CWD. You can help your community and Westport CWD obtain funding from federal and state funding agencies, so that needed improvements can be made. Thank you for your assistance. For more information, please feel free to contact:

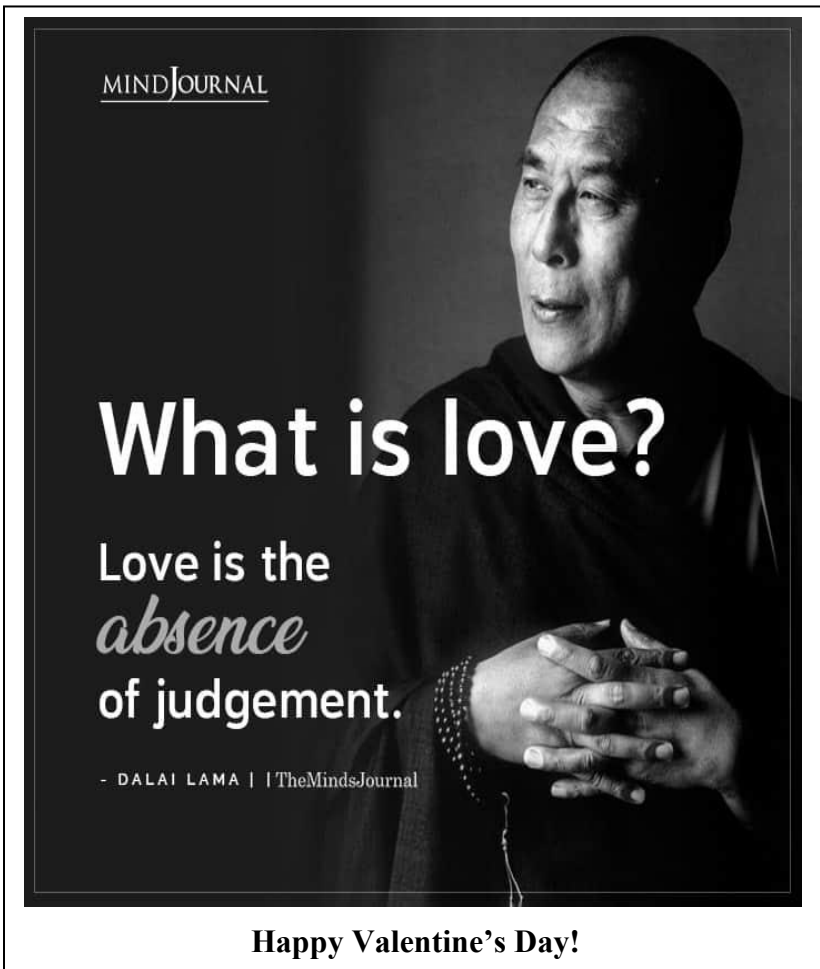
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**“The Beating Heart of Winter”, by Thad Van Bueren**





**Thursday, February 9<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)

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Fire Safe Council Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse (see page 2)

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Community Garden Volunteer Work Day, 10:30AM, Westport Community Garden

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** – Thich Nhat Han Discussion Group, 2:00PM, Westport Church (see page 3)

**Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Valentine’s Day

**Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Municipal Advisory Council meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Church. Face masks required. Contact [WMAC95488@gmail.com](mailto:WMAC95488@gmail.com) for info.

**Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:30AM to 10:00AM, Westport Store (masks encouraged)

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** – Super New Moon, 11:05PM

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** – Presidents Day

**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>** – Mardi Gras

**Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Ash Wednesday

## February 2023 Westport Calendar

*(Please see also the Westport Community Center activities and classes on page 2)*

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Groundhog Day

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:30AM to 10:00AM, Westport Store (masks encouraged)

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** – Micro Full Moon, 10:28AM

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM (call Chief Dan Maxey at (707) 357-4353 to attend remotely)

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** – Special WVS Whale Festival and 2023 Events planning meeting, 6:30PM, Westport Community Center and Zoom (see pages 1 and 2)

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**Contributions for our March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by February 26<sup>th</sup>**, and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at [westportwave@gmail.com](mailto:westportwave@gmail.com). Thanks!