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# The Westport Wave

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## Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fundraiser on the Westport Headlands Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Noon Until Dusk!

WVFD

Come join us on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> from noon until dusk for an afternoon of fun and great live music on the spectacular Westport Headlands, while supporting the Westport Volunteer Fire Department. This fundraising event will feature live music by Steven Bates and his band, Momma Grows Funk, West of Nowhere, Moon Rabbit, Sue Sisk and Friends, and Erin and Riley. Admission is free!

**Food trucks will have food for sale. Local craft beer and wine can be purchased. Coffee, sweets and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available for purchase.** Craft merchants will have their wares for sale, and there will also be a silent auction of some very special items.

There will be plenty of fun activities for the whole family, including a chance to watch a Cornhole Competition sponsored by Epic Graphics. A helicopter from Reach/CalStar may pay us a visit if weather and availability cooperate.

**This will be a great way to spend an afternoon and support the Westport Volunteer Fire Dept., which**



**provides initial 911 emergency response service 24/7, year-round, throughout an expanded area now covering roughly 120 square miles.**

Our fundraising goal for this event is to raise enough money to purchase a medical rescue skid mount unit and a firefighting skid mount unit for our new all-terrain emergency response vehicle, and a rescue wheel for our stokes basket litter. The medical rescue unit will enable our personnel to treat and transport a patient from the remote scene of an incident to an ambulance. The firefighting unit will make it possible for our all-terrain vehicle to extinguish a small fire before it spreads. The rescue wheel will make it possible for two people, rather than four, to move a patient from a remote scene to a location where the patient can receive emergency medical treatment.

**See you on August 19<sup>th</sup>!** (Sorry, no dogs.)



## Westport Hotel & Old Abalone Pub August Happenings

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager, Hotel and Pub

**The Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub are open for summer hours from 5:00PM to 9:00PM on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. We have music scheduled on most Saturday nights at 5:30PM.**

We serve afternoon tea every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday by reservation. Give us a call at (707) 964-3688 if you would like to plan a private tea party

## Roadside Fuel Reduction Plans for Westport in August

Carla Thomas, Westport Fire Safe Council

Hello Folks! Team Rubicon has been called to the Eastern US to help communities heavily impacted by

flooding and tornadoes. Thus, their work in Westport will be delayed.

The good news is we will be using our Mendocino County Fire Safe Micro Grant funds to start the roadside fuel reduction work during the same week as when Team Rubicon would have been here (the first full week of August). The MCFSC funds will bring in a local crew, Elk Ridge Tree Service, for the same important work, while expanding local employment opportunities and job training for our local labor force. You may have seen these crews working along Highway 1 between Rockport and Leggett last year.

Additionally, through the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council we will be working with the DSAFIE program to provide no-cost fuel reduction around homes. This program will remove brush or tall grass, trim trees, clean gutters, and rake from around your home to provide a larger defensible space. The work is done by insured contractors. You can also have a Fire Safe Home Assessment that can help you make the structure of your home safer.

If you are interested in any of these programs for your property, please contact Carla Thomas, [carlasthomas@earthlink.net](mailto:carlasthomas@earthlink.net) 707-272-1994 of the Westport Fire Safe Council to sign up. We will also have a table at the Westport Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Stop by with questions or to sign up for Fire Safe Assistance on your property.

We are fortunate that we have the support of the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council <https://firesafemendocino.org/> to assure that the Westport Fire Safe Council is able to begin and expand our Community's wildland fuel reduction program, making our private roads and defensible space around our homes safer.

### 24/7 Westport Wave

The Westport Wave is always free to everyone at any time on the Newsletter page of our website [www.westportvillagesociety.org](http://www.westportvillagesociety.org) – where you'll find our most current issue as well as over 11 years of monthly back-issues, all in living color, with live links! Check it out, and tell your friends!



The Westport Church

## Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group – Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:00PM

Baile Oakes

This Westport Community Church discussion group is focused upon the teachings of **Thich Nhat Hahn**. We will share his messages, different each month, and discuss how they might or might not influence how we show up for our selves and all Creation. This month, our quote is on Mother Earth (see box below left). We request that attendees be vaccinated and we will meet according to Church Covid precautions.

## Cultivating Vibrations of Gratitude

Babaji

***You carry Mother Earth within you. She is not outside of you. Mother Earth is not just your environment. In that insight of inter-being, it is possible to have real communication with the Earth, which is the highest form of prayer. —***

***Thích Nhất Hạnh***

All over the world there is so much calamity, so many natural disasters, wars, and famine. Here we live in a comfortable, clean and safe environment, in good health. There is enough to eat, we have shelter, and enough to cover ourselves. There is enough for our friends and families. No bombs are exploding next door. Our water is clean, our air is clean. We, truly, are blessed.

How often do we just take a moment to be in gratitude for all the blessings in our life? Sitting in silence and acknowledging the gifts we have been given is a powerful spiritual practice in and of itself. When we hold sentiments in the mind and heart like “I have enough” or “I am blessed” our body puts out vibrations of contentment and gratitude. These vibrations become nurturing and deeply healing for the world.

In this country particularly, we have so much. It is our responsibility to at least give something back in the form of good vibrations. Those vibrations do matter - they become medicine for our planet.

Gratitude is very powerful. When you are in gratitude, there is humility, and in this place blessings come and accumulate. Being of service in the world

flows naturally from us and is another way to express our gratitude.

Every little act counts. Find a way to put the other person's interest first. Even better, thinking about what the other might need or want that you can give without being asked for it, is the highest form of giving. Letting another pass on the freeway, allowing someone to go ahead of you in the check-out line, remaining calm when agitated are other forms of giving. By giving selflessly, we receive manifold.

There is so much strife, so much clinging, grasping, fighting, greed, fear, envy, jealousy, and hatred in this world. Those who are truly blessed do not add any more to this kind of negativity.

May we cultivate and spread vibrations of contentment and gratitude in our environment, in our home, in our society, in our nation, in our world.



*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).*

## Westport Community Church News

### WCC Board of Directors

The Westport Community Church Board met recently and would like to reach out to the community. Our facilities remain available for classes, meetings, social events, and other uses like the Community Garden hosted by Westport Village Society. Please sign up in advance on the calendar at the Store to reserve either or both of our buildings. For large events that may require a permit please contact Erin Detrick at [Erind3500@gmail.com](mailto:Erind3500@gmail.com) in advance to make

arrangements. Signing up ahead of time helps avoid scheduling conflicts.

Donations are always welcome in the boxes inside each building and at the Store. We depend on your generosity to pay the bills and keep the facilities available for the community. WCC is a nonprofit that strives to support and enrich our community. Members elect the Board of Directors to manage the daily affairs of the nonprofit with the help of volunteers. Membership is open to adults 18 or older who live in the local area most of the year. Contact Erin for a membership form if you'd like to get involved. We welcome ideas for making good things happen in our community.

Thanks to a generous donation this spring, the Church was treated for termites and other pests in late May. However, damaged wood still needs to be replaced according to the termite report. For that reason we are putting the word out that donations of materials and skilled labor would be much appreciated to complete those repairs. The community center building also probably needs a structural inspection and grounds keeping tasks like mowing need regular attention. If you want to lend a hand, please contact Erin Detrick. Enjoy the summer!

## 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.



newsletter by email as well as other interested parties such as the SCC and representatives of local tribes. You are invited to attend a public meeting at the property on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM to discuss the Draft MP and walk the property. Please park safely off Highway 1 at the southern (closed) gate of Westport Union Landing State Beach on the north side of DeHaven Creek.

## DeHaven Coastal Access

Thad Van Bueren

A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes to move the DeHaven conservation and public coastal access project forward. A botanical survey and wetland delineation is due by the end of July, allowing the Westport Village Society (WVS) to put the final touches on a draft Management Plan for the 26-acre coastal property at the mouth of DeHaven Creek. That MP will include a proposal for access improvements and other actions designed to facilitate coastal access, opportunities for recreation, and tribal uses that are compatible with wise conservation of natural resources, sensitive habitats, cultural and historical resources, and the scenic qualities of the parcel acquired last year by WVS with a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC).

A Draft MP will be posted on the WVS website by mid-August. Look for that posting at <https://www.westportvillagesociety.org/projects.html>. Comments, suggestions, and letters of support received before September 15, 2023 will be taken into consideration as WVS works to refine and finalize that plan. Notice of the availability of the draft DeHaven MP will be sent to people who get this

Proposed

improvements include a stairway, trail system, and parking lot on the southern headland, while the popular informal public foot trail from the northeast property corner to the beach will be maintained. Preliminary engineering plans have been prepared for the stairway and parking lot. The new concrete stairway with wood rails will be anchored to the exposed bedrock bluff south of the creek, providing access between the beach and southern headland. New foot trails set back from the edge of the south headland will be mowed but otherwise unimproved along routes that avoid resource impacts. A paved parking lot is proposed off State Route 1 south of its intersection with Branscomb Road to provide access to that new trail network and a sign will be placed at that trailhead.

The goal of the proposed improvements is to extend the California Coastal Trail about a half mile south from Westport Union Landing State Beach to the south end of the DeHaven property. Once the MP is finalized work will move forward on finalizing the engineering and applying for required permits. The permits are expected to include a Coastal Development Permit and a Caltrans Encroachment Permit. Please contact me at [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org) with questions and comments.

## Westport Community Garden News

Derek DiOrio

**Stop by YOUR Westport Community Garden in August for fresh, organically grown vegetables – ready for you to harvest, ABSOLUTELY FREE!** At the Westport Community Garden, fresh produce is free to everyone, every day, so please come do your part by harvesting regularly so that nothing goes to waste! Just bring your own cutting utensil and a bag to take your goodies home in. We're at the end of Abalone Street at the Westport Community Center (look for the greenhouse).

Despite an extended hiatus, the Westport Community Garden is back with an abundance of veggies for you this month. So much still needs to be done; but things are growing and veggies are ready for picking! There are numerous gopher remediation projects currently underway in the garden so mind the empty beds - these problems will be remedied soon and new starts will be planted. Currently available for harvest in the garden: zucchini, beets, kale, eggplant, cucumbers, pole beans, lettuce, peas, broccolini, rhubarb and a variety of flowers and herbs. Coming up this month we'll begin to see tomatoes, tomatillos, melons, and golden berries so keep checking-in on their progress!

**The Community Garden work day for August will take place on Saturday, August 19th @10:30am.**

Feel free to stop in anytime you feel like getting your hands in the dirt though - there are always weeds that need to be pulled, vines that need to be trellised and veggies harvested! **Happy Summer!**



*"I look into the grainy  
hole the gopher's dug with his  
skinny incisors, this corridor  
between worlds, and it's the sound  
that stops me. That unseen small  
tearing of the roots on such a  
serene morning. I'm watching the  
grass shiver. I'm leaning  
over, straining to hear it again."*

*- Ellen Bass*



**Same bear? The Bear in August 2019 on the corner of Pacific and Hwy.1 (photo by Janice Corlis)**

## **The Bad News Bear Is Back!**

**Steve Brigham**

The Bear is back! And if you live in the village of Westport, you know what I mean. In July, many people in the village had damage done from a marauding Black Bear, and if that bear was anything like the 2019 Westport Bear (or even the same bear – see photo above), it’s easy to imagine what damage this fellow could do.

Black Bears are magnificent animals, and they are very smart. They are also (especially the males) very big. To understand what Black Bears are really like think about their nose, which is as advanced as most any animal you’ll see. This puts them in conflict with humans when bears zero in on garbage and food smells, and they can demolish a small building with one swat of their mighty paw to get what they want.

So if you haven’t already done so, lock your garbage and freezers up tight in a safe area that the bear can’t get to. Don’t assume that the bear can’t smell your garbage just because you can’t. You just have to combat the bear’s strength with your own defenses.

It is sad when a bear gets used to garbage, because once they do, they can get addicted to it. But they’re just trying to eat like the rest of us. Getting close to a bear is of course inadvisable, but it is amazing to observe them from a safe haven. As long as The Bear isn’t eating you out of house and home!

## **Westport Village Society Elections Are Coming Up**

**Bill Knapp WVS President**

Four Westport Village Society Board positions will be up for election this year. The three year terms for three Directors, Thad Van Bueren, Derek DiOrio, and Robert Finnell are expiring. Rock Bush has resigned effective July 31st. Per the WVS By-Laws and Operations Manual, the one year remaining of his term can be filled by appointment or

election. Due to the closeness of the election, the Board decided to fill the vacancy by election.

If you are wondering how you can contribute to helping make Westport thrive, we encourage you to investigate and see if the WVS can help enable your ideas and energy for the benefit of the Westport community. Anyone can join WVS; to vote or run for a Board seat you must reside or own land in our membership area and be current in your dues payment. Visit [www.westportvillagesociety.org](http://www.westportvillagesociety.org) for more information. You can also download our Board Manual to get a better idea of what we do and how we are organized.

If you are interested in running for a Board position, the deadline to declare interest and submit a brief statement is August 29<sup>th</sup>. Please send that information to: [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org) so it is included in the September 1<sup>st</sup> edition of this newsletter. Your name and statement will also appear in an Election Packet with ballots and detailed voting instructions that WVS will send to members and prospective members prior to the October 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Member Meeting. Your statement should explain why you are interested in running and something about your background/skills. If you are not a current member, you need to renew or submit a membership form with current dues payment before or with your application to be placed on the ballot.



**ENJOY THE SUMMER !!!**

## August 2023

### Westport Calendar

Ongoing classes at the Westport Community Center:

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

*(Please Note: Wednesday morning Tai Chi with Beck will resume after Labor Day.)*

**Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – Super Full Moon, 11:31AM**

**Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Store

**Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Westport Municipal Advisory Council meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Center & Zoom; contact [WMAC95488@gmail.com](mailto:WMAC95488@gmail.com) for details.

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

**Thursday, August 10<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)

**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** – Thich Nhat Han Discussion Group, 2:00PM, Westport Church (see page 3)

**Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** – **Micro New Moon, 11:31AM**

**Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Store

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Community

Garden Volunteer Work Day, 10:30AM, Westport Comm. Garden (see p. 6)

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fundraiser, Noon to Dusk, Westport Headlands (see page 1 and flyer on p.9)**

**Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** – **Super Blue Full Moon, 6:35PM**

**Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Store

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NOON TO SUNSET 8.19.23

LOCAL CRAFT BEER & WINE FOR PURCHASE. COFFEE

VENDORS. SILENT AUCTION. FOOD TRUCKS. SWEETS.

DRINKS. CORNHOLE COMPETITION BY -EPIC GRAPHICS.



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FRIENDS. ERIN AND RILEY. &  
STEVEN BATES(SOLO)**



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