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# The Westport Wave

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## Westport Municipal Advisory Council Meeting Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

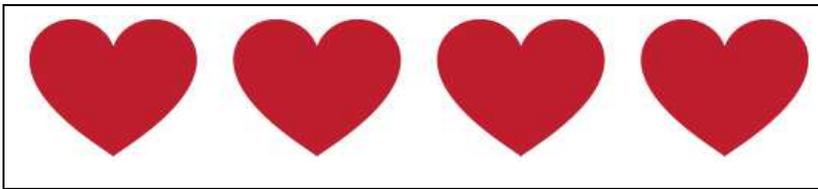
Thad Van Bueren

Several topics of potential interest to the Community will be considered at the Westport Municipal Advisory Council meeting on Thursday June 6 at 7:00PM at the Community Center. They include a pending Timber Harvest in Chadbourne Gulch, an update on the transfer of the Blues Beach property from Caltrans to a Tribal nonprofit, a pending request to PG&E to add more cutoff switches on branching power lines, and updates on responses to WMAC letters about repairs to roads in the village, abandonment of the Cahto-Westport County Road, and CDP#2024-0011 (proposed demolition of some buildings at the old Devilbiss property on Route 1 near Usal Road).

We encourage you to attend in person to ensure the best opportunity for full participation. The agenda

and other information will be posted 3 days before the meeting on the "Next Meeting" tab of the WMAC website: <https://www.wmac95488.org/>. As an alternative to in person attendance you can participate via Zoom. We will do our best to accommodate online access, but please be aware we are community volunteers with limited technical expertise. The Zoom hosting will be turned on 10 minutes before the meeting and you should try to join early. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89729906777?pwd=2bv6EWYcpopgxrZ358gpIixDUk8dPc.1>; ID: 897 2990 6777; Passcode: 7k8FN4

There are currently two open seats on the Board of the WMAC. Information about the activities of this Council can be found on its website listed above. If you have an interest in community service and are registered to vote in the WMAC sphere of influence, you are encouraged to apply through the office of the Board of Supervisors. Information and the application form are available at: <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/board-of-supervisors/boards-and-commissions>.



## 2024 Special Events In Westport

Sheila Winslow

### Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub Summer Hours

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager, Hotel and Pub

The Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub Summer Hours starting June 1<sup>st</sup> are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 5:00PM to 9:00PM and Sundays from 5:00PM to 8:30PM. We also serve Saturday Afternoon Tea every 3rd Saturday by reservation from 3:00PM to 5:00PM.

Please call for more information – 707-964-3688. Thanks!

### Free Food For All at the Westport Choice Pantry

Melinda McLaughlin

The Westport Volunteer Fire Department is currently hosting a Food Pantry with food for all community members on the third Wednesdays and Thursdays of the month. Fresh produce, meat, dairy, cereal, canned goods, pasta, and juice are available for pick up. Bags are at the ready! Kids' bags with diapers are available as well.

We are located at the Westport Firehouse, 37551 Shoreline Highway, Westport.

Wednesday hours (this month June 19<sup>th</sup>) are 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Thursday hours (this month June 20<sup>th</sup>) are 10:00AM to Noon.

In addition, we are considering being open on the third Saturday of the month as well. If you would like to assist in that regard, please call 707.972.3583. Thank you in advance for your support!

Hello to everyone! For those of you that I have not had the opportunity to meet yet, my name is Sheila Winslow and I bought Kyle's house and whale this past July. I am looking forward to being part of the Westport community! I have dreamed of living here for decades and hope to be here full time very soon!

I have joined up with Erin at the Westport Community Church and Community Center, and we are looking at the following events at the Community Center this year. Some of these are new and some of them are annual events. Please mark your calendars!

**Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** – Community Craft and Rummage Sale!

**August** – no events in August due to heavy participation by all for the WVFD Barbecue

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** – Homecoming Dance

**Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Halloween Potluck and Trick-or-Treat Event

**Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Community Church Bazaar

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Holiday Tree Lighting and Children's Christmas Party with Santa and Mrs. Claus

We have created a Facebook page and hope to get it off the ground this upcoming week under the name Westport,CA Church and Community Center. It will show all the calendar events along with Tai Chi on Wednesdays and the walking group on Sundays. We are of course open to any and all suggestions that can be beneficial to bringing the community together. If you would like to host an event or volunteer to help out on an upcoming event please reach out to Sheila @ text/call 916-812-3528 or [sheilawinslow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sheilawinslow@sbcglobal.net) or Erin @ [erind.3500@gmail.com](mailto:erind.3500@gmail.com) I hope to see you at an event soon!



The Westport Church

### **Thich Nhat Hanh Discussion Group Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00PM**

Baile Oakes

This **Westport Community Church** discussion group is focused upon the teachings of **Thich Nhat Hanh**. 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 Compassion, Understanding, and Love (see box at right). We request that attendees be vaccinated and we will meet according to 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 [www.westportvillagesociety.org](http://www.westportvillagesociety.org) – where you'll find our most current issue as well as over 12 years of monthly back-issues, all in living color, with live links! Check it out, and tell your friends!

*Understanding and Love are not two separate things, but just one. To develop understanding, you have to practice looking at all living beings with the eyes of compassion. When you understand, you cannot help but love. And when you love, you naturally act in a way that can relieve the suffering of people.*

**Thich Nhat Hanh**



Babaji

## Seva (Selfless Service): Witnessing Kindness in Our Community

Babaji

The Sanskrit word “seva” means selfless service. Seva is an integral part of spirituality. There is an old Indian saying: A tree does not eat its own fruit and a river does not drink its own water. It is for the welfare of the other that a good soul takes this body.

This is the essence of seva - acts of giving for which we expect nothing in return. When we are aware of all of the blessings in our lives, we are filled with a sense of gratitude. The overflow of this fullness manifests as seva in the world. Seva requires generosity of the heart. Living in the world with the attitude of “What can I do for you?” If it is within our means to fulfill that need, even after a little sacrifice or inconvenience, it is a noble thing to do.

Usually in our interactions we are always looking for an exchange for our good deeds. Whenever an exchange is involved, there is a transaction that ends. The experience of seva is different. With seva, the feeling of gratitude in the heart of the recipient keeps coming to us in the form of blessings.

We have to come from a place of fullness to give. If we expect anything in return for our actions of kindness, even acknowledgment or thanks, we short-change ourselves of the real blessings of seva. Our act becomes self-serving. If we are not careful, our good deeds can easily turn into acts of self-aggrandizement and we end up deluding ourselves.

Seva is not only working in soup kitchens or shelters. We engage in seva any time we put others' interests first. Sometimes it takes very little - it can be letting someone go in front of you in line or picking up trash on the beach. And seva can be as large-hearted as opening your home to someone in need, like a neighbor of ours who recently offered shelter and support to a refugee family.

The mind will say, “What is in it for me?” When you engage in seva, you are always getting ten times more back. It may not be very apparent, but the fruit of that action comes back to you and is received by your deep Self.

When a visiting friend became lost last week, we witnessed a profound example of seva in our community. The Mendocino County Sheriff personnel and emergency services personnel responded immediately with kindness and compassion; neighbors, Search and Rescue volunteers and Westport Fire Department volunteers immediately mobilized to join the search effort. Our hearts were filled with gratitude at the selfless service of everyone who gave so generously of themselves, expecting nothing in return.

If we pay attention, there is seva happening around us all of the time.



*Babaji's mission is to help people experience fullness in life through simple spiritual practices and meditation. He 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). We'd love to hear from you!*



also use some help with several other interesting “challenges” that require ingenuity, research, and tenacity. Those tasks include convincing the phone company to relocate their overhead phone lines to improve the scenic vistas and to encouraging the owners of buried mineral rights to donate them to WVS. If you’d like to help WVS with any of those tasks, or other aspects of managing and maintaining the property, please send an email to [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org) or call me 964-7272 to discuss opportunities and needs.

## 50 Years Ago In Westport

Here (below) is a photo taken by Bill Brazill in 1973 of a residence at the northeast corner of HWY 1 and Pelican Street. Quite a nice little place for those days!

## DeHaven Project

Thad Van Bueren

The State Coastal Conservancy approved adding \$20k to the grant awarded to the Westport Village Society for the DeHaven Project in mid-April. That extra funding will cover a geotechnical engineering study for the proposed stairway location and redesign of the stairs in order to meet the requirements of the Mendocino County Department of Planning and Building Services. The WVS contracted Brunsing & Associates to carry out the geotechnical “Slope Stability Study” for the stairs. The field work was completed on April 29. Once the geotechnical report is complete it will be sent to the County, SCC, and our Engineer to inform the stairway redesign. The revised stairway design will then be submitted as an amendment of the Coastal Use Permit WVS applied for in late 2023.

We are also planning to monitor bluff retreat on the DeHaven property by setting several fixed monuments and making annual measurements from those points to bluff edge. We could





**Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Zoom. Call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom.

**Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** – **Father’s Day**

**Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** – **Eid al-Adha Begins at Sundown**

**Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** – **Juneteenth**

**Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Food Pantry, 6:00PM to 8:00PM, Westport Firehouse (see page 2)

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to

9:30AM, Westport Store

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Food Pantry, 10:00AM to 12:00PM, Westport Firehouse (see p.2)

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** – **Summer Solstice, 1:50PM**

**Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** – **Full Moon, 6:07PM**

## June 2024 Westport Calendar

Ongoing classes at the Westport Community Center:  
**Wednesdays at 9:00AM** – Tai Chi with Beck.

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**Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** – **New Moon, 5:37AM**

**Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Store

**Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** – **Westport Municipal Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Center (see page 1 and <https://www.wmac95488.org/> for details)**

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** – Thich Nhat Hanh Discussion Group, 2:00PM, Westport Community Church (p.3)

**Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** – **Shavuot Begins at Sundown**

**Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Firehouse

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**Contributions for our July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by June 27<sup>th</sup>**, and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at [westportwave@gmail.com](mailto:westportwave@gmail.com). Thanks!