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The Westport Wave

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Westport Village Society Annual Meeting October 4th

Bill Knapp, President, WVS

You are cordially invited to participate in the Annual Member Meeting of the Westport Village Society on Friday, October 4th at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Center. A Social Mixer will begin at 6:30 PM with drinks and food and a chance to join or renew your membership. The Meeting will be called to order at 7:00 PM as a combination in person and Zoom meeting. The Zoom link and credentials follow:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81579263600?pwd=1BOUWgvpLJhEcEaftfiRd5OSakYeJg.1>

Meeting ID: 815 7926 3600

Passcode: 9n90JD (using a computer) or 010428 (using a phone)

Find your local dialup phone number:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81579263600?pwd=1BOUWgvpLJhEcEaftfiRd5OSakYeJg.1>

The Meeting Agenda has two sections; First is WVS Business, with a brief review of WVS activities, a financial report, and voting for two open Board positions. Second is a Town Hall open discussion about directions for future efforts and activities that further our mission of serving the community and conserving local land. To find out more about Westport Village Society and its mission please visit:

<https://www.westportvillagesociety.org/>

Two Westport Village Society Board positions will be up for election this year. The three year terms for two Directors, Sebastian Regalia and Kayla Cooper have expired. Two persons indicated interest in the open Board positions as of the August 27 application deadline. Mr. Sebastian Regalia committed to run for reelection, while Gary Quinton (a former director and the current Treasurer) subsequently withdrew as a candidate. As a result, an in-person election will occur with an opportunity for additional candidates to declare themselves. Voting will either be by acclamation if there are only two candidates or by a secret ballot (if there are more than two). We hope to see you at the 2024 WVS Annual Member Meeting!

Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub October News

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager, Hotel and Pub

The Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub Fall Hours are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 5:00PM to 9:00PM. 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 October 16th) are 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Thursday hours (this month October 17th) 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!

MOVIE NIGHT, MOVIE NIGHT, MOVIE NIGHT!

Rob Holt

Movie Night Wednesday, October 30th at 5:30pm
at the Westport Community Center

Bring your favorite chair, spooky mask/costume,
and sweet treat if you like! Hope to see you there!

Main Feature: The 1988 Classic BEETLEJUICE.

Contact Rob Holt holtroba@gmail.com if you have
any questions. (see flyer on page 8)

Westport Halloween and Potluck Thursday, Oct. 31st, Starting at 5:15PM at the Westport Church

Erin Detrick

Ghouls, goblins, local families and friends, please join us on October 31st for trick-or-treating fun followed by a yummy potluck. Will meet at the Westport Community Church at 5:15PM. We will take our traditional group picture, then set out, escorted by members of the Westport Volunteer Fire Department. The trick-or-treating route will begin with Abalone St. and then the Omega loop, then will zigzag through town down Seaview, Pelican, Pacific, and Hillcrest Terrace ending up back at the Church. Potluck will start when the kids are done with trick-or-treating. Everyone is invited. Please bring a yummy dish to share. If you have any questions please text/call Erin at 707-489-2546 or see me or leave a message at the Westport Store. Thank you! See you all there!

A Thank-You to the Westport Community Church and the Westport Hotel

Ann Woodhead

On Saturday, September 21st, my son Dan Swearingen married his partner Allie Mages in a non-denominational ceremony at the Westport Community Church. The wedding was followed by a reception at the Westport Hotel. The whole event was joyous, and it couldn't have happened in the same way anywhere else. The weather was beautiful, Allie's mom decorated the church beautifully, and the reception was lovely: the table settings were elegant, the service warm and accommodating, the food top-notch, and the wedding cake was both beautiful and delicious. Allie, Dan, and our families and friends had a wonderful time. So cheers and thanks to Erin, Tabby, Kayla, Odile, Shelby, Mia, and all those who helped make this event so special for me and my family. I love Westport!



The Westport Church

**Thich Nhat Hanh Discussion
Group Sunday, October 13th, 2PM**

Baile Oakes

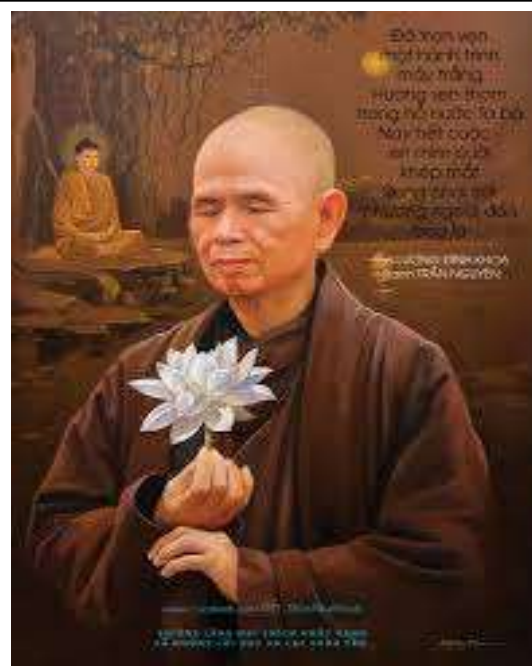
This **Westport Community Church** discussion group is focused upon the teachings of **Thich Nhat Hanh**. We will share his messages, different each month, and discuss how they might or might not influence how we show up for our selves and all Creation. This month, our quote is on Fear (see box at upper 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 – 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!

“The only way to ease our fear and be truly happy is to acknowledge our fear and look deeply at its source. Instead of trying to escape from our fear, we can invite it up to our awareness and look at it clearly and deeply.”

Thich Nhat Hanh



Thich Nhat Hanh



Babaji

Facing Fear

Babaji

When we look at the way our society runs, the way that nations run, the way our world is run - it is based on fear. Sometimes this is true even in our own lives.

In yogic tradition, the root cause of fear is attachment. Attachment to what we have, attachment to happiness, comfort, the experiences of our senses, the experiences of our mind. We are attached to this life - we want it to go on forever. Yet we all know, nothing lasts forever and someday we too will need to leave this world.

Our attachment to those things that we enjoy are actually the cause of fear. The fear that governs our life, ruins our life.

But there is something inside each of us that is fearless: our True Self. This aspect of ourselves is pure, unblemished, whole and complete. Nothing can be added to it or taken away from it. It is always there, shining, yet it gets covered under the layers of worldly maya (illusion).

It is the simplicity of our mind and the generosity of our heart that removes our fear.

Look at what you are afraid of and how much energy you put into it - either pushing it away or letting it chase you away. We spend so much of our time and energy protecting ourselves from what we are afraid of. Whatever you are afraid of losing, can you be generous with it and share with others? You will see, the fear of losing goes away. Once your life becomes a life of service, you become fearless.

If you look at fear, it's really just imagination. A creation of the mind. We see a rope coiled on the ground, and in fear, believe it to be a snake. Before jumping and running away - take a closer look. Maybe it's not what it appears to be. How real is the fear that you are experiencing? Often the reality is very different from what our mind creates. Even if the worst of our fears actually comes true, in that moment you will find that you are also given the strength to deal with it.

Whenever you are feeling crippled by fear, the best thing to do in that moment is to just stop, take a step back, and say to yourself, "What am I grateful for?" Shift the focus of your mind to the blessings in your life. Look around you. Is there something you can do to help another or make your environment look a little nicer? There is so much power in simple acts of kindness.

We have a choice. Do we live in fear or can we acknowledge the attachment that is at its root and live with the knowledge that "Whatever happens, I will make the best out of it."

The day we give ourselves that permission, fear will have no grip over us.



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 or reach out by email at info@sonomaashram.org. We'd love to hear from you!

A Case of Credible County Corruption

Gary Markley

June 8, 1990 Mildred Bouldin et al. (predecessor in title to Roger Burch) filed Case Number 60508 alleging that Cahto Road was public between Westport and Cahto.

May 7, 1993 No. 60508 ORDER GRANTING SUMMARY ADJUDICATION Cahto Road has been a public road since no later than 1878. (" *D. Ruling on the MARKLEY and BOULDIN Motions ... Without conflict, these undisputed facts establish that, where it passes through the SIAMEX property, the Cahto Road is part of the Westport and Cahto Road, which first existed and was first used by the public no later than 1878, and which was first officially recognized by the County as a public road on February 18, 1878 ...*" and also "In addition to the facts determined above to be undisputed facts, the court finds, based on Mr. Way's declaration, that the COUNTY'S proffered Fact 15 is undisputed; that is that — The road delineated on the "Road Surveys of Mendocino County "denominated "Jackson Valley and Westport" Road is the same as shown on the 1977 U.S. Topographic Map, commonly known as Cahto Road, which passes through the Siamex property. There is no triable issue as to any material fact and that the COUNTY is entitled to judgement as set forth hereinabove.")

The court records of 60508 inexplicably vanished.

November 22, 2019 Roger Burch dug 3 very deep trenches across Cahto Road blocking all traffic.

February 4, 2021 Case No, SCUK- CVC- 21- 25067 was filed alleging (among other things) that Roger Burch's conduct constitutes a public nuisance.

September 27, 2022 Roger Burch et al. filed First Amended Cross-Complaint adding the County as an indispensable party. Paragraph 16 states "... If the court determines that Cahto Road is a public road, it should declare that cross-defendant County of Mendocino has a duty to maintain said road, include it in the county road system, and provide law enforcement patrols along its entire length."

The court has already determined that Cahto Road is a public road. The Board of Supervisors alone has the power to accept a road into the county road system by the adoption of a resolution accepting the road into the county road system. The board has not accepted Cahto Road into

the county road system. "No public or private road shall become a county highway until and unless the board of supervisors, or its designee, by appropriate action, has caused the road to be accepted into the county road system. No county shall be held liable for failure to maintain any road unless and until it has been accepted into the county road system by action of the board of supervisors or its designee." Streets and Highways Code Sec 941 (b).

The county has no obligation to maintain Cahto Road. Paragraph 16 is frivolous!

March 6, 2023 Judge Jeanine Nadel ruled the judgment in case 60508 brought by Burch's predecessor in title could not be referenced in Case No. SCUK- CVC- 21- 25067. Jeanine Nadel was deputy county counsel 1990 to 2000 and Mendocino County Superior Court Judge from June 2012 to January 1, 2024.

June 14, 2023 In response to Jarrod Schwass' statement that the county may vacate the road to avoid any maintenance obligations Michael Miller asked what law is contrary to Streets and Highways Code Section 941 (b). To this day we have not received a response from Jarrod Schwass.

March 12, 2024 Jarrod Schwass gave a presentation "4c Summarily Vacating Old County Wagon Road" (resolution No. 24-043) totally lacking in veracity, leading the board to believe that this road had no history beyond "an old county wagon road map dated in the eighteen hundreds" and that if the road were judged to be public the county would be required to bring the road into the county system resulting in a cost that the county could not afford. Jarrod Schwass is a lawyer. He knows or should know that his statement is false. Cahto Road HAS BEEN declared to be a public road. The county IS NOT required to maintain it.

Not adopting this resolution would NOT burden the county in any way; adopting the resolution would extinguish an important public benefit, erase Mendocino County history, and would only serve to excuse Roger Burch from illegally blocking the road. After Schwass' presentation the board voted to adopt the resolution. I think, either the board members are complicit in this corruption or they have been duped. What do you think?

(Editor's Note: The Westport Wave and The Westport Village Society have no opinion in this matter, but instead include Mr. Markley's report here as a community topic for your consideration. Please address all comments to Gary Markley.)

Westport 50 Years Ago by Bill Brazill



Here is a photo of the Dodge-Millberry House taken by Bill Brazill in 1973. On Hwy 1 in Westport, this iconic old house has been around for a long, long time, and is an example of the Spartan functionality of the early Westport homes. To this day, it is readily identifiable by the Dodge-Millberry sign over the front porch. 50 years ago, you could rent this house for \$50 per month when it was available.



Westport Halloween October 31st! (see p.2)

October 2024 Westport Calendar

Ongoing classes at the Westport Community Center:

Wednesdays at 9:00AM – Tai Chi with Beck.

Wednesday, October 2nd – Micro New Moon, 11:49AM

Wednesday, October 2nd – Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown

Thursday, October 3rd – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Meeting CANCELLED

Friday, October 4th – Westport Village Society Annual Members’ Meeting, Westport Community Center, 6:30PM, meeting starts at 7:00PM (see page 1)

Wednesday, October 9th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

Thursday, October 10th – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Store

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

Friday, October 11th – Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown

Sunday, October 13th – Thich Nhat Hanh Discussion Group, 2:00PM, Westport Community Church (page 3)

Monday, October 14th – Indigenous Peoples Day

Wednesday, October 16th – Westport Food Pantry, 6:00PM to 8:00PM, Westport Firehouse (see p.2)

Thursday, October 17th – Super Full Hunter’s Moon, 4:26AM

Thursday, October 17th – Westport Food Pantry, 10:00AM to Noon, Westport Firehouse (see p.2)

Thursday, October 17th – Westport Community Church Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Church

Wednesday, October 23rd – Westport Village Society Quarterly Board Meeting, 6:30PM, Westport Community Center

Thursday, October 24th – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Store

Wednesday, October 30th – Movie Night, “Beetlejuice”, seating starts 5:30PM, movie starts at 6:00PM, Westport Community Center (see page 2 and flyer page 8)

Thursday, October 31st – Halloween

Thursday, October 31st – Westport Halloween festivities, including trick-or-treating in town and a potluck, start at 5:15PM (see page 2)

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Contributions for our November 1st, 2024 issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by October 27th, and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at westportwave@gmail.com. Thanks!

MOVIE NIGHT

5:50 At the Community Center

Wednesday

10/30



Bring a chair &
sweet treat
Popcorn will be
served

Seating @ 5:30

Movie starts @ 6:00

