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The Westport Wave

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Westport Holiday Bazaar Saturday, December 7th 11:00AM to 3:00PM

Erin Detrick, WCC President

Please join us for our annual Westport Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 7th, 2024 from 11AM to 3PM at the Westport Community Center. Talented artisans will have their artwork, jewelry, and other handmade goods beautifully displayed to make your holiday shopping easy. Local baked goodies and treats will be available, as well. There will be a Westport Community Church/Center membership drive/information table where I will be there to answer any questions about how to get more involved in our organization. If you, or anyone you know would like to be part of this event, please contact me at erind.3500@gmail.com, text/leave message at (707) 489-2546, or find me at the Westport Community Store. Thank you for your support!

Light the Tree with Santa Saturday, December 7th at 5:30PM

Val Hale and Erin Detrick

Local families and friends, please join us on Saturday, December 7th at 5:30PM across from the Westport Store to help Santa light the Westport Christmas Tree! After lighting the tree, Santa will hand out presents. Parents, please RSVP to Erin ASAP to ensure Santa knows who is getting a gift. Locals who have been asking about how they can donate a gift for the event, please have a ready-to-play-with, wrapped \$12-\$15 present turned into the Westport Store by December 1st, 2024. Please indicate if the gift is for girl/boy/unisex and for what age. You can get information & RSVP by coming by/calling the Westport Store (707) 964-2872 or contact Erin at (707) 489-2546 or email erind.3500@gmail.com. Let's keep the tradition alive! Happy Holidays!



WESTPORT HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES DEC. 7th!

Westport Community Holiday Dinner Saturday, December 7th

Sheila Winslow

Mark your calendar! The Westport Church and Community Center has something for everybody on Saturday, December 7th! As you have already read there is a Holiday Bazaar, followed by the tree lighting ceremony and a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus! After the tree lighting please join all of us, your community, for a Christmas dinner at the Community Church and Community Center! The Westport Hotel will be contributing a Turkey. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Westport Store and we are looking for folks to bring their favorite holiday potluck dish. Or you can text, call or email Sheila Winslow to sign up a dish and or RSVP at 916-812-3528 or sheilawinslow@sbcglobal.net Please RSVP so we know how many people to plan for. The Community Center and Church will be fully decorated for the holiday event. I hope to see you all there! Cheers and Happy Holidays!

Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub December News

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager, Hotel and Pub

The Old Abalone Pub will be open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights from 5:00PM to 8:30 PM in early December. Saturday, December 14th will be our last open night of the season. Then we will close for our normal winter break and reopen on Thursday, February 6th, 2025.

Our last Afternoon Tea of the year will be on Saturday, December 14th and is filling up fast with a festive holiday theme. Please call 707-964-3688 for reservations. Perfect for your year-end parties and gathering with dear friends and family.

We are excited to be planning our Valentine's 2025 special dinner for Friday, February 14th. Check our website if you want more details or give us a call at 707-964-3688 if you would like to reserve a table. We hope to see you at the Pub soon!

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 December 18th) are 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Thursday hours (this month December 19th) 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!**



Home Sweet Home – Westport, CA, December 2021 (photo by Nelsen Brazill)

Westport Village Society Happenings

Thad Van Bueren, President, WVS

As the year draws to a close we'd like to thank our community for your support and participation. WVS relies on volunteers and donations to conserve local land, improve coastal access, and carry out many other charitable and educational projects in the Westport area. By this time most of you received a year-end appeal in your mailboxes. We hope you will consider a generous tax deductible donation or bequest to help us pursue activities you value.

Several WVS activities are worth mentioning. We've received the good news that the permits for proposed public access improvements on our DeHaven property are moving forward. Planning is now underway to prepare an application for another grant from the State Coastal Conservancy to build those facilities. Additional consideration will be given to how to prevent problems such as camping, littering, and related issues on that WVS property based on community input.

WVS also seeks submissions of a poster design for the 2025 Great Rubber Ducky Race. The event is planned for May 11, 2025 and poster art should be hand delivered to Tabitha Korhummel no later than December 15, 2024. The poster should reflect original art you are willing to donate that includes an open area in the design where details for the event can be added. You can contact Tabby at lostcoastvista@gmail.com if you would like to help with planning the event. Plan to come to the next Ducky planning session on Dec.16th at 11:00AM at the Westport Hotel.

Conrad Kramer, the Executive Director of the Mendocino Land Trust, met with WVS and over a dozen members of the community at the Westport Hotel on November 22nd to share information about its local projects. Of particular interest is their contract to acquire 150 acres between the south end of the village and the Caltrans slide repair (see map at right). The State Coastal Conservancy has given them a grant to plan public access improvements and will

support the acquisition. MLT will retain an easement for those public access improvements when it later transfers the land to the Kai Poma nonprofit, a consortium of several local tribes. The lively discussion included concerns about parking, camping, and fuel reduction, while underscoring community support for trails. MLT is open to collaborating with the WVS and locals to achieve a worthwhile project.

WVS members and the community are invited to the next WVS Board Meeting January 22, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Westport Community Center, where these and other matters will be discussed. You can find more information on our website:

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





The Westport Church

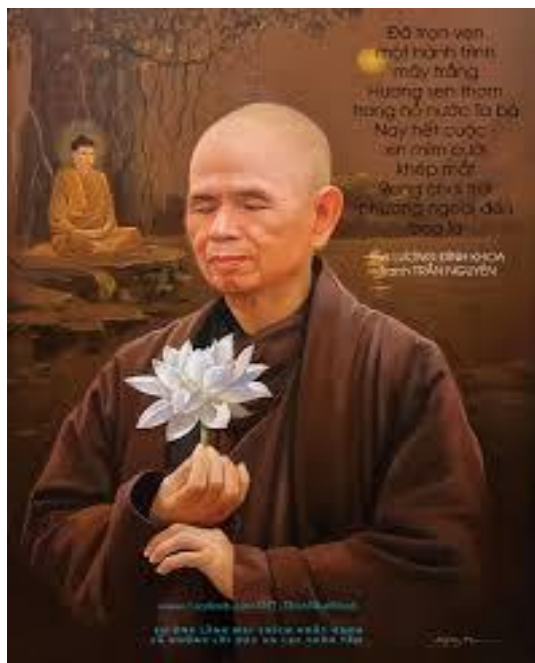
It takes time to practice generosity, but being generous is the best use of our time.

Thich Nhat Hanh

Thich Nhat Hanh Discussion Group Sunday, December 8th, 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 Generosity (see box at upper right). We request that attendees be vaccinated and we will meet according to Church Covid precautions.



Thich Nhat Hanh

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!



Babaji

The More You Give The More You Grow

Babaji

Often people come to me and express frustration with the people in their lives. Someone came and told me the other day, “My partner is so needy and it’s driving me up the wall!” In my thinking, what a great blessing to have a person like that around you. Why? It’s an opportunity to practice!

What options do you have in those moments when you feel challenged by another’s need for attention? You can contract your heart and push the person away. Another option is to expand your heart and give a part of yourself. Whenever you do that, you are working on the expansion of yourself. You are making yourself greater than you were before. Whenever you give part of yourself to the other person with this understanding, you yourself grow.

The more you give of yourself the more you grow. This inner expansion is the true wealth. It is the most valuable aspect of human life.

Whenever we open our hearts and give a piece of ourselves that is sweet, nurturing, and nourishing to another, we elevate ourselves into a higher state of being. We bring peace into our own hearts and into our surroundings.

We all have this capacity. Basically all that people are really looking for is to have a little space in another’s heart. It may come in many disguises, that need might

express itself in different ways, but at its essence, people are looking for that connection.

Whenever there is that union and fusion, a tremendous amount of energy is created. In this state there is harmony and peace. The energy is nurturing and expansive. In our world there is also the energy of splitting - energy that is destructive in its nature. Whenever we take actions that separate ourselves from another person, the energy that is created is destructive. It not only destroys our peace, our home and our environment, but it also destroys our community, our society and ourselves as well.

May we all keep striving to cultivate that energy of harmony and unity. It is that energy that holds this world together.

Each one of us has this responsibility in the world. We are not only responsible for ourselves and our homes. We are also responsible in a much greater way.

Peace is an action, an inner action. When you are at peace, peace is created in the world. Whenever that happens in your heart and in your relationships, those ripples emanate from your body and touch everything around you. It may seem insignificant, but whenever you are working on creating peace, it affects the whole universe.



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!

Cahto Road Update

Gary Markley

Just an observation for what it's worth. We had a Settlement Conference on November 20, 2024 concerning the Cahto Road litigation. It did not settle! To get this in context you may read the entire documents that can be found on google drive here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nj4QAFindZbCW5--QBqOfTKrmpzolz-d/view?usp=drive_link

If you have questions about this appearance of impropriety or just want a notice of the next chapter in this unreasonably contentious litigation please leave your email address at garyleemarkley@yahoo.com

March 12, 2024: Resolution 24-043
4c. Summarily Vacating Old County Wagon Road
County counsel is presenting this morning - Mr Schwass.

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...Schwass "...We have worked with the property owners who own the property uh that this road does run over run on to secure access uh to the properties in the case of an emergency uh there has been concern uh about wanting to use this uh road a evacuation potential evacuation route for Westport..."

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...Gjerde "...so can you just clarify a little more about what that protocol is that er you know waa— cause I didn't see that in the resolution. What specifically was done to enable the fire department or whoever to have a key to unlock the gate."

Schwass "Yes we uh we've worked out a SETTLEMENT with the uh property owners have county staff and personnel have access to to the uh properties, the exact procedures haven't been ironed out. we'll we'll work

out make sure we'll have access to any keys necessary to have access to that route."

November 7, 2024 SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT — BURCH:

...Markley recently made a settlement proposal for use of portions of defendants' properties for emergency purposes. Since defendants are timberland owners, they do not wish to have their properties open to vehicular travel by Markley or other members of the public, because of the danger of fire, vandalism, and damage to the environment. Nevertheless, we look forward to other settlement proposals that might bring an end to this expensive litigation.

November 6, 2024 SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT — MARKLEY:

...Gary Markley, on behalf of himself, the entire community of Westport, and the Cahto Indian Tribe, simply seeks what was decided in court years ago that Cahto Road is public and available to citizens for their use, most especially during an emergency. Fires in recent years have only served to underscore the vital need of Cahto Road being available. Defendants have made it unpassable by, among other things, digging big trenches across it.

The missing court documents from the litigation years ago and the sneaky nature of the County's Resolution challenged here reasonably cause one to be very suspicious of backdoor dealings.



Westport Community Christmas 2018



WINTER SOLSTICE DECEMBER 21ST, 1:19AM

December 2024 Westport Calendar

Ongoing classes at the Westport Community Center:

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

Tuesday, December 3rd – Giving Tuesday

Thursday, December 5th – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Store

Thursday, December 5th – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Meeting (planned), 7:00PM, Westport Community Center (see <https://www.wmac95488.org/> for details)

Saturday, December 7th – WESTPORT HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES!!! Holiday Bazaar, 11:00AM to 3:00PM, Westport Community Center, Westport Holiday Tree Lighting With Santa, 5:30PM, across from Westport Store, and Westport Community Holiday Dinner after the tree lighting at the Westport Community Center (see page 1)

Sunday, December 8th – Thich Nhat Hanh Discussion Group, 2:00PM, Westport Community Church (see page 4)

Wednesday, December 11th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

Thursday, December 12th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Zoom. Call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom.

Sunday, Dec.15th – Full Moon, 1:01AM

Monday, December 16th – Ducky 2025 Planning Meeting, 11:00AM, Westport Hotel (see page 3)

Wednesday, December 18th – Westport Food Pantry, 6:00PM to 8:00PM, Westport Firehouse (see page 2)

Thursday, December 19th – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Store

Thursday, December 19th – Westport Food Pantry, 10:00AM to Noon, Westport Firehouse (see page 2)

Saturday, December 21st – Winter Solstice, 1:19AM

Tuesday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25th – Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th – Hanukkah Begins at Sundown

Thursday, December 26th – Kwanzaa Begins

Monday, December 30th – New Moon, 2:26PM

Tuesday, December 31st – New Year’s Eve

Wednesday, January 1st, 2025 – New Year’s Day

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Contributions for our January 1st, 2025 issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by December 27th, 2024 and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at westportwave@gmail.com. Thanks!