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The Westport Wave

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50 Years Ago in Westport

Here's a photo taken by Bill Brazill in 1973 of an old building still standing (though presently unoccupied) two doors up Highway 1 from the Westport Store. This was our Post Office at the time, and later became

a laundromat when the Post Office was moved to the Westport Store. Thanks so much Bill for providing all of us with this beautiful look back at our past, when cars were real cars and decimal points at gas stations were in more affordable positions!



Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub in May

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager, Hotel and Pub

We are currently open for dinners Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights from 5 PM to 8 PM. Call for more information – 707-964-3688. Thanks!

Fire Safe Council Speaker Coming to Westport May 4th at 11:00AM

Carla Thomas, Westport Fire Safe Council

Eva King, Community Outreach Coordinator of the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council (MCFSC) will be speaking in person at our next Westport Fire Safe Council on **Saturday May 4th at 11:00AM**, at the Westport Firehouse. Please join us to hear about funding available to help you with clearing vegetation around your home or driveway and making your home and outbuildings less wildfire vulnerable.

These fuel reductions and home modifications may help to keep fire insurance costs down or avoid fire insurance cancelation. Please join us to learn more from Eva about Fire Safe Council grants and Fire Wise programs. We look forward to getting your input during the meeting on wildfire prevention and protection priorities you have for your home and our community.

Westport Fire Safe Council is preparing grants for Roadside Fuel Reduction and Shaded Fuel Breaks. If you signed up for roadside fuel reductions last year and we didn't get to your road, we still have your sign-up sheet and hope to get to you this year. Please

let Carla know if you'd like to be included in these projects. We will hear if we were awarded the grants for this year during May.

Carla Thomas carlaSthomas@earthlink.net, Westport Fire Safe Council 1-707-272-1994

WVFD Fire Extinguisher Service Day Friday May 17th

The WVFD will host a Fire Extinguisher Service Day on **Friday, May 17th from 10:00AM to 4:00PM** at the Westport Firehouse. Fire extinguisher service will not be free, but the charge is reasonable. Now is the time for you to make sure all of your home fire extinguishers are up to date and properly filled and tested to insure safety in the year ahead!

Westport Quiz

Tom Kisliuk

- 1) Port Sister cities North and South?
- 2) Three Rivers in Fort Bragg was named after which three rivers?
- 3) Watercourse which loosely translates in indigenous languages to "water under the willows"?
- 4) Alligator Pear?
- 5) Two Salmon Species most likely to reproduce in Westport Streams?
- 6) Juan Alviso is honored by two Westport Place Names. They are?
- 7) First named Community East of Westport?
- 8) Metropolitan Hales Grove original historical name place?
- 9) Love Apple?
- 10) Three Primary Native Conifers of Westport Area?

(answers on page 5)



The Westport Church

**Thich Nhat Hanh
Discussion Group Sunday,
May 12th, 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 Mother's Day quote is on Parents and Love (see below). We request that attendees be vaccinated and we will meet according to Church Covid precautions.

**May Beautification Project at the
Westport Community Center**

Erin Detrick, WCC President

Please join us on **Saturday, May 4th from 9 a.m. till noon** and help plant some bulbs, pull some weeds, and beautify the grounds. Several kind locals donated flower bulbs and we need to get them in the ground. Coffee, donuts, bagels and cream cheese will be provided. Please contact me at erind.3500@gmail.com or see me at the Westport Store with any questions. Bring your gloves and get to know your neighbors. See you there!

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!

*If our parents didn't love
and understand each other,
how are we to know what
love looks like? ... The most
precious inheritance that
parents can give their
children is their own
happiness. Our parents may
be able to leave us money,
houses, and land, but they
may not be happy people. If
we have happy parents, we
have received the richest
inheritance of all.*

— Thich Nhat Hanh



Babaji

We Are All Interconnected

Babaji

Spring is a special time of year. If you look around, everything is beginning to blossom. All the buds are coming in, and the birds are singing. The hidden strength lying dormant within everything is awakening. It is also a suitable time to enhance the intensity of our devotion that lies dormant within us.

Devotion can be expressed in any way you like, but it requires you to carve out a little time in its name. You can express your devotion through your remembrance. All over the world, all the great traditions have one way or the other to express devotion. If nothing formal, just sit and be still. Create an atmosphere around you. Sit quietly—even for a few minutes—and feel your connection with everything around you. We are all interconnected. The universe is a part of you, and you are a part of the universe. Be open.

Sit in appreciation of all the people and blessings in your life. Feel the expansion within. Infinite possibility is opening to you. Connect with the energy hidden behind all the blades of grass that get trampled

yet keep sprouting. Feel your connection with the flowers that are about to blossom. Release whatever has been holding you back and spring forward with new inspiration and energy.

The very nature of energy is to flow and express itself. It is within each one of us in the form of all our capacity to manifest good in the world. It requires stability in order to tap into that inner strength. Our devotion gives us stability. Sometimes, it takes a leap of faith to pull ourselves out of the mud that has been holding us back. Now is the time to take that leap. Now is the time to honor yourself and love yourself by freeing yourself from isolation and connecting with the world with your heart. Your heart is not heavy, give it permission to be light and open and to connect with the Supreme.

Engaging in some form of selfless service is a beautiful way to honor that higher presence in your life. True service, which can be done anywhere, comes from a place of fullness and appreciation. See how good you feel when you engage in little acts of kindness. Selflessness fills the heart with joy. Wherever you are, carve out a little time every day to be still and to look at yourself. Instead of running with the senses, quiet down. Be grounded. Appreciate. Experience your interconnectedness. If you give yourself that gift—even for a moment—whatever you are worshiping will come knocking at your door.



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!



Please Stop Dumping Green Waste Along Omega Drive

Thad Van Bueren, WMAC Chair

In mid-March a large landslide took out much of the hillside at the north end of Omega Drive where residents have been dumping their green waste for years. The accumulated material along with whatever was left of the bluff slid down to the beach so that it is now just a vertical drop. The area is dangerous and the integrity of Omega Drive is at risk since the bluff face is now just a couple of feet from the roadway (see photo above). Please refrain from dumping any additional green waste at that site to protect the road and the beach.

The issue was discussed at the recent WVS meeting and the County has been notified. The County will be posting signage prohibiting dumping at that site and warning of the potential dangers. Assessment is underway to stabilize Omega Drive. The WMAC will discuss this issue **May 2nd at 7:00 PM** at the Community Center (visit: <https://www.wmac95488.org/>). Alternatives for local green waste disposal will be explored at the WMAC meeting. One possibility is a composting program near the Fire Department/Transfer Station supported by the County solid waste program. Join us and share your ideas!

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 May 15th) are 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Thursday hours (this month May 16th) 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!

Answers to Westport Quiz (Page 2)

Tom Kisliuk

- 1) Rockport and Newport
- 2) Ten Mile, Noyo, Big River
- 3) Abalobadiah
- 4) Avocado
- 5) Steelhead and Coho or Silvers
- 6) Juan Creek and Alviso Ridge
- 7) Branscomb
- 8) Hollow Tree
- 9) Tomato
- 10) Redwood, Douglas Fir, Grand Fir aka White Fir



Save the Date

A Celebration of Life for Donna M. Traycik will be hosted outdoors at her home at Soulsong on Saturday **June 8, 2024** from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. It will be an informal potluck event for family and friends of all ages. Consider carpooling and contributing food if you are able. A variety of drinks will be supplied and many of Donna’s artistic creations will be displayed. Enjoy the gardens, trails and home she loved and share your memories and stories. Bring a sun hat, but leave your dogs at home please.

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

Thursday, May 9th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Zoom. Call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom.

Sunday, May 12th – **Mother’s Day**

Sunday, May 12th – Thich Nhat Hanh Discussion Group, 2:00PM, Westport Community Church (p.3)

Wednesday, May 15th – Westport Food Pantry, 6:00PM to 8:00PM, Westport Firehouse (see page 5)

Thursday, May 16th – Westport Food Pantry, 10:00AM to 12:00PM, Westport Firehouse (see p.5)

Friday, May 17th – WVFD Fire Extinguisher Service Day, 10:00AM to 4:00PM, Westport Firehouse (see page 2)

Thursday, May 23rd – Full Moon, 6:53AM

Thursday, May 23rd – Bookmobile, 9:30AM to 10:00AM, Westport Store

Monday, May 27th – **Memorial Day**

Saturday, June 8th – Celebration of Life for Donna Traycik, 1:00PM to 4:00PM, at Soulsong (see page 7)

May 2024 Westport Calendar

Ongoing classes at the Westport Community Center:

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

Thursday, May 2nd – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Center (see page 5 and <https://www.wmac95488.org/> for details)

Saturday, May 4th – Westport Fire Safe Council Meeting, 11:00AM, Westport Firehouse (see page 2)

Sunday, May 5th – Orthodox Easter

Tuesday, May 7th – New Moon, 8:21PM

Wednesday, May 8th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Firehouse

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

LIMITED BEACH ACCESS MAY 1-2



In response to ongoing emergency work at the Westport Landslide Complex, public access to Blues Beach will be limited on Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

No parking will be allowed along the beach access road.

For more information, visit

[https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-1/d1-projects/westport-landslide.](https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-1/d1-projects/westport-landslide)

