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# The Westport Wave

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## Westport Village Society Happenings

Thad M. Van Bueren,  
President, WVS



The Westport Village Society would like to make you aware of several upcoming activities. We are planning volunteer work days May 9 and May 10 to repair the stairs at the Westport Headlands. Those stairs have been closed due to decaying wood structural elements. Work will begin both days at 10:00 AM and we hope many of you will show up to help reopen safe access to the beach. Please wear sturdy work clothes and boots and bring water, gloves, and tools such as shovels and loppers. We will remove earth slumped against the wooden structure and WVS will supply materials and tools to complete the structural repairs. Call me at (707) 964-7272 with any questions.

We regret to announce that the Great Rubber Ducky Races will **NOT** be held this year. That event was our signature fundraiser every Mother's Day since 1992 until the Covid pandemic hit in 2020. Despite nostalgia for the Ducky Races, the simple truth is volunteerism has steadily declined. Staging events like that, carrying out beneficial projects, and even just keeping our nonprofit operating require investments of volunteer effort that spring from our enthusiasm for carrying out the WVS mission to conserve land and support the community.

WVS has reached a point where decisions urgently need to be made to sustain our operation. We have scheduled a **Special Meeting on Wednesday June 11 at 6:30 PM at the Community Center** to discuss

that critical topic. There are several possible strategies that may be worth considering. WVS activities can be streamlined to match the contributions volunteers are willing to make, as long as our corporate obligations are still met. Or the

WVS membership area might be expanded to embrace more prospective members willing to contribute their energy to our mission. Other possibilities are welcome. The bottom line is that there is an urgent need for inspired volunteers willing to perform the core tasks that keep WVS viable as a nonprofit. Please put this meeting on your calendars and come share your suggestions.

## Save the Date!

Sheila Winslow

Please join your neighbors and the community for the Sale of the Century! The Westport Church and Community Center is planning an Art, Antique, Flea Market, Bake Sale. Clean out your closet, fire up your oven, get your most creative ideas on canvas!

We will have some tables available or bring your own! Save the Date – **Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 3PM.** Sheila will be available at 8:30 for set up at the Church and Community Center. Please contact Sheila to reserve a table. 916-812-3528 or [sheilawinslow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sheilawinslow@sbcglobal.net) All donations are welcome. Thanks!

## Update on Postal Service in Westport

**Rob Holt, Treasurer, Westport Community Church**

You may have attended the Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> where Ms. Rachael let us know, to the best of her knowledge, the plan moving forward for postal service in Westport and the surrounding community. It was a mixture of “Cluster Boxes”, stand-alone mailboxes or a PO Box in Fort Bragg. She said a cluster box somewhere in Westport to serve the village *could* be a viable option. Hearing that, the Westport Community Church (WCC) went to work and researched what would be needed to house a cluster box on WCC grounds.

The WCC reached out to Tony Wong, Postmaster for our area, in late March to get the details. While waiting on a response from Mr. Wong, the WCC Board voted to approve the cluster box in one of 3 locations on WCC grounds, including inside the “garage” (but this will take some modification of the existing building). The other locations are the corner of Abalone St. and Hillcrest or between the Church and Community Center. The WCC Board agreed that the location will be based on the requirements from the Postal Service and as of March 28<sup>th</sup> we still have no clear direction from the USPS on requirements for the cluster boxes.

The WCC sent a sharp message to Mr. Wong on April 25<sup>th</sup> asking for direction on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the cluster boxes and mail service in general. Mr. Wong replied that “... (He) completely understand(s) the communities’ frustrations.” (And is) “...not planning on pushing this out for another two weeks. If the leasing option becomes drawn out, (Mr. Wong) ...will instruct the Westport community to place mailboxes on the street. The community boxes will be an option for the sites outside of Westport (Howard Creek, Branscomb, etc.). “

The WCC is ready to act once we have direction. Also, the Westport Village Society offered a generous donation to the WCC to help with costs associated with improvements needed for the cluster box installation but, any movement is contingent on facility/location requirements from the USPS and leasing agreement details.

Regardless of the direction the USPS takes, you will need to do a change of address. To do this, follow the directions found in the April issue of the [Westport Wave](#). I know some have tried this and had mixed results. If you can’t make it stick using the USPS website, send Mr. Wong an email [Tony.Wong@usps.gov](mailto:Tony.Wong@usps.gov) and let him know you are having trouble with the process. Nothing can be done in Fort Bragg at the front desk as the crew there have no way to facilitate a change of address on site.

That’s all for now, and if you have any questions regarding the WCC and its involvement with the cluster boxes, reach out to Rob Holt at [holtroba@gmail.com](mailto:holtroba@gmail.com).

## May Happenings at The Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

**Tabby Korhummel, General Manager, Westport Hotel**

**Our Spring Hours will continue through May, 5:00PM to 8:30PM Thursdays through Saturdays.**

Starting in June, our hours will be 5:00PM to 9:00PM Thursdays through Sundays.

We are taking reservation for two special ways to celebrate Mom this month:

**Mother’s Day Brunch Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-2:00pm (see menu next page)**

**Mother’s Tea Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> 3:00-5:00pm**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>** in the Pub, Chad Swimmer playing original and classic music in English and Spanish with special guest Cathryn Guillett on flute. Check our Facebook page for our weekly specials <https://www.facebook.com/abalonepub/> Call for reservations 707-964-3688.

## 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 13 years of monthly back-issues, all in living color, with live links! Check it out, and tell your friends!

# Mother's Day Brunch

Served 10am-2pm May 11th



Eggs Benedict 4 ways:

Dungeness crab \$26 Crispy Bacon \$22 Spring Greens \$20

All 3, \$28 served with potatoes & fruit

Avocado Toast,

Roasted garlic spread & Micro Greens, Balsamic drizzle \$20

Add Eggs \$24 Add blackened Oyster Mushrooms \$26

The Works \$28, all served with potatoes & fruit

Stuffed French Toast

House-made French bread filled with raspberry cream cheese topped  
with maple syrup and whipped cream \$20

Crab Louie

Dungeness Crab, poached asparagus, hard-boiled egg  
tomato over baby greens with classic Louie dressing \$32

Homemade biscuits and Roundman's sausage gravy  
with potatoes & fruit \$22

Sides: 2 Eggs. Scone, Fruit. Potatoes, Biscuit \$5 each

Dorine's Famous cheese cake \$8

Mimosas \$10

Juice \$4 Coffee \$4 Espresso drinks \$ varies

**Mother's Day Brunch!**

**Westport Hotel on May 11<sup>th</sup>**



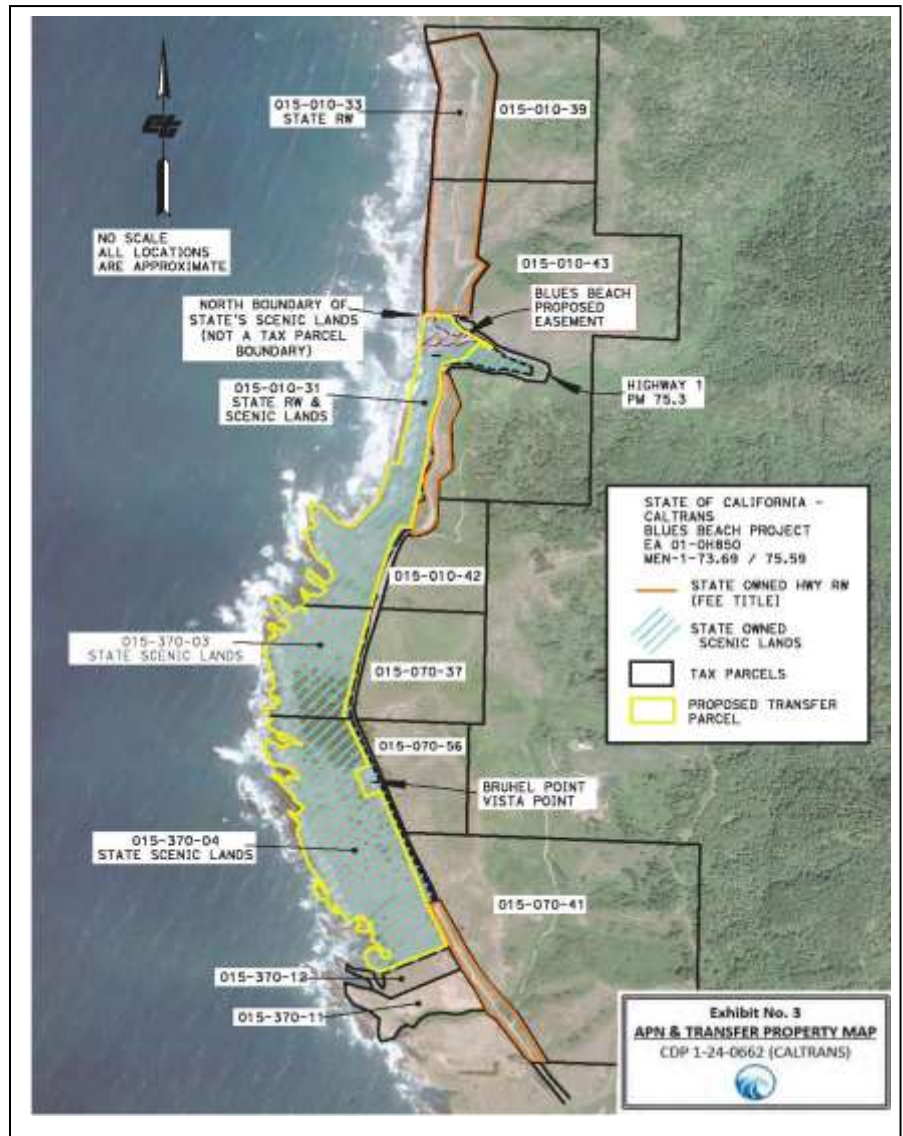
## Land Conservation Near Westport

Thad M. Van Bueren

Two local land conservation and public access improvement projects that involve the Kai Poma tribal nonprofit are coming to fruition on the coast south of Westport. The Kai Poma nonprofit is a corporation representing the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Round Valley Indian Tribes, and the Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians. This underscores the growing role of local tribes conserving resources and providing for public access to coastal lands.

The Mendocino Land Trust recently acquired a 157 acre property at Bell Point that will later be transferred to Kai Poma after a management plan and public coastal access improvements are completed. This property stretches from the south end of Westport to just north of the slide repair on Highway 1. The Westport Village Society is cooperating with MLT and the Kai Poma nonprofit to ensure local input is factored into the MP. We will share more details about those planning efforts as they become available in coming months.

On April 9 the California Coastal Commission (CCC) approved Coastal Permit 1-24-0662 allowing Caltrans to divide 172 acres of property across three assessor parcels in the vicinity of Blues Beach. After dividing the property, Caltrans will transfer the majority of it to Kai Poma as one 136-acre parcel of contiguous, oceanfront property called the “Blues Beach Property.” The document transferring ownership of the property to Kai Poma shall include a restriction limiting use of the property to public access, natural habitat, and the protection of Native American cultural resources consistent with the provisions of Streets and Highways Code Section 118.9. The Kai Poma nonprofit will implement a Management Plan for public access, cultural resource protection, and natural resource preservation that is



contained in the Permit. That MP has been posted on the Projects page of the WVS website where it can be downloaded:

[:https://www.westportvillagesociety.org/projects.html](https://www.westportvillagesociety.org/projects.html)

Caltrans will retain a portion of the Blues Beach property along the highway and over the northernmost portion of beach in order to maintain the highway right-of-way and associated facilities. Any future amendments to the MP guiding use of the 136 acre property will require approval by the CCC. The plan also requires placing signage that is subject to the approval of the CCC. This transfer is the outcome of Senate Bill 231 passed unanimously in 2021 directing Caltrans to transfer most of the Blues Beach property to a tribal nonprofit.

**Babaji**

## Choosing Peace Over Conflict

Babaji

We are all seeking *Shanti*, peace. But often we think we'll find peace only when everything outside is "perfect" - the way that we want it to be. We think – "when everything is perfect, then I will feel peace. If only the person who is in front of me agrees with me, and does exactly what I want them to do, then I will experience peace."

That kind of peace is conditional. True peace has no condition. No one should be able to take away that connection to the divine that resides within our own heart in the form of peace. In every moment, in every situation, we have a choice – to choose peace over conflict.

Each of us has a personal responsibility to maintain that connection. The world will never be the way we expect it to be. There are so many people, everybody has their own idea, and everybody wants the world their way, which is not possible. Diversity outside will always exist; true peace arises when, no matter the circumstances, we don't lose our inner stability.

There's an old saying: when faced with a field full of thorns and broken glass, instead of trying to clear the field, put on a pair of shoes and walk through it. Protect yourself first. Strengthen your peace, then move through the world and help spread it.

Conflicts in life are inevitable. When a conflict arises, we really need to look at what is happening. We come into a state of conflict when we want things to be a certain way and there is someone who doesn't agree and does something else. Then all our energy begins to flow towards the conflict and negativity and soon we are lost.

Instead of reacting, can we turn those moments of conflict into moments of spiritual practice? Can we rise above our mind-held beliefs about what is right in the name of protecting our peace? We do have the power to be tolerant, to hold compassion for the other, and to rise above conflict — not as victims, but through devotion to our own inner peace.

It's not weakness — it requires courage, commitment, and devotion to back down and detach from the need to be right. The highest "right" is our connection to the divine, and when we're devoted to that, we don't get caught up in little conflicts.

It takes work. It takes sacrifice. But what a small price to pay for real wealth — the peace in our heart. May we spend our time looking for those seeds of peace, not conflict.



*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!*



## Westport County Water District News

John Morrill, Operations Manager, WCWD

Greetings.

Everything is going well with our facilities. We have been busy putting together a Cross Connection Control policy as mandated by the State Water Resources Control Board. The following draft Ordinance is the first step in putting this in motion. Soon we will be sending out a letter to our customers with further explanations and next steps.

Again, I would like to bring awareness to our website, [www.westportcountywaterdistrict.com](http://www.westportcountywaterdistrict.com). Kayla is doing a fantastic job maintaining it. There is a lot of good and current information there.

## WESTPORT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ("WCWD")

### ORDINANCE # 1-25

ADOPTED BY THE WCWD BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ON APRIL 10, 2025

#### Section 1. Cross Connection Control General Policy

1.1 Purpose. The District finds and declares the purpose of this ordinance is as follows:

1.1.1 To protect the public potable water supply of town of Westport from the possibility of contamination or pollution due to cross connections by containing hazards at the service connection.

1.1.2 To promote the elimination or control of existing cross connections, actual or potential, between the consumers potable water system(s) and nonpotable water systems, plumbing fixtures, and and/or industrial piping systems.

1.1.3 To provide for a continuing Program of Cross-Connection Control which systematically and effectively reduce the risk of pollution or contamination of the potable water system.

1.2 Authority. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the latest version of the California State Water Resources Control Board Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook amended March 15, 2025.

1.2.1 The District has authority in the development, implementation, and enforcement of the CCCP standards.

#### 1.3 Responsibility.

1.3.1 It shall be the responsibility of the Cross Connection Control Coordinator and the Administration-Billing Department to administer and enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

1.3.2 The District is primarily responsible for the prevention of contamination of the public potable water system. Responsibility begins

at the point of origin and includes treatment facilities, distribution mains and all facilities under complete control of the District, and ends at the consumers service connection. The District shall ensure adequate backflow protection is maintained on consumer water systems connected to the potable water system.

1.3.3 The Consumer will have the responsibility of preventing contaminants from their water system from entering the potable water system as required by this ordinance and the SWRCB Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook.

1.3.4 The District will not be held responsible for any losses or damages incurred by the Consumer due to improper or proper installation, repair, or upgrade of backflow prevention assembly. The Consumer will bear all costs for installation or renovation of existing consumer plumbing as a result of any decreases in line pressure or prevention of release of pressure due to installation or upgrade of backflow prevention assembly.

## Section 2.1 Definitions.

### 2.1.1 RESERVED

## Section 3.1 Requirements.

3.1.1 The type of protection that shall be provided to prevent backflow into the public water supply system shall be commensurate with the degree of hazard, actual or potential, that exists on the water Consumer's premises as determined by the District and contracted with State Licensed Cross Connection Control Specialist.

### 3.1.2 Surveys

The Consumer's premises shall be open for inspection at all reasonable times to authorized representatives of the District to determine if protection of the potable water system is required at the service connection.

3.1.2 Backflow Prevention Assemblies required will be determined by the Hazard Assessment performed by the contracted Cross Connection Control Specialist.

### 3.1.3 Installation of Backflow Prevention Assemblies:

Approved backflow prevention assemblies shall be installed in compliance with the District installation standards, inspections and approval. It shall be the responsibility of the Consumer to install and maintain the backflow prevention assemblies.

### 3.1.4 Periodic Test and Maintenance of Backflow Prevention Assemblies:

Whereas all approved backflow prevention assemblies shall be tested at least once annually by a District approved backflow assembly tester, the District shall administer the backflow testing program as follows:

- A. The District will schedule the testing and notify the Consumer in advance by means of their monthly billing. The inspection, maintenance and repair charges will be passed on and paid by the Consumer on their next monthly bill.

### 3.1.5 Enforcement:

A. Failure to comply with the procedures of this chapter and/or failure to install, test, perform necessary maintenance, bypass, remove, or render inoperative an approved backflow prevention assembly as required by this chapter shall be a violation.

- i. If the Cross Control Coordinator or Cross Connection Control Specialist determines that a customer's violation constitutes a hazard to the potable water supply, the Cross Control Coordinator or Cross Connection Control Specialist may order that water services to the noncomplying customer be discontinued.
- ii. The District shall notify the customer in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of



water service termination. However, if the hazard to the potable water supply is so immediate that a delay in water service termination may pose a threat to public health and safety the Cross Control Coordinator or Cross Connection Control Specialist may terminate water service to the premises without prior written notice.

iii. The District shall restore water to the premises once the Consumer has controlled or eliminated the hazard and paid in full all applicable charges and fees.

iv. The Consumer or property owner shall be responsible for all applicable disconnection, reconnection and other fees charged by the District relating to the termination of service, and for any other reasonable costs incurred by the District associated with the termination of service and/or associated corrective cleanup costs.

### Section 3.2 Acceptance:

3.2.1. The District is authorized to make all necessary and reasonable rules and policies with respect to the enforcement of this Ordinance. Such rules and policies shall be effective immediately after being filed with the District Board of Directors and Secretary to the Board.

3.2.2 Effective Date. This Ordinance shall supersede all previous cross connection control ordinances and shall take effect immediately from the latest date of adoption by the District. Following adoption, a copy of this Ordinance shall be posted on the Westport County Water District website, [www.westportcountywaterdistrict.com](http://www.westportcountywaterdistrict.com), and at the Westport Community Store.



## Westport Calendar May 2025

**Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
– Cinco de Mayo

**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile,  
9:00AM to  
9:30AM, Westport  
Store

**Thursday, May 8<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, May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
– Mother's Day

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– Mother's Day  
Brunch, 10:00AM

– 2:00PM, Westport Hotel (see pages 2 and 3)

**Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Micro Full Moon, 9:55AM

**Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Volunteer Fire  
Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport  
Firehouse

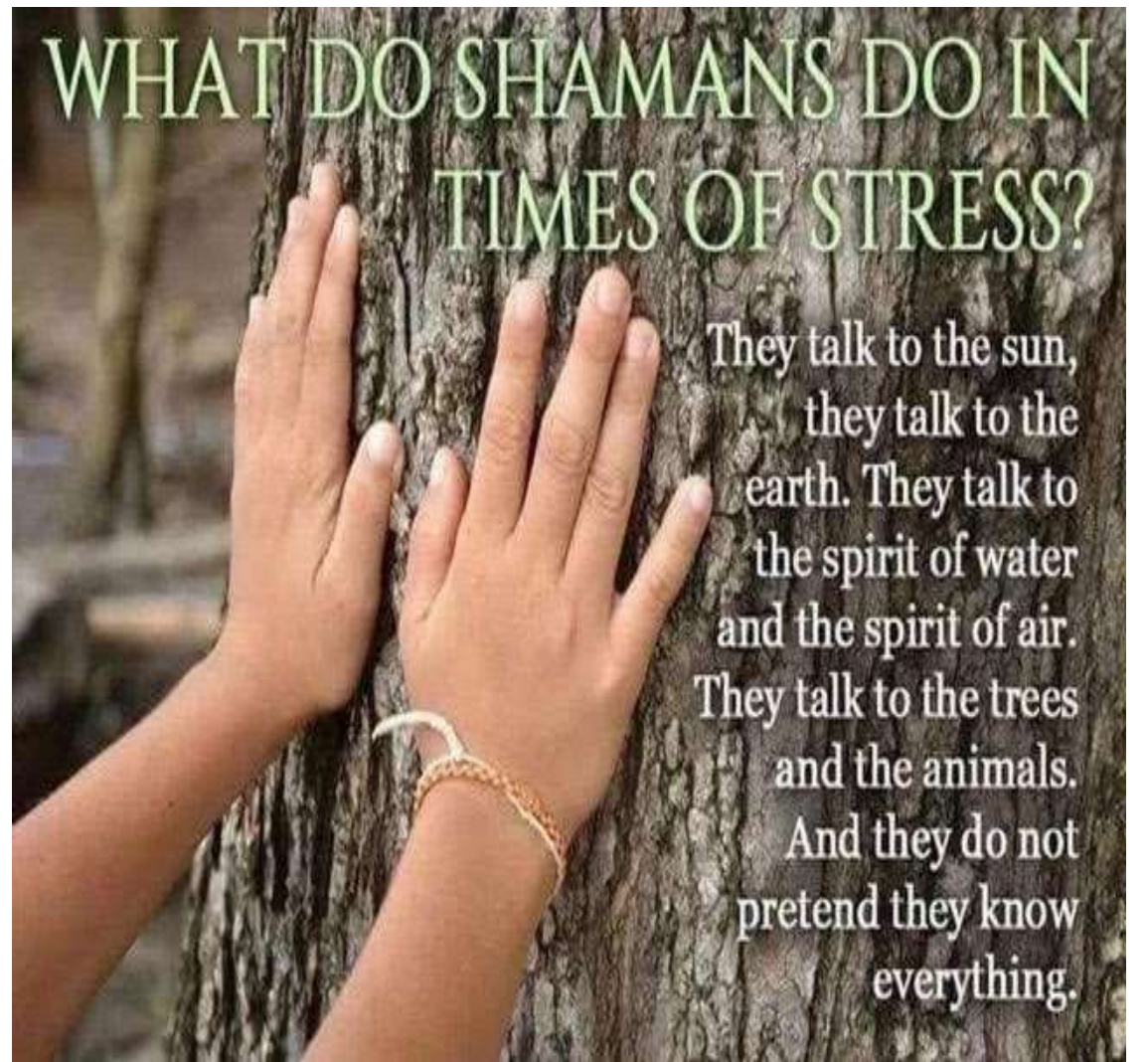
**Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to  
9:30AM, Westport Store

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Memorial Day

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** – New Moon, 8:02PM

**Save the Date! – Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** – Westport  
Village Society Planning Meeting, 6:30PM,  
Westport Community Center (see page 1)

**Save the Date! – Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** – Sale of the  
Century, 10:00AM to 3:00 PM, Westport  
Community Center (see page 1)



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