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The Westport Wave

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WVS Seeks Board Candidates

By WVS President Thad Van Beuren

The Westport Village Society will hold its Annual Member Meeting at 6:00 PM on Friday October 2, 2026 at the Westport Community Center followed by a potluck at 7:00 PM at the Church. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!! A social mixer will start at 5:30 PM at the Community Center, providing a chance to meet neighbors and find out about WVS. You can also renew your membership or join WVS for the first time before the meeting commences.

Three Board Directors will be up for election for 3 year terms by eligible members at that October 2 meeting. We encourage WVS members to run for one of those positions if you are interested in our nonprofit's mission. Information about that mission and our activities are available on the WVS web site at: <https://www.westportvillagesociety.org/>.

Those interested in running for a Board position should send an email to:

wvs@westportvillagesociety.org

by no later than Monday, August 24 with a short statement of your interest, experience, and what you hope to contribute if elected. You must be a paid up member that owns property or lives in the WVS area in order to run for election. The WVS area is shown in the membership application available as a link on the home web page.

We will identify the slate of candidates in the next issue of the WAVE newsletter (September 1) and include their statements of interest. An announcement of the Annual meeting with membership renewal information and ballots will be mailed to all active members two weeks before the WVS Annual Meeting. We hope to see you there.



The drilling operation for the stairway being built on the south bluff next to DeHaven Beach. Work began on July 29. Work on the stairs will continue through August as WVS uses a grant from the State Coastal Conservancy to improve access to the 26 acre property.

The Annual WVFD Barbeque happens on August 15th!

By John Allison



Come join us on Saturday, August 15th from 11 a.m. until dusk for fun and great live music on the spectacular Westport Headlands, while supporting the Westport Volunteer Fire Department. This fundraising event will feature live music by **Burning Down the House, the Steven Bates Band, West of Nowhere and Steven Bates solo.** Admission is free!

Barbecued chicken and loaded baked potatoes will be for sale. Vegan chili will also be available. Beer and wine, coffee, sweets and non-alcoholic beverages can be purchased. Craft merchants will be selling their wares, and there will also be a silent auction of some very special items.

There will be plenty of fun activities for the whole family, including a bounce house and face painting. A medical helicopter from Reach/CalStar may pay us a visit if weather and availability cooperate.

This will be a great way to spend an afternoon and to support the Westport Volunteer Fire Department, which provides initial 911 emergency response service 24/7, year-round, throughout an expanded area covering roughly 190 square miles. Proceeds of the event will be used to fund critical repairs and upgrades to our firehouse.

See you on August 15! (Sorry, no dogs.)

Stop by the Westport Fire Safe Council/Fire Wise Table at the WVFD BBQ August 15

By Carla Thomas

Stop by the Westport Fire Safe Council/Fire Wise Table next to the Volunteer Fire Department Table at the WVFD BBQ August 15 to learn more about the Fire Wise Program and grants and our 2026 grants.

You can sign up for an opportunity to bring Westport Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Jeff Mathias to your home to give you information about property wildfire safety requirements and explore affordable solutions you can do before a CalFire inspection is filed.

He'll also give you input on defensible space solutions to make your home more fire resistant. These no cost sessions are first come, first served, so sign up with him soon or at the FireWise Table at the BBQ.

WFSC also has a microgrant for free reflective address signs for Westport Fire Wise residents. You can sign up at the BBQ Fire Safe/Fire Wise Table. Or contact **Assistant Chief Jeff Mathias** at **1-707-357-7621** or email wvfd8501@gmail.com or phone **Carla Thomas** at **1-707-272-1994**.



WESTPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. BBQ

11 - Sunset

♪ Live music by ♪ AUG 15th

BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE

STEVEN BATES BAND

WEST OF NOWHERE

STEVEN BATES SOLO ACOUSTIC

At the Westport headlands

\$22 Meals 12-6

BBQ Chicken

Linguisa • Loaded

baked potato • corn

Vegan chili

Kids under 6

eat for FREE

Beer & Wine

Local Craft

Vendors

Kids Zone

Activities



NO DOGS
PLEASE



The DeHaven Headlands (short-lived) Natural Arch

A brief photographic analysis of some recent headland collapses.

By Wave Editor Ed Truthan

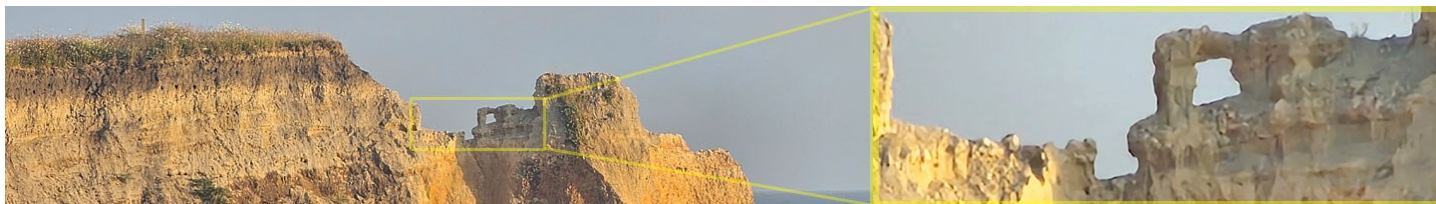


Fig. 1 - Evening of June 25th, 2026 view of the short-lived Natural Arch, first noticed 36 hours after the June 24th earthquake.

Due to our home residing on the low ridge just to the north of DeHaven Beach, our mailbox is directly across from the DeHaven Beach parking area. I'll frequently take a restful moment when checking the mail to stand at the cliff edge at the parking area and enjoy the surf rolling onto the beach. I customarily stand in the same spot and enumerable photos taken from this regular cliffside position have ended up on my smart phone.

On the evening of June 25th, during one such moment, I noticed that a previously non-existent "hole-in-the-headland" had appeared (**Fig 1, above**). As it was distinctly noticeable, I realized it must be relatively new, for had it been there for any length of time, I'd have invariably been drawn to note its existence before.

Searching my gallery for other photos and video taken from that same spot soon revealed that as late as June 4th this "natural arch" had not yet existed (**Fig. 2, below**). The speculation that perhaps the 5.6 magnitude earthquake on the previous morning of June 24th had shaken loose parts of the headland seemed a credibly possible, if unverifiable, explanation.

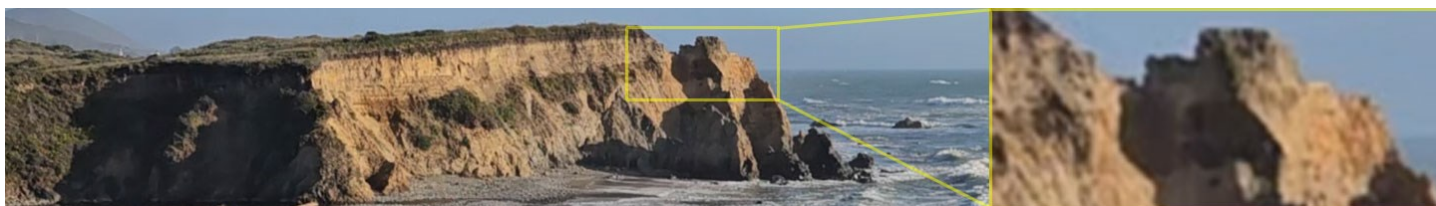


Fig. 2 - June 4th, 2026 screen capture from a video of DeHaven Headland before the Natural Arch was first noticed on June 25th.

Whatever the circumstance of its appearance may have been, this tenuously balanced arch was extremely short lived. By June 30th the arch had collapsed (**Fig. 3, below**). I was curious if other photographically discernable parts of the headland had recently met a similar fate. Utilizing a headland photograph taken on April 2nd from the same spot at the DeHaven Beach parking area, I carefully overlaid and aligned it with the June 25th photo. It was immediately apparent that a large section of the ocean facing cliff edge had also recently vanished (see **Fig. 4, on next page**). Scouring additional personal images from my archives it seems that this large section was still intact just before sunset on April 17th, but had collapsed by mid-morning on April 18th. This window also corresponds to April 17th New Moon, when the highest monthly tides of approximately 6.5 feet (according the NOAA database) occurred progressively over several nights in the hours surrounding midnight.

There's obviously no way to confirm that the June 24th earthquake created the brief-lived Natural Arch other than the circumstantial timing of it's discovery and quick demise. It's appearance however, and the exercise herein, illuminates the transitory fragility of the headland cliffs and inspires the need for periodic monitoring.

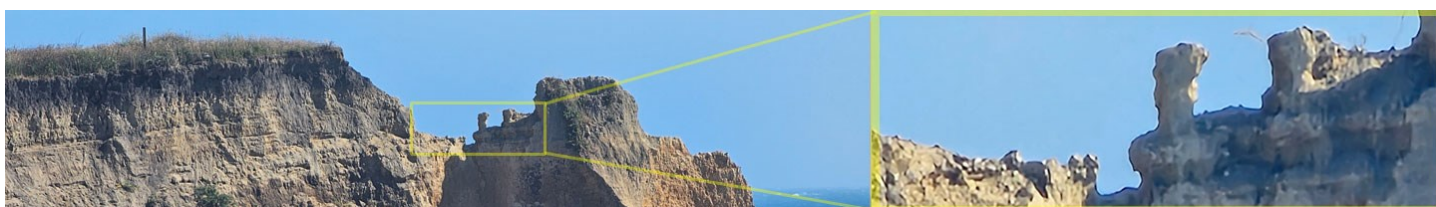
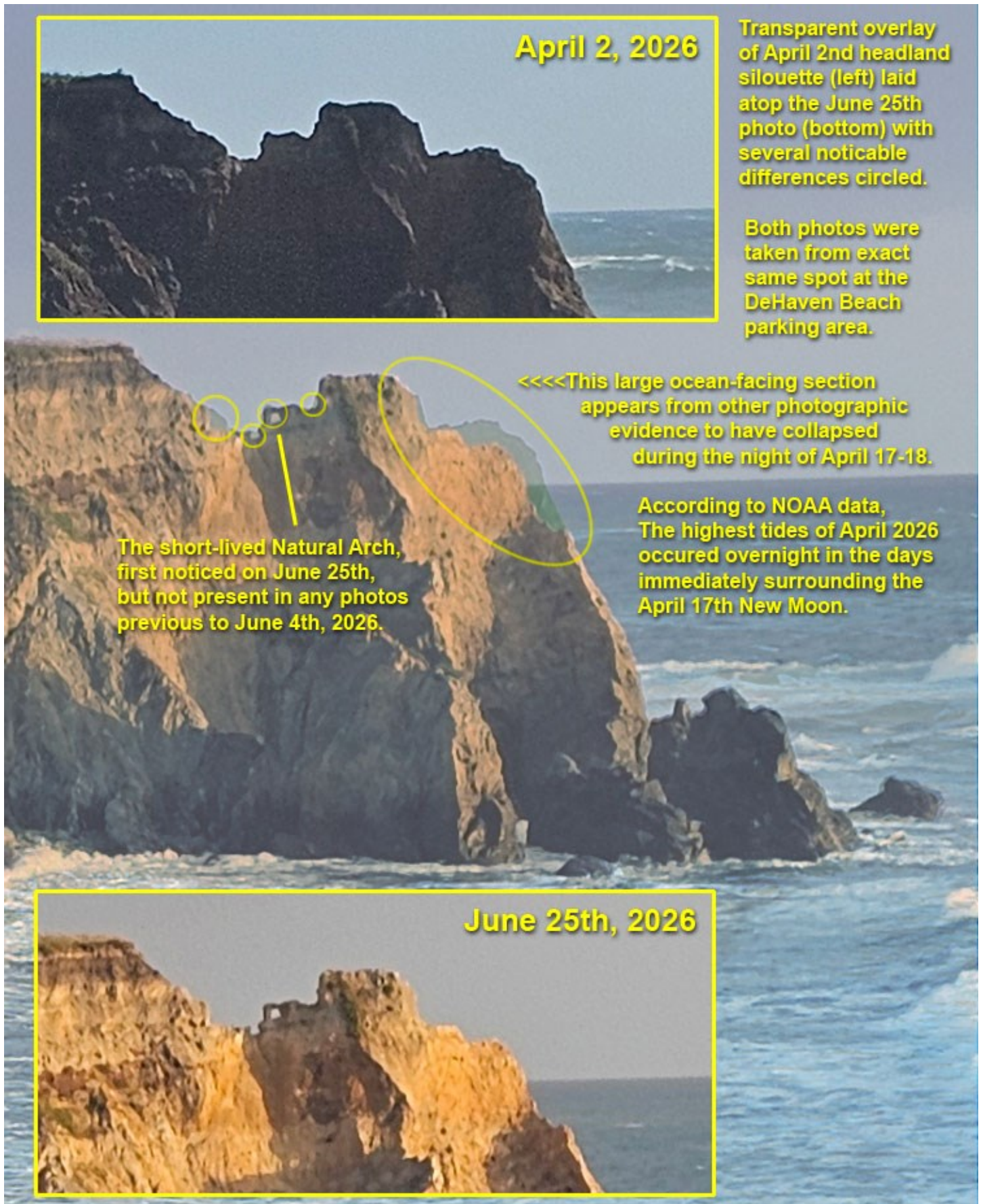


Fig. 3 - June 30th view of the remnants of the Natural Arch after its unknown collapse date sometime after June 25th.

Fig. 4 - Differences in the appearance of the DeHaven Headland cliffs between April 2nd and June 25th, 2026 utilizing a transparent overlay. Both photos were taken from the same cliffside spot at the DeHaven Beach parking area.





MUSIC IN THE PUB

SAT AUG. 8TH CHAD SWIMMER

FRANK LUCKY & MOLLIE JANE

AUGUST 6TH & 20TH

COME IN FOR CHEF ODILE'S
WEEKLY SUMMER SPECIALS

FEATURING JUICY
PEACHES, BLACKBERRIES,
HEIRLOOM TOMATOES
FRESH PICKED LETTUCE
FROM OUR GARDEN AND
MORE!



Summer hours Thursday

Sunday 5-9pm

707-964-3688

TRIVIA NIGHT WITH ARISTA, AT
THE OLD ABALONE PUB

Friday August 21st sign up by 6:00pm
with your team name/members \$5 per
person, trivia starts at 6:30 pm.
Theme is summertime. 3 rounds plus
bonus questions. Winning team takes
the pot!

No Afternoon Tea

IN AUGUST. OUR NEXT TEA
WILL BE SEPTEMBER 19TH





Babaji

Digging One Well Deep

We are all seeking connection—a true union with the divine, with our Higher Self, with something greater. Ancient wisdom across all traditions has provided a clear path to reach that goal. Yet today, surrounded by endless choices on social media and digital channels, we are constantly told to try new things. In the name of spiritual practice, we do a little of this and a little of that, mistaking variety for progress. While doing something is better than nothing, jumping from one exciting practice to another is like digging potholes. If you want to reach water, you must dig one well deep.

Take a little time to find a simple, authentic practice that both your heart and mind can agree on, and then stick with it. It is said, if you master one thing, everything is mastered; if you try to master them all, nothing is mastered.

Once you begin, the journey requires real commitment. At first, new energy makes the practice feel inspiring and easy. But inevitably, you will hit a plateau where it might feel like you are not progressing - like your drill has hit a rock and keeps spinning in place without going deeper. In those moments, the temptation is to lose patience, give up, and start digging somewhere else.

This is when determination is required. Do not lose faith.

To build the grounding anchor that a spiritual practice provides, we need patience, persistence, and forbearance. Keep applying pressure and making an effort, even a little every day. Eventually, that rock will shatter, the drill will plunge deeper, and you will finally reach the water.

Keep your approach simple and bring a sense of sweetness to your heart as you practice. The Divine expresses itself in many forms, but they all lead back to the same source. Ask yourself: *What do I do every day to connect with my higher Self?* It does not need to be lengthy or complicated; even a simple prayer, done daily with diligence and pure intent, is a powerful place to start.

Whatever practice you hold, keep it alive and keep digging deeper. A simple, doable daily practice grounds the mind and prevents it from constantly searching for "something more." Life will always go on with its usual demands, but taking that time to establish a genuine connection—even for a short while—is a great gift you can give to yourself.



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!

August 2026 Westport Calendar

Thursday, August 6th - Tai-Chi with Beck, 8:00AM at the at the Westport Community Center.

Wednesday, August 12th - Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse.

Thursday, August 13th - Tai-Chi with Beck, 8:00AM at the at the Westport Community Center.

Thursday, August 13th - Bookmobile, 9:00AM-9:30AM, Westport Store.

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

Saturday, August 15th - Westport Volunteer Fire Department Annual BBQ at the Westport Headlands. See the article on page 2 of this issue for more details!

Thursday, August 20th - Tai-Chi with Beck, 8:00AM at the at the Westport Community Center.

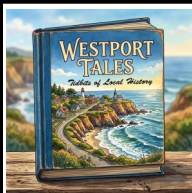
Monday, August 24th - WVS Board of Directors candidate submission deadline. See article on page 1 of this issue for details.

Thursday, August 27th - Tai-Chi with Beck, 8:00AM at the at the Westport Community Center.

Thursday, August 27th - Bookmobile, 9:00AM-9:30AM, Westport Store.

Thursday, August 27th - Full Moon with Partial Eclipse. Maximum eclipse occurs at 9:12PM with 96% of the moon in Earth shadow.

Note: Basic/beginner Tai Chi Chuan with Beck on Thursday mornings improves focus, balance and strength, and is no charge for persons with paid memberships to the [Church/Community Center](#).



Do you have a tale of local interest to share with the community? Submit your "Westport Tale" to editor Ed Truthan at: thewestportwave@gmail.com

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Contributions for our September 1st, 2026 issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by Thursday, August 27th, 2026 (or earlier if possible) and should be sent to editor Ed Truthan at thewestportwave@gmail.com
Thanks!

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Our Department depends on your donations!



Your support and contributions will enable us to meet our goals and improve our equipment and training. Any amount helps... and helps keep our community safer.



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