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# The Westport Wave

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## WVFD BBQ The Most Successful Ever!

Lin Taylor, Chaplain, EMT, WVFD

To the Westport Community, and all who attended our annual fundraising barbecue on August 15<sup>th</sup>, a great big THANK YOU for all your help and support for the most successful WVFD BBQ in the history of our Westport Volunteer Fire Department! Not only did we sell the most paid meals ever (673), but we also had the biggest support from YOU, our community! We don't have the total expenses in yet, but we do know that we grossed over \$20,000.00! That's pretty darn good for our little ol' fire department!



REACH emergency medical crew pays a social visit at the BBQ!

The weather was warm, and the crowd was fun! The bands and music were fantastic, and the beer and wine was flowing! The dancing lasted until after 8PM – what a Fun Bash! This success could not be possible without the countless hours that the fire department and members of the community put into this event, working long hard hours. So a huge thank you goes out to each and every one of you for all your support and energy that was put into making this such a rocking party!

If you happen to see Logan around town please give him an extra thank you! He is responsible for all the talent and connections for our wonderful rock and roll with all of our talented local musicians. Our event is becoming well-known for being one of the best musical events on the coast, and every year the following is bigger.

John Standley comes from Fort Bragg Fire Department and spends all day here for free, barrel-roasting our chicken and tri-tip. There are so many

who contribute and I want to thank each and every one of you! You came out in numbers and showed the WVFD how much you appreciate our 24-hours-a-day response for medical and fire. We had such fun and it was such a huge success! THANK YOU TO ALL!

## Sheriff Tom Allman to Visit Westport Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

**Sheriff Tom Allman will be in Westport on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Westport Community Church** to listen to any local concerns about law enforcement issues. Tom is a very dedicated and approachable public official. We hope you will take the time to visit with him in an informal town hall format. The regular meeting of the Westport Municipal Advisory Council will follow at 7:00 PM. Rob Scott of the WMAC kindly arranged this special event so you can discuss anything on your mind. We hope to see you then!

## Kids' Movie Night – September 19<sup>th</sup>

Sarah Mathias

This month's **Kids' Movie Night** will be on **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** at the **Westport Community Recreation Center**. Doors will open at 6:00PM, with the movie starting when the popcorn is ready (usually by 6:20). Bring pillows and blankets or sleeping bags for the kids and a comfy chair for yourself. All are welcome to come enjoy the movie!

## Westport Flea Market Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

Sarah Mathias

We'll hold at least one more **Westport Flea Market** for the season on **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, from **11:00AM to 2:00PM on the Westport Headlands**. Feel free to invite friends; you don't have to live in Westport to participate. If you or someone you know plans to participate please let Sarah know by calling 962-0181 or dropping a message to [westportcafleamarket@gmail.com](mailto:westportcafleamarket@gmail.com) so that we have an idea of how many vendors we'll have.

## Local Information for Newcomers

Sarah Mathias

A **“Welcome to Westport!”** information packet has been created for distribution to anyone new to the community. The packet contains information about the WVS, WVFD, Recreation Center, Church, local businesses, and more. If you are interested in receiving a packet, or if you'd like one to be sent to someone, please contact Sarah Mathias at 962-0181 or [sarah@huntersplayground.com](mailto:sarah@huntersplayground.com).

### 24/7 Westport Wave

Did you know that the easiest way to read *The Westport Wave* is on the Newsletter page of our website [westportvillagesociety.org](http://westportvillagesociety.org) – where you'll always find the most current issue as well as all the monthly back-issues back to November 2011, all in living color! Tell your friends!

## Westport Village Society Annual Meeting Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thad Van Bueren, President

Please join us at the WVS annual member meeting on **Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the Westport Community Church. The evening will begin with a casual opportunity to socialize with neighbors starting at 6:30 PM. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, with donations of sweet or savory edible treats most welcome if the inspiration strikes you!

This event is a great opportunity to catch up with local friends, renew your WVS membership, look at the Westport history photograph collection, and purchase T-shirts and local history books. Your dues cover publication and distribution of this monthly community newsletter, among other activities. Additional donations to our Headlands, Community Center, and General funds are appreciated and may be tax deductible.

The Annual Meeting will get underway at 7:00 PM. We will begin with a brief review WVS activities over the past year. It's been a busy year and this will give you a sense of what we do. Current members who reside or own land in the membership area will also then vote in a secret ballot to fill the expiring terms of two directors. Please consider running for one of the Board vacancies if you are passionate about community service and appreciate the WVS mission and goals (available at our web site). Each candidate will have an opportunity to address the group prior to the election.

After conducting that business, we will open a discussion about fundraising options, followed by any suggestions for activities that the WVS should consider pursuing in the coming year. The WVS thrives on your ideas and input. All of our programs and activities happen through the action of our volunteers—so come join us and get involved!

The meeting will conclude with a half hour slide show and presentation by Thad Van Bueren starting about 7:30 PM. The talk will focus on recent findings from archaeological and historical research in the Seaside area just north of the Ten Mile River. We hope to see you then!



The Westport Community Church

## Westport Community Church September Calendar

Founded in 1880, the **Westport Community Church** is pleased to offer a variety of experiences to help us discover ways to become more in touch with our spiritual heritage. We are doing our best to nurture a tradition of having weekly gatherings at the Church (which is at the end of Abalone Street on the left) to explore various spiritual paths. All suggestions and participants for services are welcome at the Westport Church – and we welcome all denominations to hold services here!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month currently have a regularly scheduled focus. Regretfully, our popular 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Buddhist speaker Mettika Hoffman will no longer be able to be here each month because her Sangas at Three Jewels Hall in Fort Bragg are now meeting on Sundays. We sincerely appreciate the tremendous success of this past year with Mettika for all of the joy, teachings, and love that she has shared with us! For now, we have the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays open for community members to suggest other speakers and topics for these days. Please contact Church President Millie Saunders at 964-3030 to discuss your ideas and see how you can help the Westport Community Church.

### **2nd Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM** – **Carolyn Cathey, Student Practitioner, Mendocino Center For Spiritual Living, "Receiving and Giving"**

Might you love giving but shy away from receiving? Did you realize that receiving and giving are the same? This Sunday sharing in Westport will explore the surprising significance of understanding the relationship between receiving and giving and how it opens up our minds, and hearts — influencing our thoughts and actions to manifest a better, more peaceful, and more loving path.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM** – **Our Monthly Quaker Worship Group**

Katherine White is helping us to establish an ongoing Quaker Worship Group meeting on the third Sunday of every month. The format is a simple, quiet meditation for 45 minutes followed by Katherine reading Quaker passages and a shared discussion of our experience including sharing of any of our thoughts or readings that one is inspired to bring to the group. This has been and will continue to be a very peace-filled and nurturing experience.

## **Court-Ordered Community Service Opportunities In Westport**

Gary Quinton

Do you need to serve court-ordered Community Service or serve in a Sheriff’s Department Work Release program? Why not serve it in your community? We would value your time!

There are several places and varied types of work in Westport where you can provide your hours and get credit towards the satisfaction of your court order, including work for the Westport Volunteer Fire Department, Westport-Ten Mile Cemetery District, and the Westport Village Society. Jobs include grass/weed cutting, painting, handyman work, and more. We can help you with the registration paperwork and compliance/completion documents. If you are interested, please call Gary Quinton at 964-7073.



## Thanks To Gary Quinton!

Barb Anderson

This is a special “shout-out” and a big Thank You to Gary Quinton for all the volunteer work he has done and continues to do for Westport and Westportians. For over a decade, as volunteer fireman, painter, builder, grass cutter, trash remover, cemetery restorer, and volunteer coordinator (the list goes on), Gary has been the one to quickly get help to anyone in Westport that needs it, often by just plain doing it himself. Gary is a credit to Westport – many thanks, Gary, for all that you do! You have my vote for Westportian of the Year or maybe the Decade!

## September at the FREE Westport Community Vegetable Garden

Steve Brigham

Well how ‘bout that ...the **Westport Community Garden** (at the Community Center at the end of Abalone St.) is really “catching on” in this, its 4<sup>th</sup> year of operation! In September, we’ll have just about any summer vegetable you could ever want ready every day, from lettuce, kale, and edible-pod peas to green beans, summer squash, lemon cucumbers, and tomatoes. You simply won’t find premium-quality organically grown vegetables anywhere for this price – mainly since all of these delicious vegetables are **ABSOLUTELY FREE FOR ANYONE TO PICK AT ANY TIME!** It’s just like having your very own farm (what more could anyone want?) All we need now is YOU to pick the vegetables every day, so do your part as a volunteer and get busy harvesting!

## Full Moon Rising

Steve Brigham

2015 has been a great year for extra-terrestrial exploration, with our continuing focus on a comet (of the Rubber Ducky variety) and two “dwarf planets” (Ceres and Pluto). But in September, there will be some interesting astronomical exploration that we can do right here on our home world. The fun begins with the New Moon on September 13<sup>th</sup>, which also features a partial solar eclipse (you’ll have to go to South Africa to see it) on the same day that Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) begins. Then comes our Fall Equinox (at 1:22AM on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Westport), which coincides with Yom Kippur. The grand finale (and it’s a big one) is the **Super Full Eclipsed Harvest Blood Moon on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, which coincides with the beginning of Sukkot, or the Feast of Tabernacles.

Let’s hope that the skies are clear in Westport on the evening of September 27<sup>th</sup>, when the full moon will rise fully eclipsed in the east over our coastal hills just as the sun is setting in the west at a little after 7PM (maximum totality is at 7:47PM). It’s called a “Blood Moon” since the Earth’s shadow typically makes the moon appear reddish, and this moon will look bigger because the moon will be at its closest to Earth. What a great night for a Harvest Moon viewing party!

As you may know by now, this will be the fourth and final Blood Moon in a rare *tetrad* of four in two years that have all coincided with major Jewish holidays (and the only one of the four that will be visible in Israel). There’s a long back-story to this, and it’s an interesting story to know even if (like me) you are not of the apocalyptic sort – see my articles in both the October 2014 and April 2015 issues of *The Westport Wave* (or just google “blood moon”) for more on that.

An Equinox tends to be an eventful time anyway, and it has not escaped me that during the period between the upcoming Fall Equinox and lunar eclipse, Pope Francis will be visiting the USA (including a speech before the General Assembly of the United Nations which will be attended by many of the most powerful leaders on our planet), with a mission to encourage global peace, unity, and environmental stewardship. Exciting times to be sure, both as we look to the sky and also as we look around at our Earth!



One of the things made possible by your support of the WVFD is this brand new (used) fire engine, which is currently being refitted as WVFD #8580!

### Logan's Corner

#### "Building Community"

In the havens of contentment,  
 amidst our sanctuaries;  
 rests a hopeful comradeship –  
 longing to partner our free will.

Humanity's need for a pull upward –  
 seeks a friendly voice.

Together we offer what  
 we can do –  
 no more, no less...  
 To help each other keep  
 stepping one foot front the other.  
 we do our part...  
 no more, no less.  
 (many times agreeing to disagree)

And the smallest of a gathering  
 can grow to become  
 a 'Happening'.  
 When somehow,  
 someway...  
 something's built.

-- J. Logan Smith, 8/15  
 P.S. – on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 --  
 Westport, Ca.: population 801

## September 2015 Westport Calendar

- September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Meet with Sheriff Tom Allman, 6:30PM, followed by the WMAC Meeting at 7:00PM, Westport Community Church
- September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM
- September 7<sup>th</sup>** – Labor Day
- September 9<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Firehouse
- September 12<sup>th</sup>** – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Firehouse
- September 13<sup>th</sup>** – New Moon, 7:35AM
- September 13<sup>th</sup>** – Carolyne Cathey, Mendocino Center For Spiritual Living, "Receiving and Giving", 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church
- September 13<sup>th</sup>** – Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sunset
- September 17<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM
- September 19<sup>th</sup>** – Kids' Movie Night, Westport Community Recreation Center, 6:00PM
- September 20<sup>th</sup>** – Third Sunday Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM at the Westport Community Church
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Yom Kippur Begins at Sunset
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>** – **Fall Equinox, 1:22AM**
- September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Flea Market, 11:00AM to 2:00PM, Westport Community Headlands
- September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Sukkot Begins at Sunset, 7:04PM
- September 27<sup>th</sup>** – **Super Full Harvest "Blood" Moon and Total Lunar Eclipse, 7:11PM to 8:23PM** (maximum totality at 7:47PM)
- October 1<sup>st</sup>** – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>** – **Westport Village Society Annual Members Meeting, 6:30PM, Westport Church**

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# WESTPORT VILLAGE SOCIETY

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supporting local charitable and educational projects &  
fostering the preservation, enhancement, and interpretation of the natural environment

## About WVS

The Westport Village Society, Inc. is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) corporation that was organized in 1992 to foster the preservation, enhancement, and interpretation of the natural environment in and around the village of Westport, California and to support local charitable and educational projects. Anyone can become a member, but voting privileges are assigned only to those who reside or own property in the WVS area (see [http://www.westportvillagesociety.org/Images/WVS\\_Membership\\_Area.jpg](http://www.westportvillagesociety.org/Images/WVS_Membership_Area.jpg)). We encourage members and the public to participate in our Annual Meeting (the first Friday in October at 7:00 PM at the Church), WVS Board meetings (3rd Saturdays of Jan/April/July/Oct at 9:00 AM @ Church), and many other activities and events hosted by the organization.

## Membership Form

(Note: The WVS does not share its membership list with anyone.)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address (mailing): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I/we live or own property:  Between Ten Mile River and Rockport  Not Local

Telephone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly newsletters are sent by email or can be picked up at the Westport Community Store.

# of members _____	x \$15.00 per member	= _____
Family membership @ \$25.00		= _____
Additional donations:	a) Headlands Fund	= _____
	b) Community Center Project	= _____
	c) General Fund	= _____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>		= _____

Donations are tax deductible. We acknowledge receipt of any donation over \$50.00 or will send an acknowledgement for smaller donations by request. The WVS also would be very pleased to accept charitable bequests. Please contact us to discuss arrangements for a bequest and learn something about the tax benefits by emailing us at [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org).

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!!