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# The Westport Wave

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Westport Whale Festival Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>

The Fourth Annual Westport Whale Festival is going to be the best one ever! The festivities will occur both at the Westport Whale roadside sculpture attraction (37060 N Hwy 1 in Westport) and at the Westport Headlands Community Park on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00AM to 5:00PM. Beer, wine and nonalcoholic beverages will be sold, the Westport Hotel will sell scrumptious food, and lots of fun activities are planned. This event is cosponsored by its originator, Kyle Siler of The Westport Whale, and the nonprofit Westport Village Society.

There is an incredible line up of local musical talent and hilarious sea creature inspired skits. Erin Brazill will grace the stage and transition into performances by Derek Diorio and singer/whale enthusiast Sarah Flaim who rocks on the ukulele. A special guest, Adore Yours, will also be there to make this celebration one you won't forget.

Harmony face painting will be on site to give your children a whole new look, as well as a whale toss game, bouncy house, and kid's treasure hunt will be held at the Headlands Park. Locally sourced merchandise will be for sale at both locations. Hidden Treasures in Fort Bragg helped produce T-shirts and shopping bags with artwork by Derek DiOrion. Wine and beer will be available in specially decorated stemless wine glasses and pint mugs if you want a



**Come to the Westport Whale Festival on March 28<sup>th</sup>!**

memento. Monogrammed glass straws will also be offered this year. If you'd like to be a vendor and haven't already grabbed a spot, please contact Sarah Cullar at 962-0181 or sarah.e.cullar at gmail dot com.

Whale Watching and education will be highlighted in the Headlands Park around the overlook platform. Whale watching will be ongoing, and a marine biologist will present a Whale Talk at 1:00 PM. The educational aspect is made possible through collaboration with the Noyo Center for Marine Science, Cabrillo Lighthouse, and Westport Village Society. Local Fin Whale bones will be on temporary display. WVS is planning a permanent display of those bones on the Westport Headlands in the future.

Tours of the World Famous Westport Whale roadside attraction are available all day. The Whale gets an average of 775 hits per month between Google searches and Roadside America. Come see what all the hype is about! A raffle will be held at the end of the day. Many prizes will be awarded including a 2 night stay at the Westport Whale!

## Community Fundraising Gathering Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

Thad Van Bueren

**Help us brainstorm Westport Community fundraising on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00PM at the Westport Hotel.** The needs of our various local nonprofit organizations will be considered. Then we'll discuss both traditional events and possibly some new ones that sound fun and productive. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm!

## Westport Community Hall Now Open 11:00AM to 2:00PM Every Tuesday for Art

Tabby Korhummel

Every Tuesday, from 11:00AM to 2:00PM, the Westport Community Hall will be open for artists and/or aspiring artists :) Everyone is welcome to come and leave their supplies to make it more convenient to create on a weekly basis. Sue Korhummel will be onsite to give artistic guidance and encouragement. Some weeks we will have a structured class presented, but you are always welcome to work on your own.

A sliding scale donation of \$5-\$15 dollars is suggested. Your dollars will help to pay utilities and other operating costs to keep our community room open. We also hope to create an art supply cabinet for everyone's use. If you have any extra supplies that you would like to contribute please do. If you can't make a donation you can always donate some time cleaning the building.

### 24/7 Westport Wave

This month's *Westport Wave* and over 8 years of monthly back-issues are always free to everyone at any time on the Newsletter page of our website [www.westportvillagesociety.org](http://www.westportvillagesociety.org) – in living color, with live links! Check it out, and tell your friends!



Live Shows as the Westport Whale Festival March 28<sup>th</sup>!

## Join Aimee's Exercise Class Every Saturday at 10:00AM Starting March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Westport Community Hall!

Aimee Maxey

Beginning on March 7<sup>th</sup>, Aimee Maxey will once again host an ongoing fitness and exercise class **every Saturday from 10:00AM to 11:00AM at the Westport Community Hall.** The title is "20x3", meaning each of three segments will have 20 minutes dedicated to the mode of exercise. The first 20 minutes is cardio – this is beneficial for circulation and oxygen consumption – and memory building, because it will be choreographed. The second 20 minutes is weight resistance, beneficial for endurance, muscle mass, metabolism, and bone density. The final 20 minutes will focus on the core – the foundation of all movement, staying upright, and protecting the back. We will follow this up with a mindful, relaxing stretch at the end to feel complete. I am asking for 5 dollars per participant per class, and I will share my earnings with the Community Center fund. This class is intended for all ranges of fitness – do not feel intimidated about your level, I will accommodate you!





**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PUB!**

## March at the Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager, Hotel and Pub

We are so happy to be back in operation for 2020! Our Pub hours are 5:00PM to 8:00PM Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays for dinner, and 3:00PM to 5:00PM on Saturdays for afternoon tea. Beginning on March 19<sup>th</sup>, we will stay open until 9:00PM for dinner.

Spring is in the air, and we are so excited that our Saturday Afternoon Tea on February 29<sup>th</sup> will be cherry blossom themed – inspired by the blooming trees and a new tiny cherry blossom cookie cutter... so cute!! Have fun with the theme and dress up if you like. Think pink, red, cherries, blossoms, red lips...

March is Westport Whale Festival month, and we will be hanging art with an over- and under-the-sea theme. If you have art work that would fit the theme please call or stop by the Hotel. We will be hanging the new art between March 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

We love that locals come to our pub to celebrate together. We are fully booked on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> for a celebration of love, so please dine with us another night.

**On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00PM, we will once again serve our Saint Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage as a fundraiser for our Westport Volunteer Fire Department. Our full menu will also be offered, as well as musical entertainment with an Irish vibe.**

We have several job positions open for our busy season starting May – morning innkeeper, house keeper, maintenance/grounds keeper and line cook/sous. Happy, energetic, motivated team players can apply in person – call Tabby 707-964-3688 for an appointment or stop by.

### Upcoming Music And Events:

**Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> – Chuck Tourtillott**

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – booked for a private party

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Erin Brazill and guests, WVFD St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Dinner**

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Matthew Westmorland**

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Bob Dease and the Acoustic Serenade**

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Aaron Ford**

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Easter Brunch with the Seaside String Sisters**

We're looking forward to another fantastic year in our beautiful little town! Like our Facebook page to keep up with our music calendar and weekly specials <https://www.facebook.com/abalonepub/>, and for more information, call us at 707-964-3688 or Email us at [westporthotel@mcn.org](mailto:westporthotel@mcn.org). Also, check out our website at [westporthotel.us](http://westporthotel.us)



*"Deep comfort of  
the Earth below you,  
Vast joy of the  
Heaven above you,  
Great peace of the  
Infinite within you"*

(Old Celtic Saying)

### **Sign Up To Use The Westport Community Hall And Church**

## **Westport Community Church March Spiritual Programs**

Baile Oakes

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM  
Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group**

This discussion group is focused upon Thich Nhat Hahn's Book: "Living Buddha, Living Christ". No need to have the book. We will share passages from the book and discuss how they might or might not influence how we show up for ourselves and all Creation.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM  
Monthly Quaker Worship Group**

Katharine White continues to gift our community with a Quaker Worship Group meeting. Katharine usually begins with a reading from Quaker passages, then leads us in a quiet meditation. Participants are encouraged to share thoughts that arise during this time of meditation. This is followed by Katharine leading us in 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.

You can reserve the Westport Community Hall or the Westport Church for classes and other activities by placing your event on the Community Hall and Church Calendar at the Westport Store. Reservations are on a first come basis. Donations are welcome to help sustain the facilities. Please leave the buildings in better condition than you found them, turning off lights and appliances, removing trash, cleaning, and locking up. No smoking or alcohol use is allowed. Please contact Val at 489-6380 or Thad at 964-7272.

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

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 weed cutting, painting, handyman work, and more. If you are interested, please call Gary Quinton, (707) 964-7073.





## **Westport County Water District News**

**Ann Woodhead, Member, Board of Directors**

The most recent regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Westport County Water District was on January 11<sup>th</sup>, with the entire Board present as well as staff members John Morrill, Chief Operator, and Kayla Cooper, Administrator. Community members Dorine Real and Bob Finnell also attended. (The regular monthly meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> was unexpectedly canceled.) As always, the Board dealt with the often-boring but absolutely necessary nuts-and-bolts financial and operational matters before us. We're happy to say that thanks to our hardworking staff, both water and sewer operations are going well at the present time, and we are stable financially (though we would like to be able to beef up our capital accounts to allow for some needed improvements and to meet possible emergencies). Environmental scientist Sarah Bradley has been helping us enormously, identifying possible funding sources, writing grants, and generally advising us about environmental issues. She is doing all of this

on a volunteer basis; we are fortunate to be working with her.

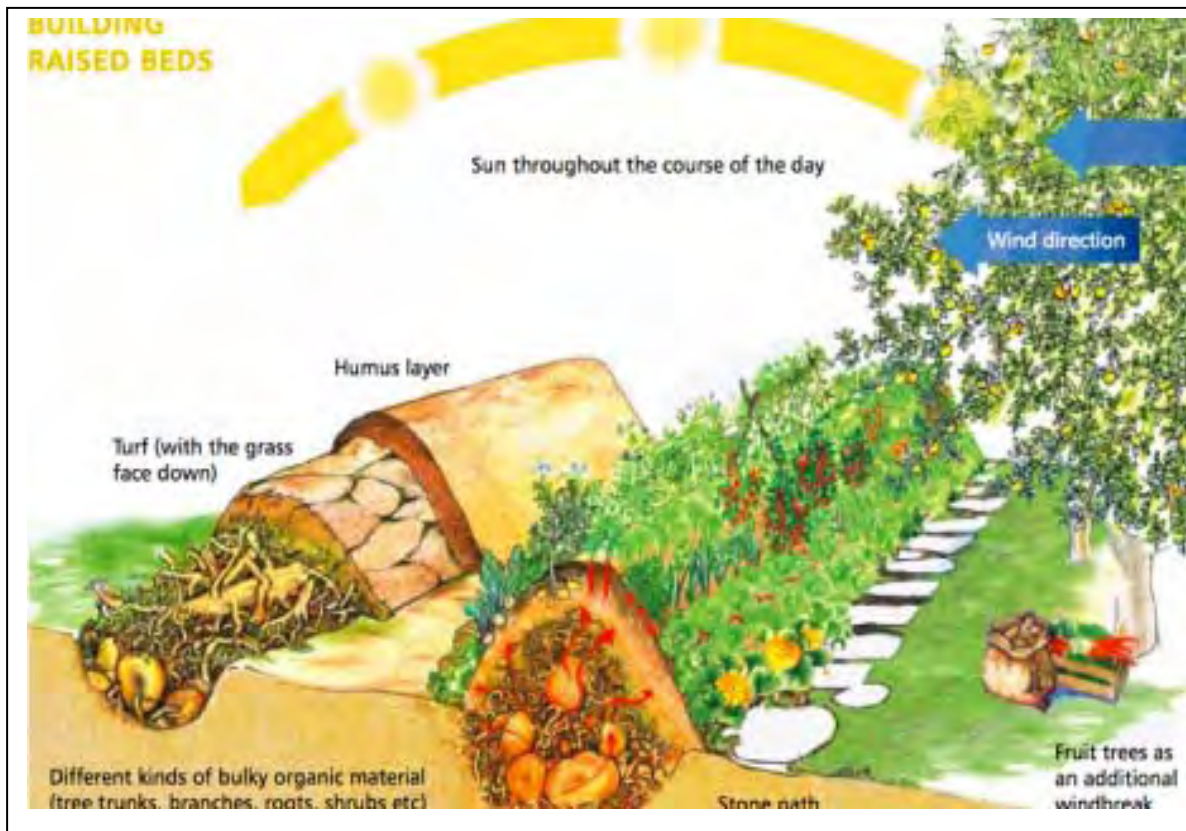
After adjourning the regular meeting, we held a workshop to begin reviewing and updating our Bylaws and Policies. Despite all the extensive and detailed work that former Board President Steve Cardullo did with these documents some time ago, there are still many questions to answer and revisions to do before the Policies accurately reflect the mission and operations of the District. Long-time Westport resident Dorine Real provided us with valuable insights, and has volunteered to continue to assist the Board with this project, which has been on hold for some time. We are eager to get it completed.

We are also in the process of developing a website for the District. When the site is up and

running, the public will have an easy way to find information about the District and to contact us. In the meantime, the District can be contacted by phone, by email (wcwd55 at gmail dot com) or by snail mail (P.O. Box 55, Westport, CA 95488).

The phone number for the Westport County Water District is (707) 962-1612. This calls the water plant and an answering machine picks up. The message is to call Kayla Cooper at 367-1057 for administrative help and John Morrill at 303-6677 for water emergencies and water quality issues.

Please Note: For your convenience, bill payments may now be dropped off at the Westport Community Store (thanks to Val Hale for setting this up). And a reminder: The regular monthly Westport Water District Board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, and are open to the public. The agenda for the meeting is available by email on request and is also posted on the Community Bulletin Board at the Westport Store at least three days before the meeting. The next monthly Board meeting will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at the Westport Firehouse.



## Experimental Permaculture

Thad Van Bueren

Several Westportians have been experimenting with a type of permaculture well-suited to our local environment. Jeff Mathias told me about it a few years ago and I'm finally getting around to my own experiment. Hugelkultur (pronounced HOO-gul-kul-tur) means hill culture in German. Instead of burning or composting branches, leaves and grass clippings, you can build a *hugel* bed that decomposes in place. Simply mound logs, branches, leaves, grass clippings, straw, cardboard, petroleum-free newspaper, manure, compost or whatever other biomass you have available, top with soil and plant your veggies.

The advantages of a hugel bed are many. The gradual decay of wood is a consistent source of long-term nutrients for the plants. A large bed might give out a constant supply of nutrients for 20 years or more. The composting wood also generates heat which should extend the growing season. Soil aeration increases as those branches and logs break down, meaning the bed will be "no-till" over the long term. The woody material acts like a sponge, storing rainwater. It may not even be necessary to water your hugel bed again

after the first year (except during long term droughts). They sequester carbon into the soil and regenerate good topsoil. And vertical gardening is easy on the back too!

The beds I started this year began by first digging out the sod layer and setting it aside. I oriented mine north to south so both sides of each hill will get equal sun. After

removing the turf layer I then dug down about 12 inches, making a separate pile of the underlying soil. The trench is then filled first with logs and branches. Hard woods take longer to break down, while soft woods like red alder decompose more rapidly. I added the pruned materials from my orchard too instead of burning them. Redwood should be avoided because it is slow to decompose and inhibits vegetable germination and growth due to its high concentration of tannins.

The turf is then turned upside down over the woody materials and other layers of grass clippings, soil, seaweed, compost, aged manure, straw, green leaves, and mulch can be built up like layers of lasagna. Some people use an outside frame of straw bales that eventually break down, contributing to the linear hills.

During the first year the wood (and fungi) consume a lot of the nitrogen, so planting nitrogen fixing veggies like legumes or planting species with low nitrogen requirements is necessary unless there is plenty of organic material on top of the wood. After the wood absorbs nitrogen it will start to break down and give nitrogen back. In the end you will have a beautiful bed of nutrient rich soil!





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## **March 2020** **Westport Calendar**

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Westport Community Fundraising Gathering, 1:00PM, Westport Hotel**

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Westport Community Hall Open for Art, 10:00AM to 2:00PM, (every Tuesday) Westport Community Hall (see page 2)**

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting cancelled (see <http://www.westportmac.org/>)**

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – “20x3” Exercise Class with Aimee Maxey, 10:00AM to 11:00AM, Westport Community Center (every Saturday) (see page 2)**

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Daylight Saving Time Begins, 2:00AM (Set Clocks AHEAD One Hour)**

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church**

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – Super Full Moon, 10:47AM**

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Firehouse**

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – Bookmobile, 9:00AM-9:30AM, Westport Community Store**

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> – Westport Community Church Board Meeting, 11:00AM, Westport Community Church**

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse**

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Saint Patrick’s Day WVFD Fundraising Dinner, 5:00PM to 8:00PM, Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub**

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Quaker Worship Group, 10:00AM, Westport Community Church**

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – Saint Patrick’s Day**

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Spring Equinox, 8:49PM**

**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – Micro New Moon, 2:28AM**

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Bookmobile, 9:00AM-9:30AM, Westport Community Store**

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Westport Whale Festival, 10:00AM-5:00PM, Whale House and Westport Community Headlands (see page 1)**

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