

April 1, 2021

# The Westport Wave

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## Westport Easter Egg Hunt Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> At 11:00AM

Sarah Cullar

Hey folks! **The Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt (Masked and Socially Distanced version) is happening on Easter Sunday, April 4th, at 11:00AM on The Westport Headlands!** We're asking that the adults for each child participating donate a dozen eggs per child, filled or dyed (all donations are welcome, whether you have children

participating or not). Donations of eggs can be left at the store Saturday (at the latest, filled eggs can be dropped sooner) or dropped by the Headlands to the egg hidiers (Sarah and anyone who would like to help out) Sunday morning by 9:00AM.

**Please note: masks are required and we will need adult supervision and help to keep the kids appropriately distanced. We'd also like to keep this small and local, please do not invite large groups to join you. We will have a special "candy free" area for the littlest ones.**

**MAD  
HATTER  
TEA  
PARTY!**  
at The  
Westport  
Hotel  
Saturday  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
3:00PM to  
5:00PM

Tabby  
Korhummel,  
General  
Manager,  
Westport Hotel



The Westport Hotel will present a socially distanced MAD HATTER themed Tea on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00PM to 5:00PM. A \$25 donation is requested. Space is very limited to provide social distancing. Safety first! Wear a mask! Stay in your social bubble! :)

All donations will be given to the Mendocino Coast Children's Fund!

Full tea service includes: tea, scones, butter, jam, finger sandwiches, fruit, chocolate and cake. Sarah Flaim will join us for a beautiful serenade from a safe distance!

There will also be a plant sale, croquet, and prizes!

**CALL THE WESTPORT HOTEL AT (707) 964-3688 or EMAIL TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE**

### Free Masks for COVID Protection

COVID Response Network

Courtesy of the Mask Awareness Project of the COVID Response Network, complimentary mask kits are available at the following locations, so anyone can pick up free mask packs anytime:

**Fort Bragg – Down Home Foods and Colombi Market**

**Mendocino – Spark Gallery, Corners of the Mouth, and Frankie's**

#### CRN Mission

The mission of the **COVID Response Network** is to do what we can as concerned people to make a broad, deep, and effective response to the threats of COVID-19. Our pilot region is the Mendocino Coast of California.

## April 6<sup>th</sup> Westport MAC Meeting

Thad Van Bueren

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council will meet Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00 PM via Zoom teleconference. The primary topic will be proposed Senate Bill 231, a law that would transfer the 172-acre Caltrans property at Blues Beach to a tribal nonprofit for management as a natural area. State Senator Mike McGuire, tribal representatives, and Supervisor Dan Gjerde will participate as our guests. Please send questions for them in advance to [WMAC95488@wildblue.net](mailto:WMAC95488@wildblue.net) so the speakers can address them.

Contact [WMAC95488@wildblue.net](mailto:WMAC95488@wildblue.net) for details on how to participate. We ask that you please mention in your email if you'd like to comment so the meeting host can acknowledge you at the proper time. The guests will offer presentations before public speakers are acknowledged one at a time by the WMAC host. Your courtesy is essential to ensure that every person is heard. Once public comments close, the Directors will decide if any action will be taken.

## 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 and weed cutting, painting, handyman work, and more. We can help you with registration paperwork and compliance/completion documents. If you are interested, please call Gary Quinton, (707) 964-7073.

## Headlands Work Day

Thad Van Bueren

The Westport Village Society will continue to hold Headlands work days every third Saturday of the month from 10:00AM to 1:00 PM. The next work day will be Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The event will be cancelled if it rains. Please bring gloves, water, and loppers/pruners. We will socially distance for safety, but it is a good idea to bring a mask as a precaution. Please contact us at [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org) with questions or input.

## Westport Community Store & Post Office Expanded Service During COVID-19 Crisis

In this COVID crisis, the Westport Community Store now offers the following services:

- Call-ahead ordering – store personnel can grocery shop for you
- Curbside pickup of take-out food orders, groceries, PO Box Mail and packages delivered to the store
- Delivery of take-out food orders, groceries, PO Box Mail and packages delivered to the store
- Flexible non-contact payment methods
- All orders will be packaged and disinfected prior to pickup or delivery. **The Westport Community Store wants to do anything possible to help its customers stay safe and minimize possible spread of COVID-19. Deliveries available in the greater Westport Community area. Call the Store at 964-2872 to order or get more information.**

### 24/7 Westport Wave

The Westport Wave is always free to everyone at any time on the Newsletter page of our website [westportvillagesociety.org](http://westportvillagesociety.org) – where you'll always find our most current issue as well as over nine years of monthly back-issues, all in living color, with live links! Check it out, and tell your friends!



## April at The Westport Community Garden

Derek DiOrio

**Stop by the Westport Community Garden in April for fresh, organically grown veggies – ready for you to harvest, ABSOLUTELY FREE!** At the Westport Community Garden, fresh vegetables are free to everyone every day, so please come do your part by harvesting regularly so that nothing goes to waste! Just bring your own cutting utensil and a bag to take your goodies home. We're at the end of Abalone Street at the Westport Community Center (look for the greenhouse).

A variety of different leafy greens, herbs, peas, radishes, and artichokes are all available for picking during the month of April. The sugar-snap/snow peas, radishes, and lettuce were all planted March 20th so they will likely not be available to harvest for another couple of weeks; but, be sure to stop by and check in on their status to help keep them watered and free of pests please – we're trying to grow food for the people, not for the birds and deer. Sorry Bambi...

As usual, the Community Garden work days are the first and third Saturdays of the month (weather permitting) and, with spring now upon us, we could really use some extra hands in the dirt! With the help of a few other community members we made some decent progress during the month of March – thank you to those who helped last month! A couple more raised beds were built and are now ready for planting.

The remainder of our soil was moved to a better location on the back side of the community center to allow grass to grow where it once sat. Some weed-whacking, weeding and general tidying up of the garden also happened - and we even acquired a wheel barrow finally! Now we're really in business: Wooooooweeee!! In April, the focus will still be on improving the infrastructure of the garden by rebuilding the last of the decaying garden beds, repairing fencing, amending soil/compost mulching, laying down weed barrier cloth (and woodchips) in the greenhouse and finally getting a functioning compost system up and going. With these improvements done in April we'll be on track to get the last of our planting done by mid-May and will then focus on getting everything in the greenhouse hooked up to a drip irrigation system. What an exciting time of year – **Happy Planting** everyone!

## Spiritual Equinox Message

Baile Oakes

**“Before I was six years old, my grandparents and my mother had taught me that if all the green things that grow were taken from the earth, there could be no life. If all the four-legged creatures were taken from the earth, there could be no life. If all the winged creatures were taken from the earth, there could be no life. If all our relatives who crawl and swim and live within the earth were taken away, there could be no life. But if all the human beings were taken away, life on earth would flourish. That is how insignificant we are.”**  
*Russell Means, Oglala Lakota Nation (November 10, 1939 – October 22, 2012).*





The Westport Church On Pacific Avenue (photo by Edmond Gross in 1940)

## History in the Rear View

Thad M. Van Bueren

This image of the Westport Church on Pacific Avenue was taken in the summer of 1940 by Edmond Gross. A career artist, Edmond visited Westport with his mother Lucy while enrolled in the art program at University of California, Berkeley. I wrote about him some time ago when three of his local paintings were donated to WVS. His daughter also donated over 20 negatives that I recently cataloged.

This part of town was the earliest to be developed, with the church built sometime in the 1870s. As you can see, there was a separate stairway to the second floor. The second story was used by local temperance organizers by permission of the Baptist church. Many different denominations were allowed to use the sanctuary, similar to the way the current church on

Abalone is has been used. The Pacific Avenue church collapsed and was dismantled in 1952.

I learned a valuable trick in the process of cataloging this material into our community's electronic database. By placing the negative in my scanner covered with white paper and backlit with a strong light, I was able to obtain a negative scan. Then I reversed the negative with a photo software program and adjusted the contrast to get the positive impression shared here.

The **Westport Village Society** encourages donations of local history images and documents. We also plan future calendars and articles like this to share some with you. We are in the process of cataloging two boxes of material recently donated by Suzanne (Lancaster) Cuomo of items originally created by Barbara Bernard. If you'd like to help or donate, contact Thad at 964-7272.

## Sunset Photos of Westport

Photos by Nelsen Brazill

Here are three beautiful sunset photos of our Westport Village, taken from above by Nelsen Brazill in February 2021. A big Thank You to Nelsen for generously allowing us to publish these photos. It is a beautiful record of the way we are now, and in the future will be a beautiful record of the way we were. (Hopefully, we won't change much!)





**HAPPY EASTER FROM MARTY AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS  
AT THE WESTPORT WAVE!**

- Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – New Moon, 11:59AM**
- Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Ramadan Begins At Sundown**
- Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM (call Chief Dan Maxey at (707) 357-4353 to attend remotely)**
- Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Bookmobile, 9:30AM-10:00AM, Westport Store (service outside of Bookmobile only)**
- Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Church Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Church Yard (masks required)**
- Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Westport Village Society Quarterly Board Meeting, 9:00AM, via Zoom – see [westportvillagesociety.org](http://westportvillagesociety.org) for details**
- Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Headlands Work Day, 10:00AM to 1:00PM, Westport Headlands (see Pages 3 and 8)**
- Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Day**
- Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Super Full Moon, 8:31PM**
- Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – Bookmobile, 9:30AM-10:00AM, Westport Store (service outside of Bookmobile only)**

## April Westport Calendar

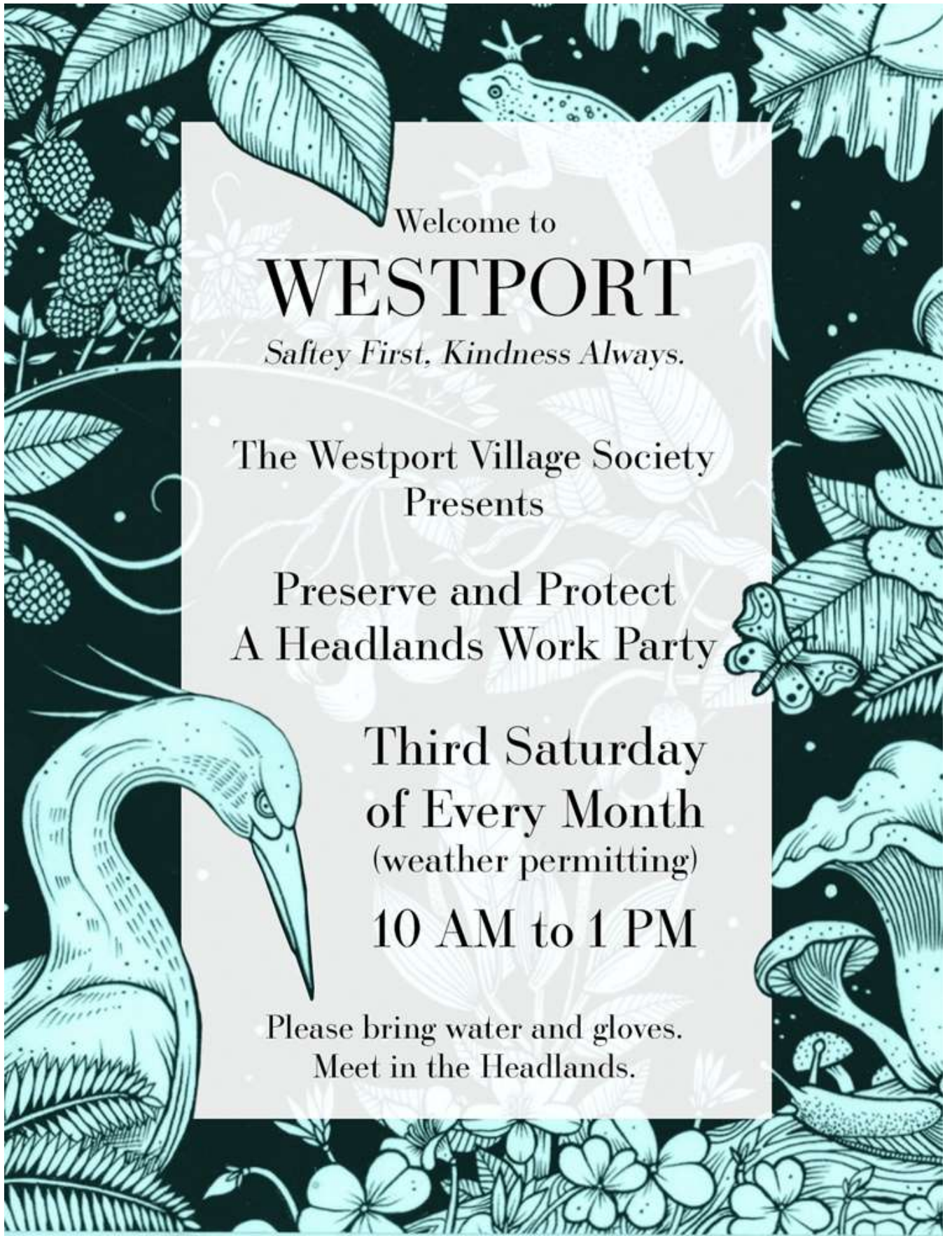
*(Please note that because of the COVID crisis, meeting occurrences, dates, and modes may vary.)*

- Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – April Fool’s Day**
- Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Bookmobile, 9:30AM-10:00AM, Westport Store (service outside of Bookmobile only)**
- Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Good Friday**
- Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mad Hatter Tea Party And Plant Sale, 3:00PM to 5:00PM, Westport Hotel (see page 2)**
- Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday**
- Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Westport Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00PM, Westport Headlands (see page 1)**
- Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Passover Ends At Sundown**
- Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Monthly Meeting Via Zoom, 7:00PM (see page 3)**
- Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00AM (call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom)**



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Welcome to  
**WESTPORT**  
*Safety First, Kindness Always.*

The Westport Village Society  
Presents

Preserve and Protect  
A Headlands Work Party

Third Saturday  
of Every Month  
(weather permitting)  
10 AM to 1 PM

Please bring water and gloves.  
Meet in the Headlands.