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The Westport Wave

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Westport Halloween, Social Distance Edition, Part 2

Sarah Cullar

We've decided to err on the side of caution with the current surge and hold a socially distanced **Halloween** event again this year. Like last year, **your task is to create and donate 30 individually wrapped candy/goodie bags to the Westport Store by October 9th.** These



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

donations will go into 30 larger goodie bags to be distributed to the local ghouls and goblins on Halloween night (October 31st).

On Halloween night, local kiddos will participate in a socially distanced outdoor parade through town beginning and ending at the Westport Store (please come out to cheer them on as they pass - we will take our usual route). We will gather at the store at 5:15PM, and set out shortly thereafter. At the end of the parade, the kids will each receive a goodie bag.

Please join us in making this happen and have a little fun in these strange times!

Westport Village Society Annual Meeting Friday, October 1st

Thad Van Bueren, Vice President, WVS

This year the Annual WVS Member Meeting will be on Friday, October 1st at 7:00PM by Zoom teleconference. Details of how to join the Zoom meeting can be obtained by email from wvs@westportvillagesociety.org. You can participate by landline phone, mobile phone, tablet, or a computer with suitable functionality (internet/microphone/video).

The meeting will include a report on WVS activities of the past year, a year-end financial report and current status, and an opportunity for discussion among the Members, community, and the Board. The results of the Election for two Board vacancies will also be announced. The WVS is looking forward to meeting in person again and having community gatherings when circumstances allow. Please stay safe. Visit our website for all the latest information at <https://www.westportvillagesociety.org/>.

Guess The Weight of the Pumpkin at the Westport Community Store

Val and Erin

Let's have some fun, **Westport Community Store** style. Come into the store and guess the weight of the big pumpkin our family grew. One guess per person. Winner will be announced on Halloween after the kids parade around town. Winner will get to choose a pizza OR sandwiches for two, of their choice. **Happy Fall and Happy Halloween!**

Westport Municipal Advisory Council Meets October 5th

Thad Van Bueren

The Westport Municipal Advisory Council will meet on October 5th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Agenda topics include problems with abandoned vehicles, potential use of unimproved public right of ways like

Cahto Road for evacuation if other roads fail, reestablishing a website for the WMAC, and the Caltrans Accessibility Plan among other topics. A draft of the Caltrans plan was posted in late August at <https://www.catplan.org/district-1> if you would like to examine it. Contact WMAC95488@gmail.com for details on how to join this teleconference.

Celebrate OKTOBEERFEST With The Westport Volunteer Fire Department October 16th

WVFD

The Westport Volunteer Fire Department is hosting an Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday October 16th from 2:00PM to 8:00PM at the Westport Firehouse. Join us for an afternoon and evening of fun and good cheer, while helping support the Westport Fire Department. Enjoy German bratwurst, local beer, and great music. Check out our emergency response vehicles, including our newest fire engine. This will be a fun event rain or shine. The cost is \$25 per person. Kids under 12 are free. All proceeds from this event will be used by the Westport Volunteer Fire Department to accomplish its mission of helping keep your community safe. See Calendar on page 7 for list of bands scheduled.

News From The Old Abalone Pub

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager, Westport Hotel

It's been a challenge to stay open during these ever-changing times. The safety of our staff and customers is most important to us. That is why we have switched to a **take-out menu only from 4:00PM to 8:00PM on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only.**

Our Menu can be found on our website westporthotel.us or our Facebook page. Please call (707) 964-3688 to order and ask about our specials and desserts.

On Saturday, October 16th, we will be closed to support the W.V.F.D. Oktoberfest fundraiser. On Sunday, October 31st (weather permitting), we will be showing a family-friendly Halloween movie in the back yard after dark. Bring a chair, warm beverage and a blanket to stay warm.



Westport Community Church News

Erin Detrick, President, WCC

The Westport Community Church Board would like to announce that the Church and Community Hall are now available for indoor activities. Protocol for events: 1. You must write your event details on the calendar available at the Westport Store. Without this step, your event does not exist. 2. All those that attend your event (including vaccinated individuals) **MUST WEAR A MASK**.

Cleanup is also required with hygienic wiping of touched surfaces like door handles. All activities must be placed on the calendar at the store. Please contact me at erind.3500@gmail.com or 707-489-2546 for information about holding events or any other questions you may have regarding the Church or Hall. Again, our Church Board thanks you for your continued patience and support.

The Westport Community Church Board will meet on Thursday, October 21st at 10:00AM at the Church. Members of the community are welcome to participate. As mentioned above, face masks are required for entry.

Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group – October 10th, 10:00AM

Baile Oakes

This **Westport Community Church** 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 our selves and all Creation.

We request that attendees be vaccinated and we will meet according to the Church Covid precautions.

Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy – Thich Nhat Hahn

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. **This project is made possible by North Coast Opportunities, the Community Foundation of Mendocino, and generous community members.**

Fort Bragg – Down Home Foods and Colombi Market

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

24/7 Westport Wave

The Westport Wave is always free to everyone at any time on the Newsletter page of our website 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!

Westport Water District News

**John Morrill, Westport County Water District
Operations Manager and Chief Plant Operator**

To our valued customers,

We are staying the course on Stage 3 of our Drought Emergency Plan. The generous rain of 1.6 inches on September 18th, measured at the water treatment plant, did increase Wages Creek flow. However, by September 24th we were back to Stage 3 flow rates. There is more rain forecasted, and with any luck it will keep us out of Stage 4. Stage 4 will not be any fun for anyone but we will survive. The well has been set up for disinfection and corrosion control dosing to insure we can provide the best water possible.

Everyone in our community has been doing their part. Our monthly water usage is estimated to be 344,233 gallons. This is an estimate because the deadline for submitting articles to the Wave is before the end of the month. This is only 58 percent of the 591,463 gallons produced during September 2020.

Thanks to all,

John Morrill – 9/24/21



If you have any questions or comments, please email me at wcwd55@gmail.com and please check out our website to get up to date information regarding Westport County Water District news and the drought. www.westportcountywaterdistrict.com

Board Member Position Open At Westport County Water District

**Kayla Cooper, Westport County Water District
Administrator-Financial Controller**

Greetings Westport Water consumers! We have an opening for a new Board Member on our Board of Directors. We are looking for someone to volunteer their time in order to help out the Water District. This position requires that you are registered to vote within the Westport County Water District. You will need to attend our monthly board meetings which take place every second Thursday of the month at 7pm. These meetings are currently being held via Zoom. You will also need to be able to complete a Form 700, which states that you do not have a conflict of interest. Please contact me via email at wcwd55@gmail.com or by phone at 707-367-1057 if you would like to inquire about this position.

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.

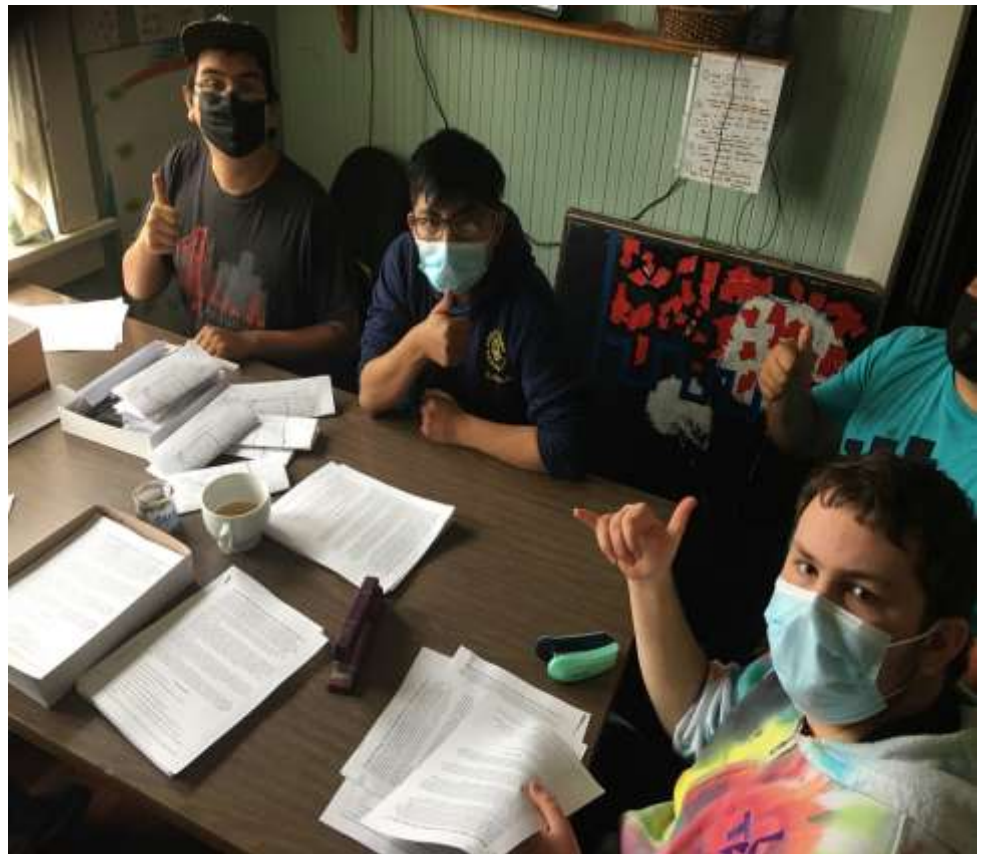
Blues Beach Land Transfer

Thad M. Van Bueren

In previous issues I've provided updates on Senate Bill 231, a proposed law that would authorize Caltrans to transfer the 172-acre oceanfront Blues Beach property to a tribal nonprofit corporation for stewardship as a natural area available for lawful public access during daylight hours. Many locals support descendant tribes in their efforts to seek protection of Blues Beach as a natural area. I'm pleased to let you know the bill passed both houses of the California legislature with unanimous votes in August and the law was signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on Friday, September 24, 2021.

Caltrans acquired the 172-acre Blues Beach property in the mid-1970s with Scenic Easement funding. That grant mandated protection of the property's diverse environmental resources. However, the agency's mission does not include parkland management, and illegal camping, fireworks, and driving on Blues Beach have taken place with increasing impunity. This law will allow Caltrans to transfer the property into the stewardship of a local tribal nonprofit that is mandated to protect resources and maintain lawful public access. Local supporters can help the tribal nonprofit remedy those abuses and create a natural area for all to enjoy.

The transfer will take some time to transpire as conditions are met under the oversight of the California Legislature and state Transportation Commission. The tribal nonprofit corporation is being formed by a consortium of descendant tribes (Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians and Round Valley Indian Tribes) and will need to meet specific



Transition Learning Center students get the annual members' mailing done for the Westport Village Society. Great job, folks, and thank you so much!

requirements. The final version of the law can be accessed at https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB231.

TLC Students Do Annual Mailing for the Westport Village Society

Erin Brazill, Teacher, Transition Learning Center

This year, the students in my class at the Transition Learning Center in Fort Bragg greatly enjoyed doing the election mailing for the Westport Village Society. Their hard work was supported through the Workability program. This sort of work experience is very valuable, as I can remember so many days and hours as a young person here on the coast and in my 20's in San Francisco, doing similar mailings for some quick cash or check. Thank you WVS and the Workability program for giving us this opportunity!



Beautiful Westport Vegetables! (photo by Derek DiOrio)

contains sweet peppers and the one to the right contains hot peppers) so make it up there to pick some if you can! I've been using a food dehydrator to make "sun-dried" tomatoes and, boy, are they good! Last month we managed to plant some more lettuce, spinach, and kale in the raised beds outside the greenhouse, and as more stuff starts to die off in the greenhouse we will continue to plant our cool weather crops for the winter months there as well.

Community Garden volunteer work days are the first

October at the Westport Community Garden

Derek DiOrio

Stop by the **Westport Community Garden** in October for fresh, organically grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers – ready for you to harvest, **ABSOLUTELY FREE!** At the Westport Community Garden, fresh produce is 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 in. We're at the end of Abalone Street at the Westport Community Center (look for the greenhouse).

The greenhouse is still full of cherry and heirloom tomatoes, tomatillos and peppers (the raised bed to the left

and third Saturdays of the month @10:30AM (Oct. 2nd and 16th); but, please feel free to stop in anytime you feel like getting your hands in the dirt - there are always weeds that need to be pulled, vines that need to be trellised and veggies harvested this time of year. If you are uncertain about what to do, just check the white board inside the greenhouse for up-to-date tasks/jobs needing to be done around the garden. For the month of October, our main focus will be on getting any existing, gopher ridden raised beds rebuilt, filled with soil, amended, mixed and planted with our cool weather crops. Other tasks will include pruning, weeding, trellising and cleaning up any dead/dying plant matter. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the garden in some way and has helped to keep things watered and growing. Despite the days getting shorter and cooler, we are still able to grow a good amount of produce during the winter months because of our great little greenhouse! Thanks WVS and **Happy Fall everyone!**



October Westport Calendar

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

Friday, October 1st – Westport Village Society Annual Member Meeting, 7:00PM via Zoom. Please contact wvs@westportvillagesociety.org for details (see article on page 2)

Saturday, October 2nd – Westport Community Garden Work Day, 10:30AM, Community Garden (see page 6)

Tuesday, October 5th – WMAC meeting, 7:00PM. Please contact wmac95488@gmail.com for details (see page 2)

Wednesday, October 6th – New Moon, 4:05AM

Sunday, October 10th – Thich Nhat Han Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Church (see page 3)

Wednesday, October 13th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM (call Chief Dan Maxey at (707) 357-4353 to attend remotely)

Thursday, October 14th – Bookmobile, 9:30AM-10:00AM, Westport Store (masks required)

Thursday, October 14th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM (call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom – see page 4)

Saturday, October 16th – Headlands Work Party, 10:00AM to 1:00PM, Westport Headlands (see page 9)

Saturday, October 16th – Westport Community Garden Work Day, 10:30AM, Westport Community Garden (see page 6)

Saturday, October 16th – OKTOBEERFEST Celebration, 2:00PM to 8:00PM, Westport Firehouse (see pages 2 and 8). Featured bands are:

2:00PM to 3:00PM – Chuck Tourtillott

3:30PM to 4:15PM – Sea Witch (Erin Brazill and friends)

4:30PM to 5:30PM – Aaron Ford

5:45PM to 7:00PM-ish -- Second Hand Grass

Wednesday, October 20th – Full Moon, 7:56AM

Thursday, October 21st – Church Board Meeting at 10 AM at the Church. Masks are required.

Wednesday, October 27th – Westport Village Society Board Meeting at 6:30 PM via Zoom. Contact wvs@westportvillagesociety.org for details.

Thursday, October 28th – Bookmobile, 9:30AM-10:00AM, Westport Store (masks required)

Sunday, October 31st – Halloween

Sunday, October 31st – Westport Kids Parade Through Town In Costume. Parade starts at 5:15PM at the Westport Store (see page 1)

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Contributions for our November 1st issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by October 26th, and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at westportwave@gmail.com. Thanks!

THE WESTPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. 6TH ANNUAL

OKTOBEERFEST

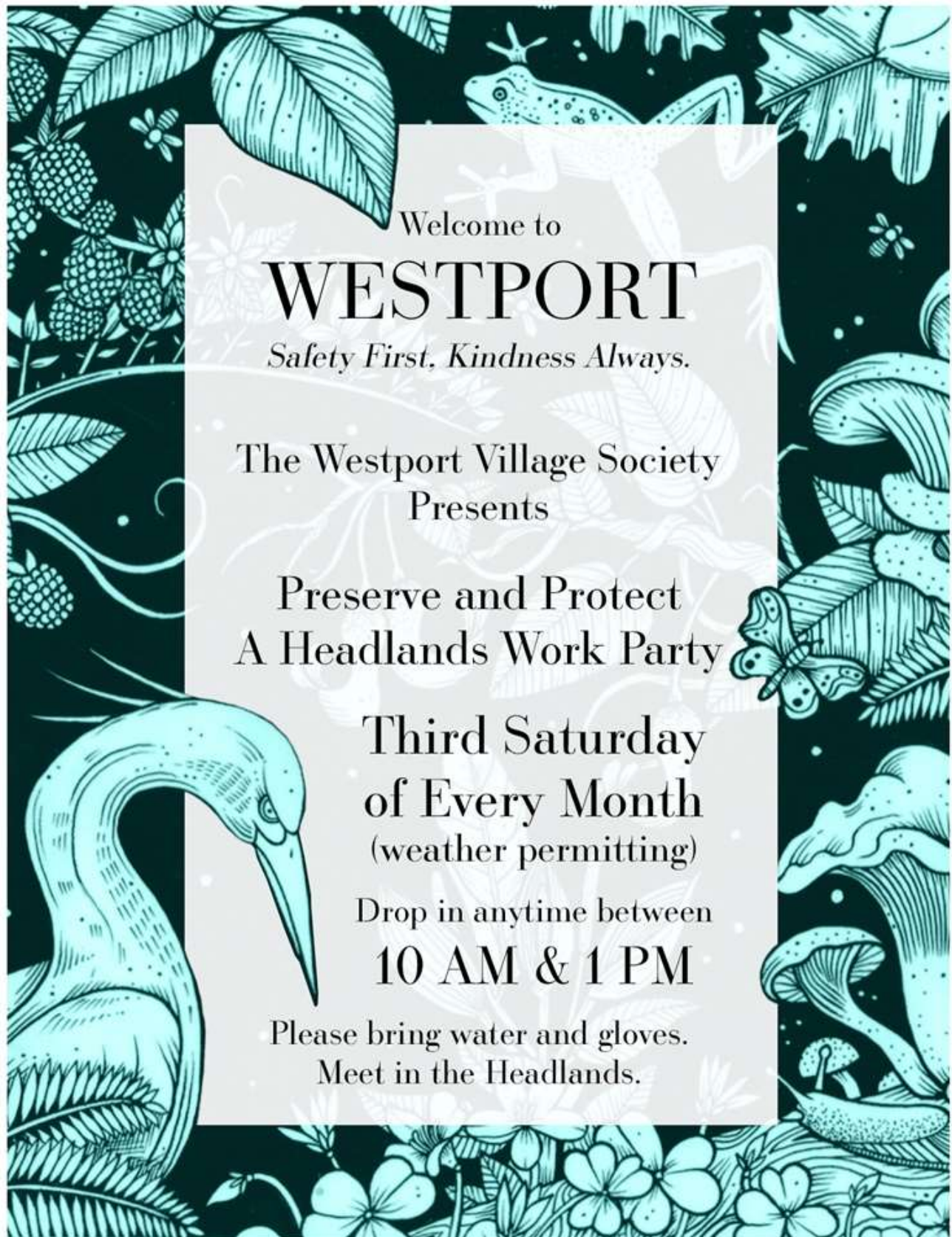
OCTOBER 16, 2021
2-8pm • Westport Fire House



MUSIC BY SPECIAL GUESTS

Enjoy all you can eat German Bratwurst
and all you can drink local beer on tap!

\$25 per person Kids under 12 – **FREE**



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)

Drop in anytime between
10 AM & 1 PM

Please bring water and gloves.
Meet in the Headlands.