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# The Westport Wave

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## You're Awesome!

### Westport Village Society

The Westport Village Society would like to express deep gratitude to our extended community for your support for the DeHaven Project this year. We are overwhelmed by your expressions of support and the generosity of those who have donated funding to help acquire the DeHaven property for all to enjoy and cherish! We exceeded our \$25,000 goal thanks to over 60 individuals and local tribes! You attended meetings and wrote letters. You're Awesome!

WVS submitted a grant application in July to acquire and plan future management of the DeHaven Creek and Headlands property. We believe our grant application is competitive because WVS is contributing both funds and donated services. The California Coastal Conservancy will meet in Fort Bragg at the Town Hall on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to consider that grant request. They asked to meet supporters at the property on the afternoon of Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Let's plan an Autumn Equinox gathering there to welcome



1963 view of DeHaven beach facing north before the highway realignment (courtesy of Caltrans).

them! We'll supply more details in the September 1<sup>st</sup> Wave newsletter about the timing.

Meanwhile, support letters for the WVS grant application are encouraged. Visit the "Projects" page on our website

<https://www.westportvillagesociety.org/projects.html> to download a sample letter. Personalize your letter to tell them why you care. Are you interested in helping with planning and management tasks? Contact [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org) or call Thad at (707) 964-7272.



Membership area for the Westport Church

## Westport Community Church News

Erin Detrick, President , Westport Community Church

The Westport Community Church board members would like to announce that we are accepting new memberships. Family membership is \$30. Individual membership is \$20. These membership dues go towards the utilities and upkeep of the church and community hall. You will also be able to help with important decisions such as voting in the upcoming December election to fill the available board member position. Please have your membership dues in by no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Send dues, along with name(s), mailing address, and other contact info. to WCC, PO Box 23, Westport, CA. Eligibility for membership is restricted to individuals over 18 years of age whose primary residence is within Townships 20 North and 21 North of Range 17 West of Township 21 North of Range 18 West of the Mount Diablo base meridian (see map above). Membership

is not restricted by Spiritual orientation. For those looking to get more involved in the WCC, contact me for a new board member application. I will need all applications completed and returned by October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Board members must be a member of the Westport Community Church. The candidates will be announced in the November edition of *The Westport Wave* and on the bulletin board at the Westport Community Store. Voting info. will be available at that time, as well. Contact me at [erind.3500@gmail.com](mailto:erind.3500@gmail.com) with any questions you may have. Thank you.



## Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub News

Tabby Korhummel, General Manager,  
Westport Hotel and Old Abalone Pub

**The Old Abalone Pub is open for dinner seating every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 5:00PM to 9:00PM. Reservations are welcome.** Saturday afternoon tea by pre-reservation request only. Please call (707) 964-3688 or email [westporthotel@mcn.org](mailto:westporthotel@mcn.org) for reservations.

Please Note: The Westport Hotel will be closed to the public on Saturday August 6th for a wedding. Please plan on dining with us another day. On Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, Mike Ehlers will play music in the Pub.





The Westport Church

## Peace Through Meditation With Babaji, Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00PM

Learn simple practices to cultivate inner peace through meditation.

Satsang with Babaji at the Westport Church, 1st Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00PM



Babaji

*Nothing exists by itself alone. We all belong to each other; we cannot cut reality into pieces. My happiness is your happiness; my suffering is your suffering. We heal and transform together.*

**Thich Nhat Hahn**

## Thich Nhat Hahn Discussion Group – Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## 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 ten years of monthly back-issues, all in living color, with live links! Check it out, and tell your friends!



WVFD helicopter training on June 29<sup>th</sup>...

## Helicopter Training Comes In Handy for the Westport Volunteer Fire Department

### WVFD

Our training on June 29<sup>th</sup> was conducted by CalStar/REACH, the helicopter air ambulance service for our remote coastal area. A CalFire engine and crew joined us for the training. We learned about identifying and setting up a landing zone, and how to communicate information about conditions at the landing zone to the helicopter by radio. We also practiced securing a patient to a backboard and then loading the patient into the helicopter. This was important training for us, and the pilot who conducted the training offered to

come back in a couple of years for a refresher course.

As is turned out, we saw the pilot the very next day on an emergency 911 call. Eleven people, including some young children, were trapped in a small cove below the parking area north of Howard Creek. The tide was coming in. Westport Fire was the first responding agency to arrive at the scene. Using a bullhorn and hand signals, we quickly determined that nobody was missing from the group on the beach in the cove and

nobody was injured. We assured the group that more resources were on the way and gave the group instructions on how to stay safe.



...And a real helicopter rescue the very next day.



A carefully coordinated helicopter response on June 30<sup>th</sup> saved eleven people who were stranded on the beach near Howard Creek. WVFD was first on the scene. All eleven people were rescued safely to dry land, with no injuries.

Chief Dan Maxey, as incident commander, directed the activities of all the responding agencies and also secured responses by the CalFire rescue helicopter and the Coast Guard. The responding agencies included a CalFire engine, the CalFire rescue helicopter, a CalStar air ambulance helicopter, State Parks, Mendocino Fire, a ground ambulance from Adventist Health hospital in Fort Bragg, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office and the Coast Guard.

While waiting for the CalFire rescue helicopter to arrive from its base south of Willits, we helped the CalFire engine crew set up a ropes cliff rescue system as a backup plan. A State Parks rescue swimmer swam from Howard Creek to the cove so she could provide support to the people being rescued.

The CalFire rescue helicopter arrived. A rescuer in a harness was lowered by cable as the helicopter hovered overhead. The children were rescued first. Each child was put in a harness and secured to the rescuer. The rescuer and child were then lifted up by the cable and transported to the parking lot above the

cove. Adults were put in a harness and lifted up individually into the helicopter. When two adults being rescued were in the helicopter they were flown to the parking lot. In the parking lot each rescued child and adult was examined by a paramedic, given a blanket for warmth and bottled water.

During the rescue operation a Coast Guard helicopter stood by and a Coast Guard vessel was about a hundred yards offshore. The rescue operation ended with all eleven

people being safely on dry land with no injuries.

## **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.





Westport in March 1934, photo taken by Roger Sturtevant from south of town.

## Backwards Glance

**Thad Van Bueren**

I recently ran across this image of Westport. It was taken by Roger Sturtevant on March 13, 1934 as part of the Historic American Building Survey (HABS), a project that continues to the present day under the auspices of the National Park Service.

The HABS is the nation's first federal preservation program, begun in 1933. Creation of the program was motivated by the desire to preserve a record of rapidly vanishing American architectural resources. The project began through the cooperation of the American Institute of Architects, the Library of

Congress, and the NPS. Its purpose was to document buildings from the monumental and architect-designed to the utilitarian and vernacular, including a sampling of our nation's vast array of regionally and ethnically derived building traditions.

One interesting thing in this image is the survival of the north wharf, which reportedly went out of use in 1930. You can also see prominent landmarks such as the Baptist Church at the foot of Pacific Avenue and the Switzer/Fee residence to the right side of the image. Another image from this collection shows buildings on Pacific Avenue. Both are in the archives of the Westport Village Society. Contact [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org) or visit its website for more information.

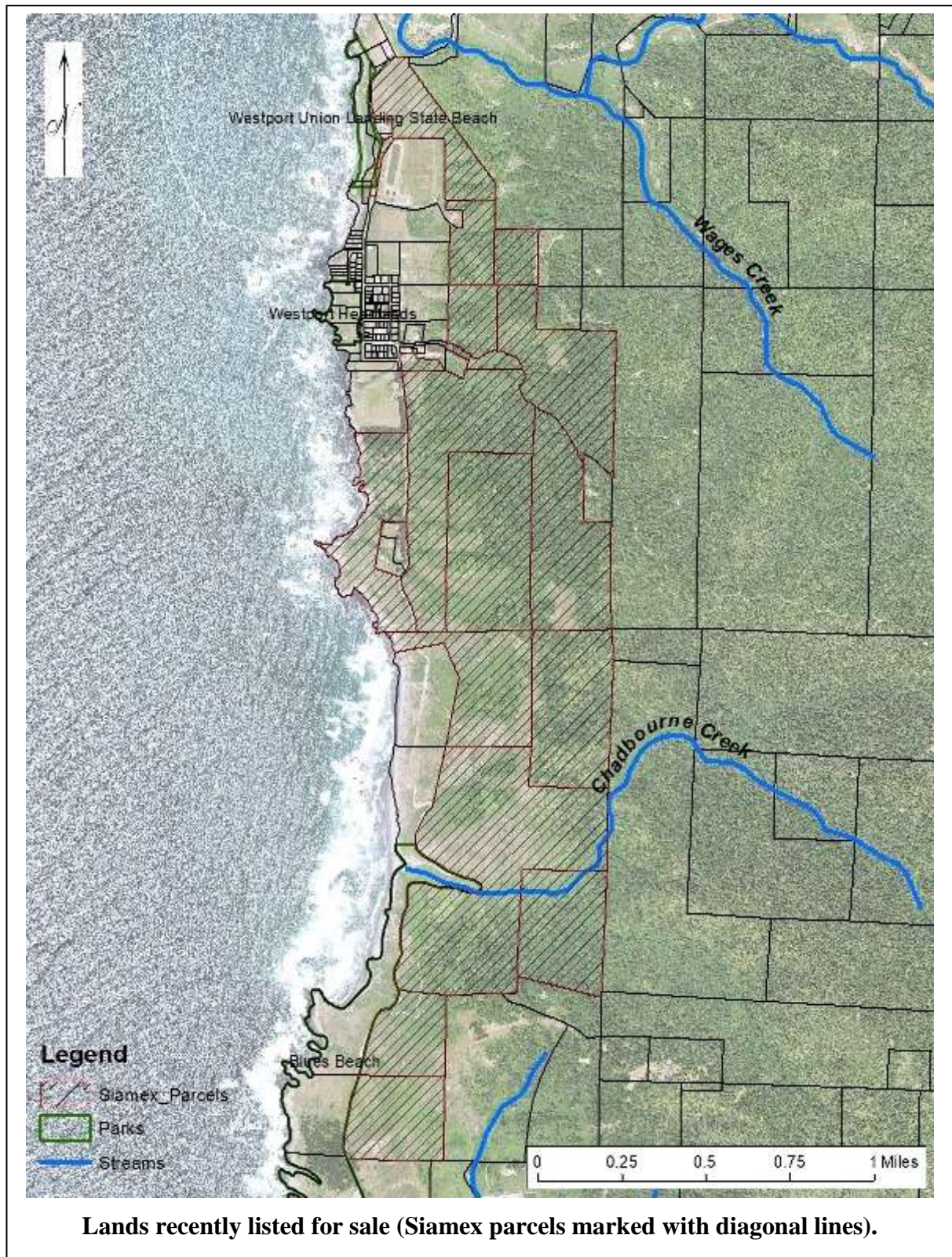


## For Sale

### Westport Village Society

Over 920 acres of land surrounding the rural village of Westport was recently listed for \$8.9 million. The land is owned by the **Siamex Corporation** and was previously listed as individual parcels nearly a decade ago. This could impact our community and we thought you should be aware.

Most of the 18 parcels are zoned 160 acre minimum with Rangeland and Forest Land zoning designations, but one parcel is zoned Agricultural 60 acre minimum. All of the parcels are compatible with the development of a single family residence that could be used as a vacation rental as a permitted use subject to the minimum parcel size. However, a wide variety of other conditional uses may also allowed if a Coastal



Development Permit is issued. You can learn more about zoning by visiting: [https://library.municode.com/ca/mendocino\\_county/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/ca/mendocino_county/codes/code_of_ordinances) and see Title 20 for zoning.





**Westport County Water District**  
**PO Box 55**  
**Westport CA 95488**  
***wc wd55@gmail.com***

**Request for Qualifications:**

**Engineering Services, Grant Writing Services, and Project Management Services.**

REPLY REQUESTED NO LATER THAN 3:00 p.m. PST on August 30, 2022.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Directors of the Westport County Water District (WCWD), hereinafter referred to as "WCWD", is accepting Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) from qualified individuals and/or firms to provide engineering services on an as-needed basis. This work can include but is not necessarily limited to planning, design, bidding and construction management, design of water quality best management practices, grant writing projects, designing and or managing projects

funded by grants that this same firm applied for and received.

The WCWD will compile a list of qualified consultants that may assist on various projects. It is the WCWD's intent to disseminate the projects equally between the selected consultants, however, the projects will be assigned to the qualified consultants on the basis of the project requirements, firm's expertise and experience and not necessarily on a rotational basis. The WCWD invites qualified individuals or agencies to submit SOQs based upon the scope of the work contained in the RFQ.

**SCOPE OF WORK**

This list provides typical examples of work to be assigned. WCWD projects could include:

- a) Locate and invest in a new groundwater source that could serve as the primary source for Westport.
- b) Remove and replace the 100,000-gallon redwood tank.
- c) Address ground water infiltration at the sewer lift station
- d) Remove and replace the fencing around the Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Water Treatment Facility.
- e) Install a new electrical meter base, main breaker box and generator transfer switch at the Water plant. Provide a suitable generator for emergency power at the Water plant.
- f) Install a new electrical meter base, disconnect switch and automatic transfer switch at the lift station.
- g) Install a building suitable to protect our new generator from the elements at the Sewer Plant.
- h) Planning services for a Community Water System. The services to be provided will be as determined by the WCWD.

For the complete details please see the RFQ on our website [www.westportcountywaterdistrict.com](http://www.westportcountywaterdistrict.com).





**Happy Birthday to George Jetson, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Yes, it's the day he was born!  
Here he is with his family 40 years later, in 2062.**

### **August Westport Calendar**

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

**Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Westport Municipal Advisory Council meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Church. Face masks required.

**Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00AM-9:30AM, Westport Store (masks encouraged)

**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>** – Peace Through Meditation with Babaji, 2:00PM, Westport Church (see p.3)

**Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM (call Chief Dan Maxey at (707) 357-4353 to attend remotely)

**Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** – Full Moon, 6:35PM

**Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM (call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom)

**Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** – Westport Community Garden Volunteer Work Day, 10:30AM, Westport Community Garden

**Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** – Thich Nhat Han Discussion Group, 10:00AM, Westport Church (see page 3)

**Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** – Bookmobile, 9:00AM-9:30AM, Westport Store (masks encouraged)

**Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>** – New Moon, 1:17AM

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**Contributions for our September 1<sup>st</sup> issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by August 27<sup>th</sup>**, and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at [westportwave@gmail.com](mailto:westportwave@gmail.com). Thanks!