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The Westport Wave

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Postal Delivery Changes for Westport

Thad Van Bueren

Editor's Note: No, this is not an April Fool's joke. Sad to say, after 146 years of continuous service in Westport, the USPS Westport Post Office closed for good on March 15th. In this article, you will read about new options for Westportian mail delivery. As more details come in, we'll keep you informed in future issues of The Westport Wave.

The US Postal Service held a meeting on March 12 to explain how mail will be delivered after closure of the Westport Post Office on March 15. The change affects only those with Westport PO Boxes. Westport Boxholders were advised to promptly submit a change of address that either: 1. lists your physical street address; or 2. a new PO Box in Fort Bragg. New Fort Bragg boxes are available to rent at <https://poboxes.usps.com/findBox.html?q=95437>.

Use the "Quick Tools" tab at <https://www.usps.com/#> to submit a Change of Address. Be aware that the Fort Bragg Post Office is out of hard copy forms, though you might be able to find them at other local post offices. If the online Address Change procedure will not accept your street address, contact Mendocino County's Cartographer Planner Lisa Foster at fosterl@mendocinocounty.gov to validate the street address of the property (parcel) where you live. Then forward the County's validation email to the Fort Bragg Postmaster Tony Wong (Tony.Wong@usps.gov) with a request to change your address.

The Postal Service assured the community that no mail addressed to Westport boxholders will be returned to senders. Initially it will be held at the Fort Bragg Post Office where you can pick it up at the

counter during normal hours of operation. Eventually it will be sent to the new address you designate with your Change of Address. Those having a Highway 1 street address may put up a mailbox on Highway 1. Those with a street address in the Village of Westport will be assigned a locking box in a Cluster Box Unit. Your mailing address will be your street address while mail will be picked up at the Cluster Box Unit. During the transition your mail will be held at the Fort Bragg Post Office where you can pick it up.

Westportians will be eligible to obtain a free locking box at one of the three metal "Cluster Box Units" (CBUs) that the USPS plans to install in the village, near the intersection of Highway 1 and Branscomb Road, and at the intersection of Pacific Heights and Howard Creek Road just off Highway 1. The exact location of those CBUs and the timing of their installation is under negotiation as this article went to press. Contact Tony Wong at his email address (see above) or by calling him at (707) 657-9577 to learn more about getting a box in one of the CBU arrays or a clearer definition of deliverable addresses for a private mailbox at your residence.





Easter is April 20th! (see below)

The Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt 11AM Sunday, April 20th on The Westport Headlands

Sarah Cullar

Hey kids! The Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt is happening once again on Easter Sunday, April 20th, at 11AM 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 Westport Store Saturday or dropped by the Headlands to the egg hiders (Sarah and anyone who would like to help out) Sunday morning by 9:00AM.

So kids, get your parents (and grandparents) moooving, and see you there! HAPPY EASTER!

Westport Village Society Quarterly Board Meeting April 23rd

Thad Van Bueren

The Westport Village Society will hold its next Quarterly Board Meeting on April 23rd at 6:30PM at the Westport Community Center, and all are welcome. An agenda and additional details will be posted on the "Meetings" page of the WVS website

(<https://www.westportvillagesociety.org/meetings.html>) a couple of days in advance. In addition to regular reports by Committees (Executive; Finance; Communication/Events; and Maintenance/Garden) there will be updates on several active initiatives including, but not necessarily limited to:

- DeHaven access improvements;
- Repair of the Headlands stairway;
- A proposal to revise the Administrative Manual (last updated in 2017);
- A proposal to update the Headlands event policy and application form;
- Planning for Events (including possible revival of the Rubber Ducky Race);
- A proposed investment policy; and
- A possible WVS role in postal cluster box placement (if that issue has not been resolved).

We look forward to seeing some of you at the planned meeting and your input and suggestions are always welcome. You can email us at wvs@westportvillagesociety.org or call me at (707) 964-7272. Please visit the WVS website for more information about our activities.

WESTPORT HOTEL & OLD ABALONE PUB APRIL EVENTS

PUB HOURS 5:00PM-8:30PM THURS-SAT

A quote from Our featured artist Sabel Rose Regalia "I make quilts and functional art for folks of all ages using quality fabrics that can be snuggled with for generations. My quilts offer sanctuary, healing, and liberation, through designs channeled from the cosmos, by way of my open heart, to you."



MUSIC IN THE PUB WITH CHAD SWIMMER SAT APRIL 5TH

5:30-8:30pm Playing originals
and classics from the greater
American song book



Bunnies and Bonnets Tea Party

Afternoon tea Saturday 4/19, 3:00-
5:00pm. All the little sweet and savory
tea treats with a craft project and prize
for the most creative bonnet/hat \$45 a
person. Matzah alternative available by
request. By reservation only

Easter Brunch 10am-2pm



Served from 10-2 Brunch Classics

Eggs Benedict
French Toast
Corned Beef n Hash
Shrimp and Grits
Caesar Salad
Mimosas
Easter Cake by Kayla
And more TBA

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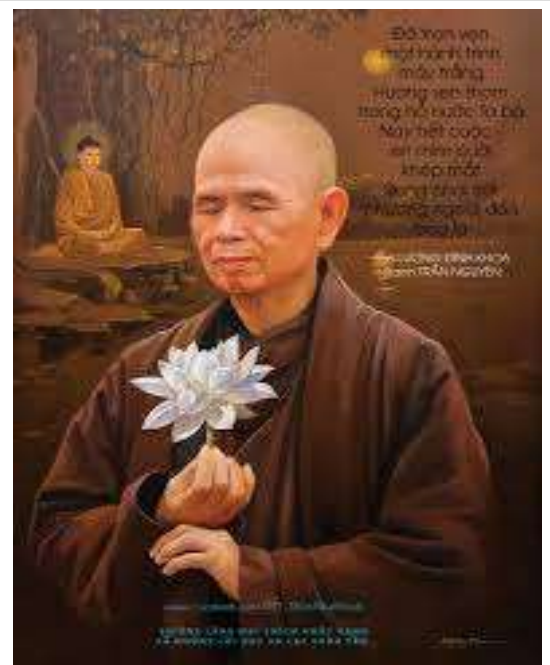
Thich Nhat Hanh Discussion Group Sunday, April 13th, 2PM

Baile Oakes

This **Westport Community Church** discussion group is focused upon the teachings of **Thich Nhat Hanh**. We will share his messages, different each month, and discuss how they might or might not influence how we show up for our selves and all Creation. This month, our quote is on suffering (see above right). We request that attendees be vaccinated and we will meet according to Church Covid precautions.

*It is not
impermanence that
makes us suffer.
What makes us
suffer is wanting
things to be
permanent when
they are not.*

Thich Nhat Hanh



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Babaji

The Axe Thief

Babaji

There was once a holy man who was living a simple life in a little hut. One day he was looking for the axe that he used to cut wood for his fire and couldn't find it. While searching, a thought suddenly came to his mind, "Oh, that boy who comes here must have stolen it." Although he hadn't seen the boy take the axe, nor had he reason to believe the boy was a thief, he was convinced.

From that day on when he saw the boy, the holy man would think - the boy walked like a thief and stood like a thief, even the boy's gaze was just like that of a thief. Everything that the boy did appeared to him like a thief's behavior.

Weeks went by and it was totally established in this holy man's mind that the boy had stolen his axe. Then one day while cleaning his room, he pulled out a rug from under his bed, and there he found the axe. From that day on, when he looked at the boy, he no longer walked like a thief, stood like a thief, or gazed like a thief.

This same thing happens to us. In a moment when we are not centered or at ease with ourselves, a random thought might come, push a button in us, and the axe

falls on somebody else. Then our clever mind puts all the pieces together to justify our belief. Whatever we are holding in our heart and mind about a person, that's what we see.

In these moments, when the mind moves towards blaming another, we really need to look at ourselves. What kind of judgment are you holding about yourself? When you are feeling insecure, it's very easy for the mind to flow towards negativity for someone else.

The person who is established in the self always finds a way to see good in the other person. Even if the other person has some shortcomings, it becomes easy to overlook those things.

When we are established in centeredness, happiness, and wholeness, we see beauty all around us. We see possibilities all around us. Inspirations come easy to us and life becomes so meaningful. There are so many reasons to live, to be creative, to be active, to be engaged in the

world.

Can we find a moment to see the good in ourselves? To acknowledge the good qualities that we have? When we look at our virtues, our true wealth, we remember many things that usually are forgotten.

For a few moments of the day, just be with yourself. And in those moments, don't start analyzing yourself about what is lacking in your life or what needs improvement. Accept yourself for who you are, even for a moment. And then start building on it.



Babaji's mission is to help people experience fullness in life through simple spiritual practices and meditation. He divides his time between the Sonoma Ashram in Sonoma and Upasana Hilltop Sanctuary here in Westport. For more information, please visit www.sonomaashram.org or reach out by email at info@sonomaashram.org. We'd love to hear from you!



HAPPY SPRING!!

Westport Calendar April 2025

Tuesday, April 1st – April Fools' Day
CANCELLED (see page 1)

Thursday, April 3rd – Westport Municipal Advisory Council Meeting, 7:00PM, Westport Community Center (see <https://www.wmac95488.org/> for meeting confirmation)

Wednesday, April 9th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

Thursday, April 10th – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Store

Thursday, April 10th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Zoom. Call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom.

Saturday, April 12th – Micro Full Moon, 5:22PM

Saturday, April 12th – Passover Begins At Sundown

Sunday, April 13th – Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13th – Thich Nhat Hanh Discussion Group, 2:00PM, Westport Community Church (see page 4)

Friday, April 18th – Good Friday

Sunday, April 20th – Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20th – Easter Brunch, 10:00AM – 2:00PM, Westport Hotel (see page 3)

Sunday, April 20th – The Great Westport Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00AM, Westport Community Headlands (see p.2)

Sunday, April 20th – Passover Ends At Sundown

Tuesday, April 22nd – Earth Day

Wednesday, April 23rd – Westport Village Society Quarterly Board Meeting, 6:30PM, Westport Community Center (see page 2)

Sunday, April 27th – Super New Moon, 12:31PM

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