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# The Westport Wave

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**Saturday  
Aug 16**

**WVFD  
ANNUAL  
BBQ**



on the **Westport  
Headlands**

**LIVE music**



**BEER & WINE**

**CRAFT FAIR**

**GAMES & BOUNCE HOUSE**

**GREAT FOOD**



**WESTPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISING BBQ  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> ON THE WESTPORT HEADLANDS! (see page 2)**



**SEE YOU AT THE BBQ!** (photo by Bob Finnell)

which provides initial 911 emergency response service 24/7, year-round, throughout an expanded area now covering roughly 190 square miles. Proceeds of the event will be used to fund critical upgrades to a new quick attack emergency response vehicle. **See you on August 16<sup>th</sup>!** (sorry, no dogs.)

## Westport Village Society Seeks Board Candidates

Thad M. Van Bueren, President, WVS

**The Westport Village Society will hold its Annual Member Meeting at 7:00PM on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at the Westport Community Center.** Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!!

## Join Us at the WVFD Annual Fundraising Barbecue August 16<sup>th</sup>!

Westport Volunteer Fire Department

**Come join us on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup> from noon until dusk for an afternoon of fun and great live music on the spectacular Westport Headlands, while supporting the Westport Volunteer Fire Department.** This fundraising event will feature live music by Steven Bates, Caspar Kings, Moon Rabbit, the Steven Bates Band, and the Bay Area Talking Heads tribute band "Burning Down the House." Admission is free!

Barbecued brats and loaded baked potatoes will be for sale. Local artisan-crafted beer and wine, coffee, sweets, and non-alcoholic beverages can be purchased. Craft merchants will be selling their wares, and there will also be a silent auction of some very special items.

There will be plenty of fun activities for the whole family, including two bounce houses, face painting, and a children's obstacle course. A medical helicopter from Reach/CalStar may pay us a visit if weather and availability cooperate.

This will be a great way to spend an afternoon and to support the Westport Volunteer Fire Department,

A social mixer will start at 6:30PM, providing a chance to meet neighbors and find out about the WVS. Your contributions of sweet or savory treats and beverages would be welcome. You can also renew your membership or join WVS for the first time before the meeting commences.

Two Board positions with 3 year terms will be up for election at that October 3 meeting. We encourage members to run for one of those positions if you are interested in our nonprofit's mission. Information about that mission and our activities are available on the WVS web site at:

<https://www.westportvillagesociety.org/>.

Those interested in running for a Board position should send an email to [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org) by no later than August 24<sup>th</sup> with a short statement of your interest, experience, and what you hope to contribute if elected. You must be a paid up member that owns property or lives in the WVS area in order to run for election. The WVS area is shown in the membership application available as a link on the home web page.

We will identify the slate of candidates in the next issue of the WAVE newsletter (September 1<sup>st</sup>) and include their statements of interest. An announcement of the Annual meeting with membership renewal information and ballots will be mailed to all active members two weeks before the WVS Annual Meeting. We hope to see you there!





Babaji

## Creating a Better World

Babaji

There is a saying in India, “Lower the world into the depths of your heart with the string of friendship.”

How beautiful it feels when we focus on cultivating friendship with all. When we walk in the world, holding the wellness of everyone in our hearts, truly wishing the best for all.

Any happiness that comes from serving “me” and “mine” is fleeting, and like lightning in the sky, it dissipates quickly. Anything we do with the happiness of others in mind continuously produces light in our lives.

How do we get there? Sometimes it requires that we rise above our previously held ideas, desires, and the need to defend our rights. In doing this, we create a better world and everyone can enjoy peace and harmony.

I have seen that people are most confrontational with those who are closest to them, be it a family member, neighbor, co-worker, etc., and in the process, they make their own lives miserable. A little give and take would make both parties enjoy the blessings they already have.

Sometimes people will say to me, “Oh, that person does not like me.” If we are walking around with that kind of sentiment, how can we see the good in the other person? Whenever we have that kind of feeling inside, we are actually having a little trouble with ourselves. If you like yourself, if you feel good about yourself, no matter who you meet, you’ll see goodness. Even if someone does something that hurts your ego, you can smile it off.

We create the world together, depending on what kind of vibrations we put out, what kind of thoughts we are having. By just holding the sentiment in our heart, “May everyone be happy”, we are making the world a little bit better. When we walk around in the world angry, upset, fearful or suspicious, the vibrations we are putting out in the world are impacting the environment around us and we create that reality for ourselves. We think we are protecting ourselves, but it has an adverse effect.

Always take into consideration your behavior and what effect your actions have on your surroundings. Maintaining a sentiment of goodness towards others, you receive goodness in return. We reap what we sow.

Good people, like rivers, bring nurturing and nourishment to everyone wherever they go. They engage in the world in a significant way, and their lives are a source of inspiration for many.

May I be like a river, from which flows a life of service. I bow to the goodness in your heart and wish you a happy and meaningful month ahead.



*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](http://www.sonomaashram.org) or reach out by email at [info@sonomaashram.org](mailto:info@sonomaashram.org). We’d love to hear from you!*



**Dump Site Before** (photo by Cy Wilcox)

when a Westport resident drove up to the site with a pickup truck full of brush and branches and proceeded to throw it down the face of the bluff despite the signs and being asked by neighbors to stop. You can see the result in the before (left) and after (below) photos on this page.

**Please note that dumping of green waste at that site is subject to the following code violations:**

California Penal Code Sec. 374

California Health & Safety Code Sec. 117555 and 117550

Fish and Game Code Sec. 5652 illegal deposits within 150 feet of state waters

Streets and Highways Code - property owner responsibility for ROW

Mendocino County Ordinance Sec. 9A.08.030

The Westport Village Society and the Westport Municipal Advisory Council continue to look for alternatives for green waste disposal in Westport and at whatever needs to be done to stabilize Omega Drive.

## Please No Green Waste Dumping Along Omega Drive

Cy Wilcox

The area along the north end of Omega Drive, where residents had been dumping their green waste for years was the site of a large landslide which took out much of the hillside in March 2024. The accumulated material slid along with whatever was left of the bluff so that it is now just a vertical drop to the beach. The area is dangerous and the integrity of Omega Dr. is at risk since the face of the bluff is now just a couple of feet from the roadway.

Last year, the WVS and WMAC met and asked our neighbors to not dump any additional green waste at that site in an effort to protect the beach below. An article was published in the WAVE and no dumping signs were installed. Dumping seemed to have stopped over the past year which has allowed significant new growth of plants and flowers on the hillside until last week



**Dump Site After** (photo by Cy Wilcox)





Here's a recent photo taken on the south end of Westport-Union Landing State Park, showing the cleanup done by Caltrans, including removal of the old highway pavement and construction of a brand new parking area. The next step for Caltrans will be the construction of a new, safer coastal trail along the bluffs.

**Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – Westport Volunteer Fire Department BBQ Fundraiser, Noon to Dusk, Westport Headlands (see page 1 and page 2)**

**Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Black New Moon, 11:06PM**

**Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – Bookmobile, 9:00AM-9:30AM, Westport Store**

**Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – Labor Day**

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## Westport Calendar August 2025

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

**Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – Full Moon, 12:54AM**

**Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse**

**Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Store**

**Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Zoom. Call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom.**

### 24/7 Westport Wave

*The Westport Wave* is always free to everyone at any time on the Newsletter page of our website [www.westportvillagesociety.org](http://www.westportvillagesociety.org) – where you'll find our most current issue as well as over 13 years of monthly back-issues, all in living color, with live links! Check it out, and tell your friends!



# WESTPORT HOTEL'S *Afternoon Tea*

Join us at the Westport Hotel for tea time!

707-964-3688

Saturdays: 3 PM - 5 PM

Complete tea \$40.00 or 2 for \$75.00

Including:

A pot of tea of your choice

Scone w/butter & Jam

Tea sandwiches

Sweet baked item of the day

Fruit & Chocolate

July tea theme

Bastille Day Tea. 7/19

August tea theme

Fruits of Summer. 8/23

Septmber tea Theme

Equinox. 9/20

October tea theme

You Art What You Eat 10/18

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