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The Westport Wave

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Westport's Halloween and Potluck Friday, Oct.31st, Starting at 5:15PM at the Westport Church!

Erin Detrick

Ghouls, goblins, local families and friends, please join us on October 31st for trick-or-treating fun followed by a yummy potluck. We will meet at the Westport Community Church at 5:15PM. We will

take our traditional group picture, then set out, escorted by members of the Westport Volunteer Fire Department. The trick-or-treating route will begin with Abalone Street and then the Omega Loop, then we will zigzag through town down Seaview, Pelican, Pacific and Hillcrest Terrace ending up back at the Church. Potluck will start when the kids are done with trick-or-treating. Everyone is invited. Please bring a yummy dish to share. If you have any questions, please text or call Erin at 707-489-2546 or see me or leave a message at the Westport Store. Thank you! **See you all there!**

Bring your gloves for a

FALL CLEAN UP

AT THE
WESTPORT COMMUNITY
CENTER & CHURCH

Sunday November 9th
10:00-3:00pm

Lunch & Snacks Will be Served
General Clean Up
Trim Trees
Paint Basketball Court
Mend Fence

Questions: TXT Rob 530-828-4279



Westport Village Society News

Thad Van Bueren, WVS President

The Westport Village Society hosted three public meetings in October at the Community Center in Westport and I'd like to update the community on those gatherings. WVS held its Annual Member Meeting on October 3rd, and we're pleased to announce that Bill Knapp and Madison McKenney were elected for three year terms on our Board of Directors. After that meeting I gave a presentation with slides about the lengthy occupation of the Westport area by First Nations. For those unable to attend, my presentation will be given again for the Noyo Bida Truth Project (<https://thenoyobidatruthproject.org/about>) on January 18th at 2:00PM at a location in Fort Bragg that is yet to be determined.

On October 22nd the WVS Board met and choose Officers to serve for the coming year. The approved slate consists of Thad Van Bueren as President, Sheila Winslow as Treasurer, Robert Finnell as Secretary, and Bill Knapp as Assistant Treasurer. Bill was the Treasurer last year and his new role as the Assistant Treasurer will allow a smooth transition as Sheila assumes those tasks. A resolution was passed to accept the new \$270k grant from the State Coastal Conservancy for construction of planned and permitted public access improvements on the DeHaven property WVS acquired in 2022.

Lastly, WVS hosted a meeting October 27th with the Mendocino Land Trust to discuss their plans for the Bell Point Property. MLT acquired lands extending south from the village to the Caltrans slide repair in July for \$2.4m using funding from the State Coastal Conservancy. Executive Director Conrad Kramer introduced MLT and then turned the presentation over to Emily Griffen, the MLT project manager. Emily said they are in the process of developing a public access management plan that will take into consideration public comments, protection of environmental and archaeological resources, and Caltrans input on where it is feasible to put a parking lot.

It is anticipated that the access planning, permitting, and construction may take 2 to 5 years to complete. The current thinking about a parking lot location is on

the west side of Highway 1 between the Switzer Farm and the Oakes properties. Caltrans will play an important role in determining where it is safest to develop the parking. Once access improvements are constructed, the property will be transferred to the Kai Poma nonprofit while MLT will retain a permanent easement for the access trails and features. Kai Poma was unable to participate in this meeting, but MLT said they are beginning work on a resource management plan.

WVFD Recent Highlights

Westport Volunteer Fire Department

Juliana Sanchez was unanimously elected to fill the open seat on our Board of Directors and to assume the duties of Treasurer. The Board members are Jeff Mathias, Dan Maxey, Juliana Sanchez, Ellie Kelsey and John Allison.

Sunday October 19th was devoted to hose testing. With help from three firefighters from CalFire and four members of the California Conservation



Corps we successfully tested 3,540 feet of in-service fire hose. That's a little more than two-thirds of a mile of fire hose. We connect several lengths of hose to our pressure testing machine, fill the hose with water, pressurize the hose to 250 psi, and then monitor the hose for five minutes to see if there are any failures, leaks or coupling separations. One 50' length of older hose failed the test and was permanently taken out of service. The rest of the hose we tested passed.

We perform hose testing every two years as part of our ongoing efforts to maintain our equipment in top shape and ready to respond to 911 calls. Regular hose testing is also an important reason for our ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating of 04/4X, which puts us in the top 32 percent of the 39,850 fire departments in the United States rated by the ISO, including both paid and volunteer fire departments.



Babaji

Maya: The Story of Narada

Babaji

Somebody asked me the other day, what is “Maya” and I remembered the story of Narada.

Narada is known as one of the great sages in the Hindu tradition. It is said that he still lives today, as a celestial being, who wanders between the worlds, singing.

One day while Narada was meditating, he became so still, and he could see that this world is nothing but an illusion, or Maya. The clarity had come to him so deeply. He went to his guru (spiritual teacher), Lord Vishnu, and said, “O’ Gurudev, I have overcome Maya. I can see that the world is transient and nothing but an illusion.

Lord Vishnu said, “Oh, very good. Come, take a walk with me in the forest. As they set out into the forest, Vishnu turned to Narada, and said, “I’m feeling a little thirsty. I’m going to sit under this tree. Could you go and fetch me some water from that pond over there?”

Narada went to the pond and bent down to dip his pot in and collect some water. As he was standing up, across the pond he saw a beautiful maiden coming out of the water, her wet clothes clinging to her body. Narada became totally lost in her beauty.

He approached her, saying “Who are you? What are you doing here in this wilderness by yourself?”

The maiden responded, “Oh, I live here - my house is right there.” Narada, so taken by her beauty and sweetness, fell in love with her on the spot, and exclaimed “I would like to spend the rest of my life with you!”

The maiden said, “Yes - that sounds wonderful. But first you’ll have to ask my father.” Narada went to meet her father and requested permission to marry the maiden. The father said, “Yes - you can marry my daughter, but you’ll have to live with us and help me manage our property here.” Narada agreed.

Narada and the maiden were married and they started living a happy life together. As the years passed, they had seven children together and their family was thriving. Then one day, a great flood came to the area. Their house and property were destroyed. Then Narada’s first son drowned, then the second. Then the third,

fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh son. All of Narada's children drowned in the flood. Then his wife drowned and Narada was left alone.

Narada fell down weeping, "Oh, my God, I have lost everything." After some time, there was a little tap on his shoulder. "Narada, where is my water?"

Such is the nature of Maya. Narada became so caught up in his worldly life that he totally forgot about God and what he had come there to do!

Everything that we do in this life, all our struggles, all our dramas will pass. Anything that passes, anything that is transient, is not real. On this stage of life, we play so many roles, like an actor. We put on so many different kinds of costumes, and play the role of mother, father, husband, wife, son, daughter, friend. But who am I? Who is the one who is playing all those roles, identifying with each one of those, and each of those acts have their own drama.

What is real - that which is constant, which is always there? That is the Self, with a capital S. Identify with that.

The blue sky is always there. Clouds come and go. Sometimes the clouds stay for weeks and we get totally overwhelmed by them. We are not even aware of the blue sky that is behind them. But it doesn't mean that it's not there. It's there.

Thinking about that blue sky, thinking about that part of the self which is beyond my drama, which is beyond what I'm so consumed by, which is right in front of me - even thinking about that can be called a spiritual practice.

Yes, we are born, we have our struggles, we have our challenges, our celebrations and all those things. What gives us strength to go through it all is not losing the sight of that which is always there.

Some traditions say, "It's all maya, don't pay any attention to the world." In my tradition, we recognize that Maya has its place - but know that it is not everything. Be human; go through your emotions, go through your fears, go through your struggles - embrace them. Do not deny them, but leave a little space to know that there is something more to your life.

Just knowing that is freedom.



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!

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November 2025 Westport Calendar

Friday, October 31st – Westport Halloween and Potluck, starts at 5:15PM at the Church (see p. 1)

Saturday, November 1st – All Saints Day

Sunday, November 2nd – All Souls Day (Dia de Los Muertos)

Sunday, November 2nd – Daylight Saving Time Ends, 2:00AM (Set Clocks BACK One Hour)

Tuesday, November 4th – Election Day

Wednesday, November 5th – Super Full Moon, 5:19AM

Thursday, November 6th – Bookmobile, 9:00AM to 9:30AM, Westport Store

Sunday, November 9th – FALL CLEANUP, Westport Church and Community Center, 10:00AM to 3:00PM (see page 2)

Tuesday, November 11th – Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 12th – Westport Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

Thursday, November 13th – Westport County Water District Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Zoom. Call Kayla Cooper at (707)367-1057 for information on attending by Zoom.

Wednesday, November 19th – Micro New Moon, 10:47PM

Thursday, November 20th – Bookmobile, 9:00AM-9:30AM, Westport Store

Thursday, November 27th – Thanksgiving Day

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Contributions for our December 1st, 2025 issue of *The Westport Wave* are due by Wednesday, November 26th, 2025 and should be sent to Editor Steve Brigham at westportwave@gmail.com. Thanks!

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WESTPORT HOTEL

Fall 2025

AUTUMN



Fall Events!

• TEA TIME OCT 18TH / NOV 15TH

- We have two Afternoon Tea events this fall season. "You Art What You Eat" Tea on 10/18 and "Gratitude" Tea on 11/15.

• "YOU ART WHAT YOU EAT" you are invited to hang your art for the show. Call Tabby @ 707-946-3688 if you have art that fits the theme.

• ARTIST RECEPTION OCT 4TH

- We will be holding an artists closing reception for Jacquelyn Cisner from 4:00pm - 5:00pm. Come meet the artist and enjoy a drink and the smooth sounds of acoustic guitar by Chris Cisner.

• PIE & OTHER THINGS PUMPKIN COOK-OFF NOV 8TH

- Join us from 3:00-4:00pm and bring along your best pumpkin delicacy (pie, soup, bread, you name it!). The \$7 entry fee also makes you a judge of the treat selection. The winner will receive a prize.

As the first crisp breeze of fall whispers through the trees, there's an undeniable shift in the air that signals the arrival of a new season. Fall is time for gratitude for earth's bounty, reflection, growth and change. Transitioning from the vibrant energy of summer to the nurturing darkness of winter.



• PUMPKIN CARVING & SPOOKY MOVIE NIGHT OCT 29TH

- Join us for an afternoon of pumpkin carving, face painting and cider sipping starting at 4:30pm. When the lights get low we will transition to spooky movie night on the hotel lawn. Bring a blanket/chairs for sitting and a cozy jacket. We will be selling hot dogs (veggie too) popcorn and sweet treats!

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Oct. 4th Artists Reception for Jacqueline

Oct. 18th ... Afternoon tea, evening music w/ Chad Swimmer

Oct 29th ... Pumpkin Carving & Movie Night

Nov. 8thPumpkin Bake-off

Nov. 15th Gratitude Afternoon Tea, evening music w/Las Damas



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