

Time For Renewal

Steve Brigham, Editor

Fall begins in Westport on September 22nd with our Autumnal Equinox at 7:29PM, followed closely this year by the start of Rosh Hashanah at sundown on September 24th. As the seasons change, this is a time of renewal for us humans, as well as Nature itself.

Now is also the time for another kind of renewal, and that's your annual membership dues in the **Westport Village Society**. (No, I wasn't a writer for *Mutual Of Omaha's Wild Kingdom*, but I always wanted to be!) The Westport Village Society, which publishes this free monthly newsletter and also runs the website www.westportvillagesociety.org, is both our community forum and community provider. It is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that runs entirely on donations. Your dues help fund not only the preservation of our Community Headlands, but also local historical and educational projects and classes as well as community improvement projects.

Please save the date – **Friday, October 3rd** – and plan on attending our **22nd Annual Westport Village Society Meeting**, which starts at 6:30PM at the Westport Church. In addition to a re-cap of our past year's activities, this year we'll be having a community forum on ideas for the Westport Community Center, both short-term and long-term. All we need is you, to tell us what you think!

Anyone who has ever had to live in a big city, or even a small city, knows how impersonal and alienating that kind of life can be. Westport, with our unique combination of caring, old-fashioned, small town America and one of the very last unspoiled areas of the beautiful California Coast, is the perfect cure – but only if we all work together to keep it that way. So please take a few moments to fill out your WVS

membership renewal form in this newsletter and send it in with your contribution. You'll be glad you did!



WVFD BBQ Quilt Raffle winner Susie Francis (left), with WVFD Chief Frank Maurice.

From The Chief

Frank Maurice, Chief, WVFD

The Westport Volunteer Fire Department has been very busy the last two months. Our Annual Fund-raising Barbecue in August was a huge success, with the most community support ever! We served more meals (439) than ever before, and our gross proceeds were nearly \$16,000.00. Thank you to everyone who made this possible – you all worked very hard to make this a great time and help our fire department! Money raised from this event will go to purchase new extrication equipment and an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). That will help everyone!

The beautiful raffle quilt created and donated by Aimee Maxey (see photo above) was won by Susie Francis of Mendocino, with the winning ticket drawn by Van Hale. Merchants donated some wonderful prizes and our combined raffles brought in nearly \$2,000.00. We are grateful to all merchants that donated and will list them in the Advocate-News.

The WVFD is currently working on our ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating. This rating influences our homeowner's fire insurance rates. We are working to lower the cost of insurance for our response area. John Allison is leading this project, which includes extensive equipment testing including pressure testing hoses, pump testing all fire engines, inspecting fire hydrants, pre-fire safety plans for 19 commercial businesses, and many more fire safety items.

Training is ongoing with Captain Drew of Cal Fire returning from the Lodge Fire to work on our firefighter skills. Medical training is monthly with an all day training scheduled in September with Mendocino Fire and Cal Star Flight Nurses, using \$150,000.00 mannequins that breathe and have pulses and changing symptoms to fit different scenarios.

WVFD has been very busy the last two months with many calls both medical and fire. There has been excellent participation from all firefighters responding to these calls. The Westport Volunteer Fire Department sincerely appreciates all the wonderful community support that helps us to provide the finest service to all 24/7. Thank you all so very much!

What's Up At Your Westport Community Recreation Center!

Tabby Korhummel

CPR Class Saturday, September 13th

Sad to say, the planned Family and Friends **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation** (CPR) class last month had to be cancelled because not enough people signed up for it in advance. So let's all try it again this month, on **Saturday, September 13th at 10:00AM** at the **Westport Community Center**. This excellent class from a certified professional instructor helps YOU save lives. The course covers hands-on Adult CPR, Child CPR (compressions and breaths), Adult and Child AED use, and Adult, Child and infant choking relief. You will receive a Family & Friends CPR Student Manual with a tear-out participation card and a Family & Friends CPR DVD with a free facilitator guide. You must pre-register in advance for this class by noon September 12th by calling (707) 357-2401, or you can sign up at

www.mendocinosafety.com. The cost for the class is just \$25, and sliding scale is available by calling (877) AHA-4CPR. Sign up TODAY, so this important class can happen for us all! With CPR, as with many things in this world, it's better to know it and not need it than to need it and not know it!



Disc Golf Tournament

There will be a Disc Golf Tournament at the fabulous Westport Disc Golf Course on Saturday, September 27th. For more details, check the bulletin board at the Westport Store or inquire within.

Free Family Movie Night, Saturday September 20th at 6:00PM!

This will be a G-rated movie title to be announced. Bring some pillows to make it cozy. We will provide the movie and popcorn!

A Call For Teachers

In the planning for fall is a Do it Yourself (DIY) series and a children's art series. If you are interested in participating in these or would like to schedule a different kind of enrichment class please let me know. There is funding available for start-up supplies of new enrichment classes! The success of our ongoing community enrichment program depends on your participation and input, so please feel free to contact me with your ideas and feedback!

The Westport Community Recreation Center Classes Need You!

Westport Community Recreation Center drop-in classes (see page 6 of this newsletter) need YOU! If you are hesitating about taking a class, don't wait! Not sure if you will like it? Then try it the first time for free! If money is an issue, ask me about scholarships – (707) 367-0010, or tabikat@mcn.org.



The Next Next Generation (left to right: Hunter, Kenai, Emily, Piper, Raven, and Rusty.)

Feathers and Fun For All!

Heather Hawes

I took the above photo during the final class session of the Summer Enrichment Program for "kids of all ages" that Tabitha Korhummel had organized at the Westport Community Recreation Center. Nita Regalia taught the class. She brilliantly had sewn together fabric headbands in which the feathers she has collected over the years were easily slipped in through the seams to make beautiful head bands! The kids had so much fun making these, and even more fun running around wearing them! This art class, which was held on Sundays for 6 weeks this past summer, has been a wonderful outlet for our local kids to come together and create beautiful pieces of art and dance, and explore their individual creativity while enjoying each other's company. It's been wonderful!

Community Bible Study at The Westport Church

All are cordially invited to our new Community Bible Study meetings every Thursday at 7:00PM at the Westport Church. This is an informal, friendly group with a diversity of interests in Bible study, with no set agenda except to study the Bible. We welcome new ideas, experience, and directions, so please join us on Thursday evenings every week or whichever Thursdays you can make it. Thanks so much!



New Community Center Sign created and donated by Dave Morgan.

A Big Community Thank You to Dave Morgan!

Steve Brigham

For over a year now, we've been calling it the Westport Community Center. That name just fits better these days, since the Westport School is now used for community enrichment classes and activities and is not a year 'round School District school anymore. Plus, there's the Westport Community Garden right there too. Hmm...all we needed was a sign. And the answer was just across the street in master artist and long-time Westport resident Dave Morgan. Dave generously donated many hours of his time this summer to design, create, and install our beautiful new Community Center sign, as his gift to the Westport Community. Thank you so much, Dave, for your beautiful gift! And folks, when you check out this new sign, take a look at the word "community". Look at the last five letters. Get it?

Pick 'Em Now at the Westport Community Garden!

There's lots of cute little tomatoes ripe for the picking now at the Westport Community Garden, as well as fresh carrots, beans, swiss chard, kale, zucchini, summer squash, tomatillos, bell peppers, and jalapeno peppers, all organically grown and waiting for you to pick them. It's free for everyone, so go for it!

WVS Community Center Committee News

Sarah Mathias, WVS Community Center Committee Chair

The Westport Village Society Community Center Committee continues to meet with the goal of nurturing all things relating to the topic of a Community Center in Westport. At the last meeting on August 12th, those present discussed plans for a community Halloween party (planning is ongoing, so contact me if you'd like to be involved), plans for community movie nights, the play structure behind the Westport Church, and preparations for the Westport Village Society Annual Meeting on October 3rd. Ongoing areas of focus include making sure that the community knows how to access community facilities such as the Westport Church, Headlands,

and Recreation Center, and exploring ways to expand the programming and activities held at these sites. Next month's update will expand on these topics.

For more detailed information regarding the last meeting, you may contact me for a copy of the minutes (sarah.e.mathias@gmail.com) or read them on the board at the store. Our next agenda will also be posted as soon as it is finalized. In any discussion about community facilities and services, all input is vital. Please consider joining us and giving yours! Our next meeting will, once again, be held jointly with the Neighbor 2 Neighbor meeting on **September 9th at 6PM at the Westport Hotel**. See you there!

Mini Grant Projects

Bobbie Knapp

The Westport Village Society has approved a Mini Grant fund to enhance and support the Westport Community. The initial seed money is \$1,000.00. Any WVS member or resident of the Village of Westport is eligible to apply for a grant which would be of benefit for the village. These grants will be increments of \$50 between \$100 and \$250.

The Grant Committee is now accepting applications. Please use the form included on page 7 of this newsletter and mail it to: Westport Village Society, Post Office Box 446, Westport, CA 95488, Attention: Mini Grant Committee.

Time and Tide

Steve Brigham

Our Fall Equinox happens this year on September 22nd, which means our days and nights are of equal length on that day, right? Well, not exactly. While it's true that the midpoint of the sun will cross the true horizons exactly 12 hours apart, the "official" day will still be a little longer than that because "sunrise" is considered when the top of the sun first peaks over the eastern horizon, and "sunset" is considered when the top of the sun finally disappears below the western horizon. For a true 12 hours between "official" sunset and sunrise, you'll have to wait (at our latitude) until September 26th. Nevertheless, the Equinox is your big chance to see where true east and west really are (just look at where the sun rises and sets). Or at least it's close enough for me!



August "Super" Full Moon over Dehaven Valley
(photo by Sarah Mathias)

Local Listings

Sarah Mathias

Our Local Listings has moved to our website, www.westportvillagesociety.org, so check them out for local businesses and service providers. If you wish to have your name or business name included in the website list, please contact Sarah Mathias (962-0181 or sarah.e.mathias@gmail.com).

Logan's Corner

"Endurance" (for brother Stew)

I undergo,
have a will to
sustain
without impairment

I will not yield
I'll put up with all
and continue to exist
within and without
endow with quality...
to try more understanding

I have the ability to endure
now...

'Til life turns me over;
And love is done with me.

-- J. Logan Smith, 1/7/14, Westport, CA



The Rubber Ducky Comet, if it landed (gently!) on downtown Los Angeles.

Rubber Ducky In Space

Steve Brigham

Westport is, of course, the Rubber Ducky Capital of the World. And in news from Outer Space, the European Space Agency is poised later this year to land a probe from their Rosetta spacecraft onto the surface of a comet that looks (from one angle anyway) just like a Rubber Ducky! And not only that, they plan to ride that old Rubber Ducky Comet all the way around the sun in 2015!

In all seriousness, this mission is potentially one of the first great space exploration milestones of the 21st Century, and we'll have the full story for you in the October issue of *The Westport Wave*. I'd love to tell you that this amazing project is all about publicizing next year's 25th Annual Westport Rubber Ducky Races – nice idea, but believe me, we couldn't afford it (the Congress of the USA decided our country couldn't, and that's why Europe beat us to it!)

Westport Calendar

September 2nd – WMAC Meeting CANCELLED

September 3rd – Westport Volunteer Fire Dept.

Business Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Firehouse

September 4th – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

September 8th – Full Moon, 6:38PM

September 9th – Community Center and Neighbor 2

Neighbor Meeting, 6:00PM, Westport Hotel

September 13th – Westport County Water District

Board Meeting, 10:00AM, Westport Firehouse

September 17th – Westport Community Church

Board Meeting, 5:30PM, Westport Church

September 18th – Bookmobile, Store, 9-9:30AM

September 22nd – Fall Equinox, 7:29PM

September 23rd – New Moon, 11:14PM

September 24th – Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown

October 3 – WVS Annual Meeting, 6:30PM, Church


The Westport Wave is a free monthly community newsletter published by the **Westport Village Society**, a non-profit organization. Visit www.westportvillagesociety.org to sign up to receive *The Wave* by e-mail and download present and past issues. Contributions for our October 1st, 2014 issue are due by September 28th, and should be sent to editor Steve Brigham at westportwave@wildblue.net or P.O. Box 237, Westport, CA 95488.



SEPTEMBER 2014 Drop-In and Enrichment CLASS SCHEDULE



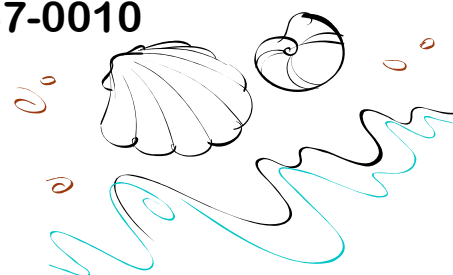
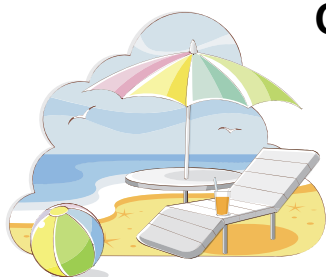
Westport Community Recreation Center (At the Westport School)

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
10:30AM-12:00PM	9:30-10:30AM	9:00-10:30AM	9:30-10:30 AM	9:00-10:00AM
YOGA WITH JULIA 90min	CORE 'N MORE! WITH AIMEE 60min	TAI CHI WITH SCOTT MENZIES	 W/Tabby 60min	COMING SOON: Easy-Does-It Gentle Yoga

*Drop-in Rate for 90min. class is \$12, or \$10 with class card
60min class is \$8, or \$6 with class card

*Motivator Rate! \$65 a month unlimited drop in!

Questions? Call Tabby @707-367-0010



WESTPORT VILLAGE SOCIETY

MINI GRANT APPLICATION FOR WESTPORT

Name of project:_____

Your full name:_____

Address:_____

Please check appropriate box(es): resident [☐]; property owner [☐]; WVS member [☐]

Name(s) of people involved in project:_____

Have you applied for or been awarded a previous “Mini Grant” from WVS?

Yes_____No_____ If so when?_____

This “Mini Grant” will range in increments of \$50, from \$50 to \$250 and should be **beneficial to the Westport community**, i.e. paint/repair jobs, adverts for community oriented events (such as classes or farmer's market), dumpster for clean-up, play dates at the school, planting flowers/trees, or painting fire hydrants.

Please explain concisely your planned use of this grant, start date, length of time for completing your project, and specific costs:

_____*(continue on back)*_____

Mail to WVS, PO Box 446, Westport, CA 95488, Attention Mini Grant Committee.

Submitted by_____ Date_____



WESTPORT VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Membership Application

Annual dues cover the period from October 1 through September 30. Renewal notices for the next membership year are mailed with the notice for the Annual Member Meeting held the first Friday in October. Members who live in the membership area shown on the attached map are qualified to vote for Directors at the Annual Meeting.

A monthly community newsletter is distributed to members by email, or by request to your mailing address. Copies are also made available at the Westport Store. The WVS does not share its membership or email lists.

(Please print neatly)

Name(s):

Address (mailing):

Phone (optional):

Email (optional):

I/we live or own property in the WVS area (see map on reverse): ☐ YES ☐ NO

Individual Memberships (\$15 each) = \$ _____

Family Membership (\$25) = \$ _____

Additional Donations: a) Headlands Fund = \$ _____

b) Community Center Fund = \$ _____

c) General Fund (unrestricted) = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed = \$ _____

The Westport Village Society, Inc. is a nonprofit public benefit 501(c)(3) corporation that was organized in 1992 to foster the preservation, enhancement, and interpretation of the natural environment in and around the village of Westport for the benefit of residents and visitors and to support local charitable and educational projects. Your membership dues are used to provide services such as mailings and newsletter production. Payment of dues also give you voting privileges if you live or own land in the membership area shown on the attached map. Any additional donations may be tax deductible as charitable contributions. Acknowledgements are supplied for donations over \$100.00, or by request. Please contact us if you are considering a charitable bequest or would like to donate a conservation easement.

Secretary
Lee Tepper

