

**A Note From
Dedee Greenleaf-Hodgdon - Municipal Agent**

Happy New Year from the folks at the town office! Don't forget to check on your neighbors, socially distanced.

Boat stickers are now available if you want to avoid the lines in May. Email Dedee, municipalagent@westportisland.us, for prices and then send a check with a self-addressed stamped envelope to 6 Fowles Point Road Westport Island, ME 04578.

Do You Know

how Covid-19 has impacted the lives of your neighbors?



"Covid-19 School for Danika" shows how life is for one little girl. See and read postcards sent in by your neighbors for an intriguing snapshot of life during Covid-19, at the **Westport Island in Times of Pandemic, Epidemics and Outbreaks** exhibit at the new History Center, (Wright Landing House), open for viewing on Sundays, 11 am-1 pm. Also open by request for a private viewing; contact:

Gaye Wagner, gdwagner1@gmail.com
Joan Bradford, masonjoan58@gmail.com

Listing of Westport Island Businesses

The Town of Westport Island webpage has a listing of island businesses and contact information.

Go to <http://westportisland.us/business>. Have a business on the island and would like to be added? Fill out the online form for consideration.

Newsletter Submissions

Anyone in town wishing to publish articles, artwork, and meeting dates should contact Rose Bodmer at lulusbarnshop@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is the 20th of each month. Submission guidelines are located at westportcommunityassociation.org



**THE WESTPORT ISLAND
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2021**

Westport Community Association
6 Fowles Point Road,
Westport Island, ME 04578

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Original Painting by Valerie Lovelace



Thoughts of Gratitude from our Island Folks

"Despite everything that has happened this year, globally, statewide, and locally as well as personally and professionally, I have the best neighbors ever in my experience, the support has been amazing emotionally as well as time and energy when I needed help to get something done. THANKS!" Carol Norris

"2020 seems to have brought Westport together as a community. I have owned my home here for over 40 years and I have met and talked to more people here on the Island in the past 7 months than ever before. 2020 brought us together in an adverse situation. May 2021 keep us together as we heal. Wishes for peace and good health here and throughout our Nation." Bertha Gardner

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Westport Island History

The First Westport Bridge

A century before there was the causeway to Wiscasset, Westport residents could travel to the mainland via a bridge to Woolwich. A group of Westport and Woolwich residents in 1848 formed a company, approved by the state legislature, to build the bridge from Phipps Point in Woolwich to what is now the NW corner of the West Shore Road, crossing 1350 feet in a narrow section of Montsweag Bay. The company sold shares for \$20 each, and Westport tax rolls recorded 41 Westport residents as owning them in 1849. Construction started in 1849, and the final cost of construction was about \$6000. But the cost of the constant damage from ice against the pilings in the winter and spring eventually caused the bridge to be abandoned about 1893.



Westport Island Fire Department

The Westport Island Fire Station will offer a warming station for residents should the power go out on the island. The contact is fire chief Stacey Hutchinson (207) 837-3944.

Happy
Birthday!

AMOS "BUDDY" GREENLEAF!
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Westport Community Association

The Westport Community Association would like to thank all of the Island folks that have volunteered their time in various ways throughout the year. Westport Community Association, Co-President, Debbie Lorenson delivered almost 100 mugs across the island to our volunteers as an appreciation. Original artwork by John McBee. Mug design by Barbara Cray.



The holiday tree in front of the Old Town Hall decorated by Archie Bonyon, Rich Lorenson, Dick Barker, & Art Weber, (not shown).

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