

Coming Up

September

- 6** (Thursday): MAC formation meeting, 7:00, church
- 7** (Friday): Coastal Commission hearing, Eureka
- 13** (Thursday): Westport Village Society meeting, 7:00, church (**changed date**)
- 15** (Saturday): Coastal Cleanup, 9:00-noon, meet at Store
- 17** (3rd Monday): Westport Volunteer Fire Department meeting, 6:00, firehouse
- 19** (3rd Wednesday): Water District meeting, 7:00, firehouse

October

- 2** (Tuesday): International Nonviolence Day
- 5** (Friday): Westport Village Society annual members' meeting, 7:00, church
- 13** (Saturday): "A Breath of Plein Air" workshops and celebration, all day
"An Evening of Middle Eastern Flavors" benefit party, Area 101
- 15** (3rd Monday): Westport Volunteer Fire Department meeting, 6:00, firehouse
- 18** (3rd Thursday): Westport Village Society meeting, 7:00, church

Newport Inn Appeal Goes to Eureka

Two Coastal Commissioners have joined the appeal of the proposal by Jackson-Grube Family, Inc. for a new inn at the old Orca Inn site, based on their belief that it raises broad issues that need to be discussed at the State level. These include guidelines for the *1C visitor-serving designation and the need for low-cost visitor services; protection of visual resources and views; water, septic, and traffic impacts; and protection of sensitive habitats.

The State Coastal Commission will decide at its meeting on **September 7** in Eureka whether these issues require a review of the project. The case number is CDU 6-2006. For more information, contact Judith Vidaver of Friends of the Ten Mile (964-2742) or Willard Jackson (PO Box 430, Middlebury, VT, 05753).

Earth, Sea, and Sky

Sightings

A total lunar eclipse on Tuesday morning, **August 28**: worth getting up at 2:30 AM for?

Several people watched the Perseid meteor shower and declared it spectacular. There is a possibility, based on computer modeling, that the Aurigids, not usually a remarkable show, will be astounding for a brief period on the morning of **September 1**. Worth getting up at 4:00 AM for?

Heidi Friedland's first local encounter with a green heron came as a surprise to her. She was exploring upstream from DeHaven beach late one afternoon, and noticed it in the willowy wetlands east of the bridge. Actually, the heron noticed her first, and gave a loud, harsh alarm call as it darted upstream. Green herons are known for their use of feathers and other objects as floating lures to attract fish. They are not rare, but are seldom seen because they are small and dark and stay well camouflaged.

A regular visitor to the Headlands is a fox, who likes to sit on the picnic table. He is often seen by Millie Saunders, and leaves evidence of additional visits.

Millie has also been seeing orcas out by Northwest Rock. Bill Knapp reports seeing some gray whales cavorting on August 15. He watched their antics with a telescope.

Naked Ladies are splashing their delightfully immodest color around inhabited places and homesites long abandoned. It's fun to look for these history clues.

It is a plentiful season for apples. Watch out for the bear that went after apple trees in town last year, and may be back.