

# Westport Village Society Annual Meeting 7 PM Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>

The WVS Board pleased to announce this year's annual meeting will have a combination physical and Zoom meeting located at the Community Center this year. Based on current Mendocino County (attached), state and federal health recommendations we recommend wearing a mask while indoors. Going forward WVS will continue Zoom participation in public meetings. This will be our first combination meeting, so we will be learning. If possible, please come to the Community Center. Zoom link will be e-mailed separately.

As usual there will be the annual election to replace Board Members whose 3 year term is expiring. This year Dorine Real and Bill Knapp have expiring terms. The September Wave solicited for declarations of interest in running for the WVS Board, with a deadline of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Other than the incumbents, no declarations were received.

Candidate statements:

Dorine Real - The two beautiful pieces of land we are conserving will ensure everything else we do as a community is open to invention and reinvention. The Village Society exists to bring your inventions into reality. Oh, and bring back the Rubber Ducky Race!

Thank you, Dorine Real

Bill Knapp – I have served as the WVS President for the last 3 years. One of the major motivations for me to seek the position was, and still is, a vision of WVS as an enabling resource for the Westport Community to identify and accomplish things that will make Westport a better place for all of the people who live and visit here. The social and political environment of the last three years were not conducive to building community bonds and trust. WVS needs to make sure the actions it takes going forward creates an open, welcoming organization that the community members trust and recognize as a place to go to articulate and realize their vision for the community. To quote Dorine from her concise and elegant candidate statement; “The Village Society exists to bring your inventions into reality.”

Looking forward to the future, Bill Knapp

A copy of the ballot with instructions is included with this mailing. To vote you must be a member. Owning or renting property in the Membership Area (see map on included Membership Application) and being current with dues are the requirements for membership. A family membership is entitled to two votes. New members may join and vote by including a Membership Form and dues with their ballot. Remember, since we are having an in person meeting again, it is OK to bring your ballot and update your dues if necessary at the meeting.

## Preliminary Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and meeting protocol
2. Review of past year activities and a preview of coming year
  - \* Expanded support for Community Garden      \* Successful grant for Dehaven Creek Headlands
3. Year end financial report
4. Board Election results
5. Open discussion about WVS activities and priorities
  - a) Signature events and fund raisers – what would the community like to see?
    - Events for Fun vs Fundraising
    - Can we bring back the Ducky Race?
  - b) Coastal land & natural resource preservation – for the community, for the general public
    - Westport Headlands & now DeHaven Creek Headlands - how to move forward?
  - c) Community well being and daily life – what do YOU want Westport to be in 5 years?
6. Adjourn

The annual Membership Meeting is open to the public, please invite anyone who might be interested.

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fostering the preservation and interpretation of the environment since 1992

## Board of Directors

Bill Knapp  
(President)

Thad Van Bueren  
(Vice President)

Rock Bush  
(Treasurer)

Robert Finnell  
(Secretary)

Dorine Real

Gary Quinton

Derek DiOrio

## Annual Board Election Ballot Westport Village Society 10/7/2022 Membership meeting

### Instructions:

- Two Board positions are open, this year there are only the incumbents registered as candidates
- You may vote for one, both or none of the candidates
- A ballot returned with no candidate marked will count toward the required quorum of 13 members
- For family memberships, 2 ballots may be cast, you may copy / make a 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot
- Ballots may be mailed or delivered in person at the meeting: Community Center next to the Church
- **Do not sign or put identifying information on your ballot, doing so will spoil the ballot**
- Put mailed ballot(s) in a “signature” envelope with legibly printed name (2 names if family membership), and signatures on the envelope
- Place the sealed signature envelope, and if desired current dues with a current membership form, into a return envelope addressed to WVS P.O. Box 446 Westport CA 95488
- Mailed ballots **must be received IN the WVS PO Box by October 7<sup>th</sup>, and dues, which may be included with the ballot, must be current (paid within last 16 months)**

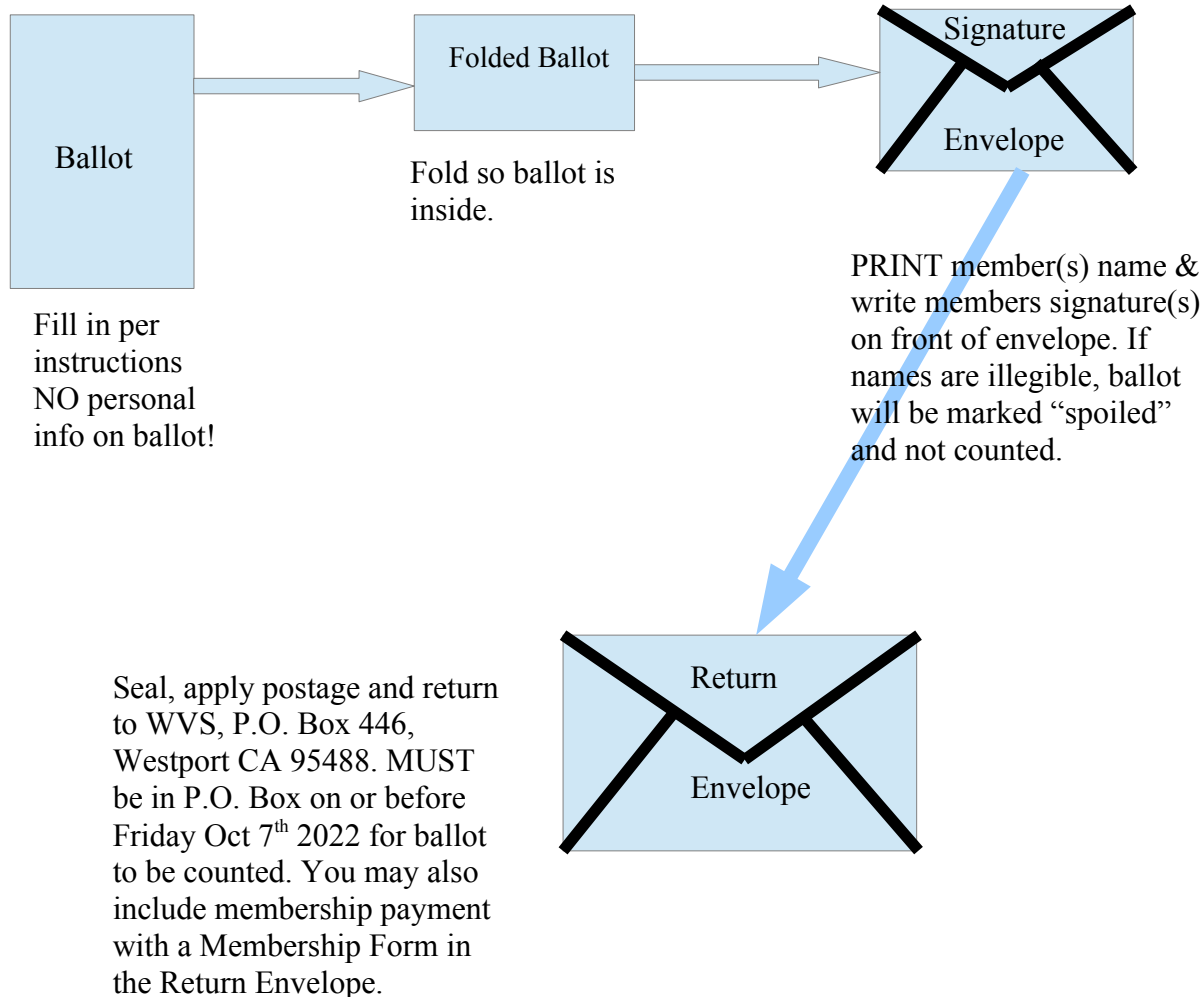
Candidate	Mark to Vote for Candidate
Dorine Real (Incumbent)	
Bill Knapp (Incumbent)	

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### How To Prepare And Mail Your Board Election Ballot

1. Put a mark in the “Mark to Vote” column for each candidate, up to the maximum number allowed per the instruction on the ballot. Please return your ballot even if you choose not to vote for any candidate, so that you will count toward a quorum. If you vote for more than the maximum allowed, your ballot will be marked “Spoiled” and no votes will be counted. If you put a mark for a candidate you don't want to vote for, clearly cross out both the name and the mark for that candidate.
2. Fold the ballot so that it will fit into a Signature Envelope. Place folded ballot into the Signature Envelope and seal the envelope. Print your name and sign your name on the front of the Signature Envelope. There must be a signature and legible printed name for the vote to be valid. If you are family members and returning two ballots, both can be placed in the Signature Envelope with both names printed and signatures applied.
3. Place the prepared Signature Envelope into a Return Envelope. If you are making your dues current or are a new member paying your dues with your ballot return, place your payment and a filled in Membership Form with the Signature Envelope in the Return Envelope. The Return Envelope must be in the WVS P.O. Box on or before October 7<sup>th</sup> 2022. Address the Return Envelope to WVS P.O. Box 446 Westport, CA 95488.





## Mendocino County Public Health Department

*Healthy People, Healthy Communities*

**Dr. Andrew Coren, County Health Officer**



# Press Release

*Not for op-ed*

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Date: September 26, 2022

**TO: MENDOCINO COUNTY NEWS MEDIA**

**FR: MENDOCINO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH**

### Mask Advisory from Health Officer Dr. Andy Coren

We continue to progress in this COVID-19 pandemic and most California counties are now in the low CDC Community Risk Level. Therefore, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) feels it is safe to move from a universal indoor mask order to an advisory for individuals and communities to decide what precautions are appropriate. Orders for universal masking in public settings including schools, childcare and on public transportation have already been replaced by “strong recommendations.” **Mendocino County is currently at a Low Community Level, which means:**

1. CDPH has now ended the “Strong Recommendation” for all to mask in most indoor settings as of September 23, 2022
2. Universal indoor masking will CONTINUE in healthcare settings (Acute Care General Hospitals, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Long Term Care Facilities, and outpatient health care facilities (for example, clinics).
3. New recommendations consist of advice on how best to protect yourself and others, depending on the evidence-based risk in each community and for each individual.
  - a. **In Communities at a LOW CDC Community Risk Level, indoor masking is optional.** More **vulnerable people should still consider wearing a high-quality mask** (N95, KN95 and KN94) **in crowded indoor areas.**
  - b. In Communities at a MEDIUM CDC Community Risk Level, indoor masking should be **considered** More vulnerable people should consider wearing a high-quality mask (N95, KN95 and KN94) in crowded indoor areas.
  - c. In Communities with HIGH CDC Risk Level indoor masking is **recommended.**
  - d. If you have a household or social contact who is vulnerable, wearing a mask is recommended when with them
  - e. No one should be prevented from wearing a mask to protect themselves.
4. Special cases:
  - a. In Correctional Facilities, shelters for homeless and emergency shelters for excessive heat, cooling, fire and air pollution the above recommendations **do apply in NON-CLINICAL areas** as long as the community is in a LOW CDC community level and there have been **no outbreaks** (3 epidemiologically linked cases in 14 days). If there has been an outbreak either the entire facility must follow universal masking or universal masking may be limited to units that are

separate and closed and do not allow mixing of residents or staff with the general population. When the community level is medium or high, then everyone (residents, staff and visitors) in the whole facility should wear a high quality (N95, N94 or KN95) mask until the outbreak has ended (14 days have passed with regular testing and no positives).

- b. In Correctional Facilities with integrated Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility, staff and inmates should continue to mask. Where there is a small separate area of the correctional facility associated with medical care, and in isolation and quarantine areas, masks should be worn by all inmates, visitors and staff.
- c. People who have been exposed or diagnosed with COVID but released before 10 days is finished, should complete their 10 days of quarantine or isolation wearing a high quality mask.
- d. Employees who are subject to Cal OSHA ETS or ATD requirements must follow Cal OSHO regulations.
- e. In K-12 schools, students and staff are subject to the CDPH guidelines for the general public.

Note: there is no distinction made based upon vaccine status. Though vaccinated and boosted individuals suffer a fraction of the total number of hospitalizations and deaths that affect unvaccinated people.

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## About WVS

The Westport Village Society, Inc. is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) corporation organized in 1992 to foster the preservation, enhancement, and interpretation of the environment in and around the village of Westport, California and to support local charitable and educational projects. Anyone can access our newsletter on line, participate in events, and contribute to WVS, but voting privileges are reserved for those who pay annual dues and reside within or own property in the area shown on the back of this form.

## Membership Application

Name(s):

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Mailing Address:

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Email Address (for newsletters):

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Telephone (optional):

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I/we live or own property in the Membership area (see attached map):  YES  NO

### Annual Dues:

Number of members: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 per person/year = \_\_\_\_\_

Family membership (\$25.00/year) = \_\_\_\_\_

Donations: a) Headlands Fund (solely for this purpose) = \_\_\_\_\_

b) DeHaven Fund (solely for this purpose) = \_\_\_\_\_

b) General Fund (unrestricted use) = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** = \_\_\_\_\_

Members and the interested public are encouraged to participate in the WVS Annual Member Meeting (the first Friday in October at 7:00 PM), Board meetings (3rd Wednesdays of Jan/April/July/Oct at 6:30 PM), and other activities and events hosted by the organization. Learn more about our organization visiting our web site at:

<http://www.westportvillagesociety.org/>  
or email us at: [wvs@westportvillagesociety.org](mailto:wvs@westportvillagesociety.org).

Dues pay for the cost of communications, while donations are tax deductible. Donations and bequests are encouraged. Your financial contributions help us maintain our community enrichment programs, conserved lands, and access easements.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!!

