

Dear VBP community,

Let me begin with how wonderful it was to see everyone out over the 4th of July weekend. What an incredible vibe at the point. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the many events and special thanks to so many people for helping to volunteer and make sure these events all took place in such a positive way. Thank you!

For those that attended the Association meeting either in person or via Zoom, thank you. I hope that you were able to get a sense of where we are as a community. If you were not able to do either, please look at the notes that were sent out via email.

I want to make you all aware of some important information as we navigate some challenging times at VBP. Security at the point is something that our community is not used to having to worry about. Unfortunately, we are going through a time where individuals are affecting the way VBP normally does things. We have notified Southern Tier Security and the county sheriff and state police of the recent car break-ins and thefts. I strongly encourage you to report anything to the police that you may see or experience. This will help to get more consistent patrols around VBP. In the meantime, please lock your doors and be aware of your surroundings to help keep VBP safe. I encourage you to put things away nightly, such as bikes, toys etc. that the VBP community is used to leaving out. This will help deter people from taking things.

In an attempt to help monitor things better, we are asking those that have cameras attached to their houses to please notify us of anything you may see. You can do that at the VBP email listed here: vbpboard@gmail.com. We have also decided to turn all VBP cameras on until further notice to help try to solve some of our issues. The most important people are YOU though. Please help to keep the community safe. If you see something, call 911 immediately and report it. We are working to have the county sheriff and state police patrol on a more frequent basis.

Speaking of security – Southern Tier is once again positioned at the front gate. We have asked them to make sure everyone has hangtags and if they do not, they must report where they are going. Security will write down the license plate and the house that they are going to. As community members, we need your help to make sure that this is happening. If you know of guests and/or visitors that are coming to your cottage, please make them aware of this. Southern Tier often tells us of people not adhering to the rules. This does not help our security at all and may be leading to some of our problems. It only takes a few seconds to check in. Please help with this.

The safety of the intersections with Route 5 by the White Village and Bob's old store are a top priority and we appreciate the concerns you have voiced to the VBP Board on this matter. Since Route 5 is a New York state highway, our best course of action is to provide feedback to the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT). A number of concerned VBP community members have already submitted a petition to the DOT and have expressed their individual concerns via letters and emails regarding the intersections. The short-term goal is to have the DOT perform an additional traffic pattern study during the months of July or August when there is a significant increase in traffic volume with the ultimate goal of finding an effective, permanent solution (e.g. lowering the speed limit, or installing a traffic light). If you would like to assist VBP in these efforts, the following are DOT representatives to which you may

express your concerns: Frank Cirillo, Regional Director – frank.cirillo@dot.ny.gov and Michael J. Roche, Regional Traffic Engineer – michael.roche@dot.ny.gov

In addition, we are working with the Town of Pomfret to continue to express our thoughts on these dangerous intersections. VBP community members (including current and past Board members) have attended meetings with the Town, one as recently as July 13, and will continue to attend them in hopes that the intersections are made safer. Concerns to the Town of Pomfret may be sent to Dan Pacos, Town Supervisor at supervisor@townofpomfret.org

Please know our thoughts are with the individuals affected in the most recent accident.

The Town of Portland will be holding an informational meeting on Water District #2 July 21, 2022 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Town of Portland Hall 87 West Main St. Brocton, NY 14716. The purpose of the meeting is to address questions and concerns on the easements that have been recently mailed to some residents. The Town will have a representative from Clark, Patterson, Lee Engineering to address any questions. Joel Seachrist the Town attorney will be present for any legal questions. The Town will also have a notary available for anyone who wishes to have their easement notarized at the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Lewis - Town of Portland Supervisor directly at the following:

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Sincerely,

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