

May 10, 2022

Dear Van Buren Point Community,

We hope this letter finds you all well. Please take the time to read through everything in hopes that this letter will help to provide you with everything you need for the summer. I do want to take this opportunity to remind you of what we talked about in the winter. One of my goals is to build the community back at VBP. This community is special, I think we all can agree on that, as you stroll around and talk with your neighbors and friends, I ask that you treat everyone with the same respect that you would want to be treated yourself. I also encourage community members to get involved, some opportunities are below. Whether that be jumping on a tractor to help clean the beach, or picking up a shovel to help plant the kids' garden, don't be shy to lend a hand. The best communities find ways to help and support one another.

We have been working on some important projects and wanted to give you an update on those. In addition to the tennis courts, basketball courts, and the new sea wall, wait until you see that! With projects comes the need for money. We are continuing to find ways within our budget to meet the needs of important updates for the community. New railings for the sea wall, maintenance equipment such as tractors and smaller machines, roads, and the gabion wall are just a few of the MAJOR projects that lie ahead in the coming years. If you are interested in helping to offset some of these, I strongly recommend reaching out to the board, as we will need assistance in helping to make sure we have the funds for these important projects. Of course, raising dues and or adding another assessment is an option, but before doing that, we are in search of those that may be willing to help.

Website: <https://www.vanburenpoint.org/>

We will continue to use the website as a way to communicate and update the community on everything. Please continue to check frequently!

Community Clean-Up:

We will be planning a Community-wide clean-up. Please keep a lookout on the website for more information when we can finalize the date and time.

Association Meeting: Saturday, July 2 - 10:00 AM

The Association meeting will be held IN person at the Community Center and virtually via ZOOM

Topic: VBP Association Meeting

Time: Jul 2, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86035003402?pwd=L2kxcXArY2pqQmZ0QXJSZlJqZjdWZz09>

Meeting ID: 860 3500 3402

Passcode: 714726

In addition to announcing property transfers and having a moment of silence in memory of those that we have lost, we will also make announcements concerning births, marriages, or other positive events in our community. If there is a positive event/milestone that you would like to share with the VBP Community, please email this information to vbpboard@gmail.com, and we will announce it at the next Association Meeting.

5K Run is back - BOOM!: Sunday, July 3 - 9:00 AM

The Annual 5K Race is BACK! The race will be held on Sunday, July 3 at 9:00 am. We are titling the race, "A Run for the Railings" Our hope is to raise money for the new railings that will be installed on the new public beach access where we just recently put in a spectacular new sea wall. Please keep a lookout for Race Information as we get closer to the big day.

4th of July celebration: Monday, July 4 - 10:00 AM

We look forward to celebrating the 4th of July once again this year in a similar but yet different way. We are encouraging all children, and adults to decorate bikes again this year. We will begin the parade route at the Gazebo. This event will begin at 10:00 am. In conjunction with last year, we are also encouraging all cottages to get creative in decorating houses as well. Get the grills out and fire up the hot dogs! All children participating in the bike parade will circle the Gazebo park as part of the parade route. Hope to see you there.

Women's Club Update:

Enclosed is the Women's Club Spring Letter. A special thank you to the Women's Club for all their hard work and continued support of VBP. **Click the links below to access the letter and calendar.**

[2022 Women's Club Letter](#)

[2022 Women's Club Summer Calendar](#)

Contractor Database Update:

An updated list has been posted on the website. Please note, that the VBP Board of Directors in no way endorses these contractors. This is simply a listing based on positive experiences that others in our community have had. Any recommendations – please send them here:

jsander536@aol.com.

Community Center Wifi Update:

We are excited to report that we are providing WiFi at the community center for the summer. We felt this was important to not only be able to host VBP association meetings so those that may not be at the point could attend, but also to help with our programs that use the community center. A special thanks to DFT for helping to provide this service. Enjoy!

Tree Update:

The Tree Committee has been busy. We have planted over 10 trees all from donations from the community and removed once again a number of dead trees. We want to thank those that have

donated to replace the trees. If you are interested in donating for the planting of a new tree please reach out to Bill Winslow at whwinslow@verizon.net or 412-760-3241.

Trash Pick-up:

Trash and recycling pick-up will remain on Mondays. All-Out Disposal will once again be our provider. Please place your trash and recycling out each Sunday. They will pick it up on Monday. Service will begin May 1.

Dogs on the Beach:

Dogs will be allowed on the beach before 10:00 am or between the hours of 5:00-7:30 pm daily. Dogs must be on a leash at all times unless in the water. Please be mindful of the times and make sure to pick up after your four-legged animal at all times – beach or no beach!

Security Update:

Security cameras have been turned off as of May 1 and remain off until November 1 to maintain the privacy of all community members.

We will once again use the same Security company that we did last year. Please know we have taken precautions to make sure we keep our entire community safe. That being said, should you see something, please say something and do not hesitate to call the police. Contact Dede Ralston if you have any questions regarding security: sayheydede@gmail.com

Please pick up VBP hang tags for your car. Marti Webster has them and they are \$5 a piece. Marti would be happy to get them for you.

Maintenance Update:

Special thanks to Bruce and Tom for their continued support and help throughout the winter months. They go above and beyond to keep our community looking good. We are very fortunate to have them looking out for us all year. They have been hard at work already prepping for the summer. We are excited to tell you that Randy Barrett and Liam Atkinson will be joining Bruce and Tom this summer to help maintain everything. Welcome, Randy and Liam if you see them out and about.

Boat storage area – If you are interested in storing your boat there this summer, make sure to get in touch with William McClintic ridge1894@gmail.com to reserve your spot and pay the minimal fee of \$50.

Some erosion has taken place near the area of Pulpit Rock. Please be aware and do not go near that area. We are aware and will do our best to fix it ASAP.

Address changes for Dues and Important Information:

Please make sure your address is accurate so that we can keep the directory up to date. Send updates here: ybpboard@gmail.com

We are planning on communicating via email and the website – please make sure that we have your correct email address on file and we ask that you continue to check the website for any updates and announcements – this will include dues! We will no longer be sending personal invoices out. Please contact Dede Ralston to update your email address sayheydede@gmail.com

COVID Update:

We are planning to move forward with what we hope to be a normal summer. Please be mindful though that everyone can continue to practice what they feel are safety protocols and we ask as a community that we are all mindful of this.

Nominating committee:

If you are interested in being a part of the nominating committee for Board openings, please reach out to vbpboard@gmail.com and we will be sure to get in touch with you.

Any feedback that you have, or if you have ideas on initiatives for the upcoming year, please reach out to a Board Member or vbpboard@gmail.com. We would love your ideas, and also welcome your involvement in planning and executing ideas you may have.

Important Reminders:

- The speed limit on all VBP roads is 12 MPH. Just a reminder to obey the speed limit.
- When taking debris to the dump, be sure to place the debris in the appropriate locations based on the posted signs.
- Please avoid driving off the sides of the road, as the ground can be very soft (especially in the spring) and ruts are created.
- Due to the strong storms from the fall and winter, we are working to address the road conditions and other storm damage. Please be patient and if you see anything that needs repair, please send it our way and we will do our best to get to it as quickly as we can.
- If you are renting or have guests staying at your cottage, please be sure to provide them with information on the speed limit, quiet hours, garbage collection, etc.
- The water levels will be high again this year, although signs are pointing to them lowering a bit from last year. Please use caution when installing stairs to the beach as there have been a number of them damaged over the last year. Also, be conscious of leaving kayaks, small boats, or other personal belongings on the beach unattended.

We hope you all have a great 2022 season at VBP and find ways to enjoy our community in a safe manner.

Van Buren Point Association Board,

VBP Board:

Graham Westerberg- President

Bill Winslow- Vice President

Dede Ralston- Secretary

Dan Cella- Treasurer (appointed)

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