

Van Vliet Lake Association – Spring, 2019

Dear Neighbor:

Greetings to our lake area residents and a warm welcome to the new property owners on the lake.

The purpose of the Van Vliet Lake Association is to preserve and protect Van Vliet Lake and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Van Vliet Lake as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations. The current Association has been working to achieve these goals since 1994.

Our website at vanvlietlake.com contains annual meeting minutes, board meeting minutes, lake photos, and a large amount of historical information about the various lake studies and other projects the Association has promoted. Following authorization at last year's annual meeting, we hired a contractor to help us move the website to a more modern platform. We hope you are pleased with the new look of the site.

The VVLA has supported Clean Boats, Clean Waters inspections at our public landing since 2009. We have joined with Big Lake to be part of a WDNR grant that helps pay for 50 hours of paid intern inspectors at our landing since 2013. Discovery Center interns will once again be working at the Van Vliet Lake boat landing during the summer of 2019 at a very modest net cost to us.

Last summer aquatic plant conditions were once again not deemed to be at the nuisance level required in order for us to conduct any mechanical harvesting. We have enjoyed higher water levels the last few years which alleviates some of the problem, but we will continue to monitor the situation and act to implement our Aquatic Plant Management Plan if needed. Each year the WDNR conducts a site visit to assess conditions and make a decision on the permit. They also evaluate shoreland development. Any owner considering a project on their land should be familiar with the guidelines to maintaining as natural a shoreline as possible.

The Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee has received several grants to resurvey the aquatic plants in various township lakes including Van Vliet. The focus of the PITLC studies is to have a plan in place to fight aquatic invasive species if they are ever found in any township lake. The last plant survey took place in 2013 and five year updates are considered important. The work will take place this summer.

Mark your calendars for the VVLA annual meeting which is scheduled for Saturday, June 22 starting at 10 a.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Presque Isle Community Library. Our business meeting will be followed by a pot luck lunch. Please bring a dish to share and plan to enjoy a meal together.

We will be electing a Vice President, Treasurer, and two At large directors at the annual meeting. The Board will be nominating a slate of candidates. Please consider serving on the Board and let us know if you are interested in being nominated. Current Board members have all served multiple terms and we are looking for others to volunteer and help keep our organization active.

We are pleased to announce that Ted Rulseh will be our guest speaker at the meeting. Ted writes a weekly column for The Lakeland Times titled "The Lake Where You Live." He is the author of the recently published book [A Lakeside Companion](#) which is an every-person's introduction to lakes and the wonders of life on, in, above and around the water.

Enclosed is a VVLA membership form. Please continue to support our efforts by renewing your membership or joining us as a new member. The association is how we can work together to preserve and protect our lake. We look forward to working together with you in the coming year.

Van Vliet Lake Association Board of Directors

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