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VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:15pm

Please note **new** location and time.
Firemen's Field Clubhouse
120 Albermarle Avenue
Valley Stream, New York 11580

WANNA DANCE?



Learn the latest steps of Mambo, Salsa and Latin Line Dancing by Guy Ferrara, dance instructor President of the Society.

SAY THAT NEW ROAD ISN'T WIDE ENOUGH



VALLEY STREAM PEOPLE DECLARE
SUPERVISOR PROMISED CURB-
TO-CURB IMPROVEMENT

GRATEFUL FOR WORK DONE

AUTOISTS FIND THAT THE HIGHWAY NO
LONGER RIVALS THE
WITCHING WAVES

(SPECIAL TO THE EAGLE)

Valley Stream L. I. September 12

- Although the autoists who use Rockaway avenue to the Rockaways appreciate what has been done by Supervisor Hiram R. Smith to improve the avenue from Valley Stream to Hewlett, 18 feet in the middle, the members of the Valley Stream Civic Association declare that the supervisor has not yet kept his word to them. They say that at a meeting of the association in May Supervisor Smith promised to lay a road from curb to curb from Merrick road to the railroad tracks in Valley Stream and to fix the middle of the road north as far as the appropriation would permit.

Edward M. Fratz, corresponding secretary of the association, told an Eagle reporter today that the Supervisor is on record as having promised a pavement that would reach from curb to curb between Merrick road and the tracks.

"The Supervisor has evidently made a false promise," said Mr. Fratz. "However, maybe he expected to accomplish more than he was able, and thus publicly expressed himself, but the fact remains that he is down on the records for a curb to curb pavement on Rockaway avenue."

In the meantime autoists who formerly had to ride on a veritable "witching wave" are thankful to Supervisor Smith for what he has done.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle - September 13, 1916



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**Happy 100th Birthday
TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
ITS BEGINNINGS**

A wealthy gregarious businessman, Stephen T. Mather arrived in Washington in January 1915 as special assistant to Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior. His ambitious efforts helped persuade Congress to create the National Park Service in 1916. He was appointed the first director of the National Park Service in May, 1917. He promoted access to the parks, their development and use and generously contributed funds from his personal fortune for the parks. During his tenure Shenandoah, Great Smoky Mountains and Mammoth Cave were added. Mather left office in January, 1929 after suffering a stroke and died in 1930. A number of national parks have areas bearing his name.

John Muir was an advocate for nature. Muir is considered to be America's most famous naturalist and conservationist who fought to protect the places he loved. His writings persuaded the U.S. government to protect Yosemite, Sequoia, Grand Canyon and Mt. Ranier as national parks. Mill Valley, California is home to Muir Woods.

Last but not least, Theodore Roosevelt, who succeeded to the Presidency upon the death of William McKinley. During his nearly two terms in office, he supported conservation of the environment. There is a national park named in his honor where a wide range of animals make their home. The park is remote and preserves an untouched American landscape as witnessed by the earliest settlers and enjoyed by Native Americans.

Today the National Park Service maintains nearly 400 parks.



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