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## Did You Know...

### Valley Stream's E-Cycling Program will re-cycle

- Computers
- Fax Machines
- Cell Phones
- All of the above, & more

(Hint: The answer is in this issue)



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## The "Clean, Green Valley Stream" E-Cycling Initiative



The environment, filled with precious resources that we must all work hard to preserve. Fewer fees for our residents, and more revenue back to the village...

These are the important reasons Valley Stream is once again leading the way in the field of re-cycling.

Mayor Ed Fare and our Village Board of Trustees have joined with Valley Stream's Sanitation Department to announce a brand new **E-Cycling** program that will take electronic toxins out of our waste stream at no cost to taxpayers. In fact, this program will generate revenue back to the village! In cleaning up our environment by reducing toxic electronic waste, Valley Stream has created a state-of-the-art program that will preserve our beautiful environment while saving taxpayer dollars.

Since the law now has strict guidelines governing electronic waste, Valley Streamers can dispose of their e-cycling materials by:

- Calling the Sanitation Department at 825-8108 to request a special pick-up.
- Dropping off electronic materials from 7 am to 2 pm, Monday through Friday, to the sanitation facility at Arlington Yard.

In addition, Valley Stream will soon be announcing special "drop-off" days throughout the year at designated locations within the village.

**The first drop-off day will be Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the Village Green.**

**Items to be re-cycled include but are not limited to: computers and components, printers, fax machines, televisions, VCR's, DVR's, DVD players, video game consoles, cell phones**  
(Unfortunately we are unable to accept batteries at this time)

For more information about Valley Stream's "Clean, Green Valley Stream" Initiative, please call 825-8108 and check the village website at [VSVNY.org](http://VSVNY.org) for updates.

### New to Our Village - Emergency Notification System

Valley Stream is pleased to introduce the newest tool in keeping our residents informed on weather events, emergency conditions, village events and other village happenings. From time to time, you will be contacted throughout the year with this system which has the capability to call you at home, on your cell, send a text or even email you. All you have to do is go to our website at [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) and click on Emergency Alert Notification System tab. This will put you into our system so that you can follow the prompts to register, allowing you to be better informed.

# Message From The Mayor



Dear Valley Stream Friends,

*What a difference a year makes!* With one of the mildest winters on record just about behind us, I believe it is safe to take a deep breath and get ready for springtime in Valley Stream. This is a wonderful time of year to get out and take advantage of the many activities your village has to offer. Whether it is participating in innovative events planned by our dedicated and creative recreation staff, or just getting out and enjoying our beautiful parks, Valley Stream is ready to throw open the doors and let the spring air in!

Thanks to a warmer winter than in years past, our public works staff has been able to stay on top of many road projects throughout the village. In this issue of the Village Green you will be re-acquainted with some of the hard-working folks who get the job done each and every day.

Please take special note of our aggressive E-Cycling program, the "Clean, Green Valley Stream" Initiative. Valley Stream is the first among area villages to take a lead role in removing electronic toxins from our waste stream, and by press time we will have kicked off this environmental and fiscally pro-active program. As with all our village programs, you can check our website at [VSVNY.org](http://VSVNY.org) for frequent updates, important dates and helpful information.

I look forward to seeing you out and about our beautiful village!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Tufarelli".

## Our Featured Department: The Valley Stream Highway Department

The Highway Department services the Village of Valley Stream in many ways. Maintaining the infrastructure of the village and our 93 miles of roadway, this dedicated crew of up to 80 employees, under the leadership of Superintendent Tim Leahy, is well equipped to handle just about any situation. The Highway Department maintains a fleet of about 40 heavy duty vehicles and specialized trucks, all maintained by the villages own, highly skilled mechanics.

Street sweeping, snow plowing, storm drain maintenance, pothole and asphalt repair are just



*Trustee John Tufarelli stopped by the site of a major roadway improvement project to greet some of the Highway Department's workers and inspect the ongoing job.*



a sampling of the many services Valley Stream's Highway Department provides. Our crews also do concrete repairs, brickwork, tree and stump removal.

The Highway Department maintains the downtown area, as well as the village's many parking fields. They also respond to storm emergencies, 24 hours a day, seven days a week and assist the Nassau County Police and the Valley Stream Fire Department, as needed.

## Mayor for the Day



At the start of the school year Mayor Fare challenged Valley Stream 6th graders to get their creativity flowing, do some research and write an essay explaining why they would like to be designated "Mayor for the Day."

His challenge was met with great enthusiasm, and from more than 100 essays submitted, two winners were selected. Kayla Gonsalves from the R. W. Carbonaro School and Marken Suaza from the James A. Dever School were the talented winners. Together with Mayor Fare and members of the village staff, they spent an informative, action packed day experiencing what it is like to be in charge of the second largest incorporated village in the entire state.



Mayor Gonsalves and Mayor Suaza proved to be up for the demands of the job. Look for them in the future...they would surely make excellent public servants someday if they choose to do so!

## Relocation of the Village Court



Justice Bogle is preparing the relocation of the Village Court to 195 Rockaway Avenue. The move is expected in early spring, with Judge Bogle's entire staff, as well as the village's Public Safety, Code Enforcement and Auxiliary Police personnel making Rockaway Avenue their new permanent work place. It is expected that up to 30 full time employees will now work out of this building, which was the original Village Hall when it was built in 1936. "It is an exciting time for the village to be reclaiming this gracious old building, that is a part of our storied history," said Bogle. "We are honored to be a part of this new move, also knowing that our presence on Rockaway Avenue will help to revitalize the area."

## Senior Corner



Valley Stream's Silver Threads Senior Citizen Club offers something for every golden-ager! Under the expert guidance of Barbara Diglio and Tom Roberts, there are more activities to choose from than there are days in the week! Call 872-6003 for more information, or visit the village's website at [VSVNY.org](http://VSVNY.org) and click on the Parks & Recreation link.

*Trustees Virginia Clavin-Higgins and John Tufarelli joined Mayor Fare in greeting members of the Silver Threads and updating them on senior programs in the Village.*

*Special note:* Repairs at the Administration Building are proceeding ahead of schedule. Soon our Silver Threads will be able to enjoy the use of a sparkling, newly renovated indoor facility overlooking beautiful Hendrickson Lake!

## Discounted Phone Bills May Be Available

Valley Stream is partnering with the Public Service Commission to spread the word about the New York State Lifeline Discounted Telephone Service to help income-eligible consumers save money on their phone bills.

Contact your telephone company to learn more about their Lifeline program and apply today. Your company's number is in the directory and on your telephone bill.

For more information and a list of telephone companies participating in the Lifeline program, visit the NYS Public Service Commission's website, [www.AskPSC.com](http://www.AskPSC.com). You can also contact the PSC toll-free at **1-888-AskPSC1**.

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# Valley Stream Holiday Season

**VALLEY STREAMERS CELEBRATED A FESTIVE HOLIDAY SEASON  
FILLED WITH GOOD WILL TOWARD ALL!**



# Pool Registration

**Pool registration will begin in late April, and best of all, there will be no increase in pool fees this year!**

Watch your mail for the Summer Recreation Guide. It will have all the information you need to sign up for all the summer activities our recreation staff has in store for Valley Stream families.

# Calendar of Events

## Valley Stream's Dog Park



**On Schedule for  
Spring 2012  
Opening**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ March 11th - Daylight savings time begins at 2:00AM
- ❖ March 20th - Village election  
Polls will be open from 6 am to 9 pm
- ❖ April 14th - E-Cycling – "Clean, Green, Valley Stream" Drop-Off Day
- ❖ Spring 2012 - Dog Park opening
- ❖ June 9th - Pool opening

Don't forget to exercise your right to vote!

Village elections  
Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>  
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Vote at your regular polling place.

# Valley Stream Continues To Seek Relief From FEMA

## VALLEY STREAM CONTINUES TO SEEK RELIEF FROM FEMA ON BEHALF OF OUR RESIDENTS

Mayor Ed Fare and the Village Board of Trustees are continuing their efforts to resolve the unfair burden created by FEMA flood insurance requirements. They have again reached out to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, and Congresswoman McCarthy, urging them to seek remedies for Valley Streamers at the federal level.

To add your name to an on-line petition directed to our federal representatives, please visit the village website at [VSVNY.org](http://VSVNY.org) and follow the link on the homepage.