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GET READY FOR SUMMER!

Valley Stream's Updated Pool Complex Opens June 9th

The 2012 summer season will open with a beautiful, improved pool complex for all to enjoy. Our dedicated tradesmen, a team of uniquely qualified specialists, are working day in and day out to ready our facility for the summer months. Fresh paint, bright awnings, hardy plantings and a brand new parking lot await the many water enthusiasts who will be diving into a season of fun in the sun!



Pictured are the men of our "Featured Department," the "Tradesmen", who are working hard to ready our facilities for a great summer season and many years of enjoyment for all.

Did You Know...

Valley Stream's new "Community Center" was previously the

- Miniature golf course
- Waldinger Memorial Library
- Administration Building
- Dog Park

(Hint: The answer is in this issue)

Introducing Valley Stream's New Community Center



The excessive rains of last summer and autumn took a steep toll on the Administration Building located in Hendrickson Park. Our village tradesmen have worked tirelessly since that time to restore the building, which suffered severe water damage to its interior and its contents. The result, just in time for Summer 2012, will be a fully restored brand new village "Community Center." A new entrance will welcome visitors to the same building, with a fresh look. There will be a beautifully appointed banquet room, as well as four additional rooms suitable for meetings, cards and game playing, and socializing. All materials and furniture have been chosen for their water resistance and ability to withstand severe weather. We know our village residents and guests will love visiting this beautiful, lakeside facility. Valley Stream's new "Community Center" awaits you!



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Valley Stream Friends,

Every season in Valley Stream offers something special for our residents, but I must admit that summer here in our beautiful village is truly fantastic. We have a magnificent pool complex that has undergone updates to make it even more inviting than before. Our 18 hole miniature golf course is as family friendly as you can imagine, our parks are at their best and a comprehensive summer recreation schedule awaits residents of all ages. In addition, be sure to stop by our new "Community Center," previously the Administration Building at Hendrickson Park, that will soon be available for a variety of recreational uses.

As always, our summer outdoor concert series on the Village Green and Brown Bag lunchtime concert program at Hendrickson Park are sure to delight. I am especially proud and honored to welcome the renowned West Point Band back to our Village on Friday, August 24th at 8:00 pm. This is a can't-miss event that will be sure to have concert goers tapping their feet and swelling with pride as this famed band's soaring strains fill the summer air. I hope to see you there!

Please be sure to check the 2012 summer recreation guide that was recently mailed to your home, and keep it handy throughout the next few months. It is chock full of information to keep everyone busy all summer long, right here in our own back-yard.

Our entire Village Board joins me in wishing all a happy, restful and fun-filled summer in Valley Stream.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John A. Fare".

SWORN INTO OFFICE AND READY TO SERVE

Newly elected Trustees **John Tufarelli** and **Virginia Clavin-Higgins** took their oaths of office after winning four year terms in the recent village elections. At the re-organization meeting that followed **Mayor Fare** designated Trustee Tufarelli "Deputy Mayor." Other appointments included **Robert Barra**, Village Clerk; **Robert Fumagalli**, Deputy Clerk; **Michael Fox**, Treasurer; and **Mamie Eng**, Library Director.



HOME HEATING? SERIOUSLY?

Yes, summer may be upon us, but it doesn't hurt to plan ahead when cost-savings might be available. Valley Stream has entered into an agreement with East Coast Power and Gas to save on natural gas for home heating. Check the village website at www.vsvny.org for more information. And don't worry if you forget to act on this offer now...we'll remind you again in the fall!



BOW WOW!



EVERY DOG HAS HIS DAY IN VALLEY STREAM WITH OPENING OF OUR NEW DOG PARK

The Village of Valley Stream and “The Friends of Valley Stream Dog Park” have joined to create a uniquely innovative park for our canine friends and the humans who love them. This half acre dog park run is the result of cooperative efforts between the Village of Valley Stream and the members of the Friends group, with tremendous assistance from Boy Scout Troop 369. The storage shed, ramp, shade structure and some signage were all a result of Eagle projects completed by a number of Eagle candidates from Troop 369.



The dog run is about a half-acre in total, divided into sections for large and small dogs. It features several dog “toys” including ramps and jumps as well as a gazebo and murals created by local volunteers. There are even water fountains and “fire hydrants;” everything to make a



happy dog’s dreams come true!

The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremonies included demonstrations, displays and plenty of treats for all. The event was enthusiastically greeted by much applause and plenty of barks on the part of the dogs and their owners, as well as the many visitors who participated in the festivities.

For questions or to register call (516) 825-8571 ext. 13 or E-mail: vsrec@vsvny.org. To learn more about the Dog Park please visit Valley Stream’s website at www.vsvny.org.

SANITATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

If Your Regular Collection Day is:		Monday/Thursday	Tuesday/Friday
Your Holiday Schedule is:			
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4	Regular Schedule	Regular Schedule
Labor Day	Monday, September 3	Tuesday/Thursday	Wednesday/Friday

Please Note: There will be no grass & leaf collection on May 30th, July 4th, or September 5th.

If your recycling day falls on one of the above holidays, your recycling will be picked up on the following day.

Senior Corner

The “Silver Threads” are up and running at the Firemen’s Field Clubhouse, their new home at 120 Albermarle Road, at Fenimore Street. Our seniors can continue to enjoy all the programs and events they love so well at this bright and spacious facility. Monthly activities are available at this building.

Our knitting club, which meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., donated more than 300 hand- made knitted items to nursing homes in our area. These fabulous needle workers were able to provide gifts to each and every resident of the homes. In addition, the “Silver Threads” also donated food baskets to Holy Name of Mary’s food pantry.

There is always something new happening with this lively ‘young at heart’ group, whether it be a friendly game of cards, or some stimulating conversation. Please come down to Firemen’s Field Clubhouse and get involved! For more information, please call 516-872-6003 or visit our village website at www.vsvny.org.



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SPRING FLING IN VALLEY STREAM

Valley Stream was blooming with activities this spring that were enjoyed by all



The "Clean Green Valley Stream" Initiative

E-Cycling Is Well Received by Valley Streamers



CONGRATULATIONS to those environmentally-conscious residents who stopped by the Village Green on our first **E-Cycling Drop Off Day!** It was a huge success with 195 participants dropping off over 500 pieces of recyclables. Imagine how much greener our environment is, just from this first community effort.

Additional Drop Off Days will be announced soon, so watch for those dates. In the meantime, remember that you can easily dispose of your electronic waste by simply calling the Sanitation Department at 825-8108 to request a special pick-up, or by dropping off electronic materials from 7 am to 2 pm Mon. through Fri. to the Sanitation facility at Arlington Yard.



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)*

Save These Important Dates

Date	Event	Time
Monday, May 28th	Memorial Day Parade	9:30 AM
Saturday, June 9th	Pool Opening at Hendrickson Park	10:00 AM
Wednesday, July 4th	4th of July Fireworks Show at Firemen's Field	Gates Open at 6:30 PM
Friday, August 24th	West Point Concert Band, Village Green	8:00 PM

Summer concert series is on-going... check the summer recreation guide, call 872-6003 or visit the website at www.vsvny.org for schedule.



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<http://www.nassaulibrary.org/valleyst/>

CHECK IT OUT @ THE LIBRARY

Programs, Services, Resources Available for **FREE** with a Library Card

Children's Programs:

Mommy & Me, Storytimes, Parent/Child Workshops, Alphabet Soup, Musical Performances, Crafts, and more

Teen Programs:

Craft Nights, Anime Programs, Booktalks Game Nights, and more

Adult Programs:

Book Discussions, Tax Help, Computer Classes, Health Screenings, Technology Classes and more

Family Museum Passes

Homebound Delivery Service

Expanded Wi-Fi Access
 Early Literacy Computers
 Online Library Catalog
 Downloadable eBooks & Audiobooks

Online:

Research Databases
 Homework Help
 Language Courses
 Job & Career Resources
 Test Preparation
 Interactive Calendar of Events



Future Programs & Services To Watch for:

Coffee Shop

Expanded Book Depository Access
 Expanded Adult Programs - Crafts, Job & Career Training, and more

Outdoor Reading Room & Greenhouse

Children & Teen Movie Nights
 Morning Movie Programs for Adults

Contact Library Director Mamie Eng for additional information, questions and/or suggestions at (516) 825-6422 or hwmlcontact@hotmail.com.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Important Phone Numbers and E-mail Addresses

Valley Stream's automated telephone system and the following list of phone numbers and emails should make it easier for you to reach the appropriate party at Village Hall.

Please save this list for future reference

Assessment/Tax:	Maintains assessments on all properties within the village boundaries; grievance applications and tax exemptions (Senior Citizen, Disability, Veterans, Firefighter, Clergy, Religious, Non-Profit); responsible for the billing and collection of taxes. Contact: 516-825-4200 E-mail: vstax@vsvny.org
Building Services:	Issues residential and commercial construction permits, electrical and plumber licenses, certificates of occupancy and completion. Contact: 516-825-4200 E-mail: vsbldg2@vsvny.org
Citizen Response Services:	Handles all citizen requests and complaints. E-mail: vscomplaints@vsvny.org
Clerk Services:	Maintains village records and vital statistics; licenses for peddlers, dogs, secondhand dealers, landscapers, used car dealers, taxi cabs, tow car operators, private carters and fence contractors; issues residential, non-residential parking permits, request for use of village facilities and block parties. Contact: 516-825-4200 E-mail: vsclrk1@vsvny.org
Code Enforcement:	Enforcement of village parking regulations and violations of the village code. Contact: 516-825-4200
Emergency Management:	Oversees preparedness and response for hurricanes, hazardous materials and all other natural and man made disasters. E-mail: vsemo@vsvny.org
Library Services:	Provides adult and children's library services and programs. Contact: 516-825-6422 E-mail: directorvs@nassaulibrary.org
Park Services:	Maintains all village parks, recreational and athletic facilities. Issues permits and schedules the use of all athletic fields. Contact: 516-825-4121 E-mail: vsparks1@vsvny.org
Public Health & Safety Services:	Village provides Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, Auxiliary Police, Public Safety and Public Health. Nassau County Police patrol & protect Valley Stream. Call 911 for all emergencies
Public Works:	Provides sanitation and recycling collection, road, street lighting and parking field maintenance; snow, ice control and storm water management. Contact: 516-825-8489 E-mail: Highway: vshwy@vsvny.org Recycle: vsrecycle@vsvny.org Sanitation: vshwy1@vsvny.org
Recreation Services:	Offers numerous recreational activities for all ages including sports, concerts, aquatics, youth and senior programs. Contact: 516-825-8570 E-mail: vsrec@vsvny.org
Village Court:	Handles all parking, traffic and village code violations. Contact: 516-825-4200 E-mail: vs court@vsvny.org