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9/11 Memorial

Two very special saplings were dedicated this September 11th during Valley Stream's 9/11 Memorial ceremony in Hendrickson Park. The young trees are cultivated from a very special Callery Pear tree, known today as the "Survivor Tree." This extraordinary tree was aptly named after its rescue from the rubble of the World Trade Center in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. It was discovered charred and uprooted, but still living. Over time, and through much caring and attention, the tree has sprouted new life and has produced hundreds of seedlings. Valley Stream was among the communities chosen to receive offshoots of the "Survivor Tree." The twin "Survivor Trees" were planted alongside the September 11th Memorial at this year's solemn ceremony, and will now take their place as enduring symbols of survival and resilience. All are welcome to visit Valley Stream's "Survivor Trees" and take some time to pause, reflect and remember.



Did You Know...

A good way to keep your home and family safe is with

1. Adequate lighting
2. Well trimmed tree limbs
3. Visible house numbers
4. All of the above



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In Memory of Lt. Peter Martin

The Valley Stream Fire Department had the honor of receiving its own "Survivor Tree" which was planted in a solemn ceremony at Engine #3, the Cochran Place Firehouse. The tree is dedicated in the memory of FDNY Lieutenant Peter Martin who was also an ex-Captain of Valley Stream's Engine #3. Lieutenant Martin perished on September 11, 2001 while rescuing others at the site of the World Trade Center.

A Special Message From Mayor Ed Fare

Dear Friends,

School is back in session, vacation schedules are a fading memory and the first chill greets us as autumn arrives.

As has been our tradition for fourteen years, Valley Stream paused on September 11th to remember and honor those lost on that terrible day in our nation's recent history. I know Valley Streamers join me in taking tremendous pride in our new "Survivor Trees" which were planted in Hendrickson Park at our 9/11 monument. If you haven't had the opportunity to see them yet, please stop by at any time to marvel at these great symbols of strength and resiliency. You can read about the "Survivor Trees" in this issue of the Village Green.



Valley Stream is always especially beautiful in the fall. Our parks burst with the warm colors of the season, and the crisp air lends itself to the outdoor activities that we have come to anticipate here in our beautiful village. Please remember to check the important dates section of this issue and mark your calendars for everything that is offered in Valley Stream in the upcoming months including a new and especially dramatic Halloween Experience!

As always, my door in Village Hall is open and our staff ready and able to assist our residents in any way possible. I look forward to seeing you often around our village.

Sincerely,

Edmund A. Fare

Time to return to our regular routine...

but first, here's a last look back at summer of 2015



Mark Your Calendar with these
IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday, October 22 to
Saturday, October 24**

Valley Scream Presents
"The Valley of the Dead"
*Prepare for thrills & chills at this spooky
Halloween event!*

Gates Open at 6:30 p.m.
Hendrickson Park (Pool Parking Lot)
Admission - \$10 per person
Proceeds will support Autism research

Tuesday, November 11

Veterans Day Ceremony
*Join in for a rousing, patriotic, music-
filled tribute to our veterans!*

12:30 p.m.
Gazebo & Community Center
No charge – all are welcome!

"Quality of Life... Steps that Could Save a Life"

We've said it before but it's always worth repeating for safety's sake - well lit and neatly maintained property is not only attractive, it is also important in the event of an emergency when seconds count and police, fire and ambulance crews are searching for an address. Follow these important safety steps to help keep you, your family and your neighbors safe:



- ✓ Keep your home well lit
- ✓ Make sure your house number is illuminated and visible from the street
- ✓ Clear overgrown tree limbs & brush from around your house, and especially where people are walking

It is also helpful to keep storm drains free of debris, and when snow arrives clear nearby fire hydrants. Please remember to check on elderly or infirmed neighbors. Together we can help keep each other safe and our neighborhoods neat and clean.

*If your house number is missing or damaged give
Mayor Fare a call at 516-592-5102
for a complimentary replacement number. It's that important!*

Keep Those Cards & Letters Coming... We love to hear your ideas, suggestions and yes, even your constructive criticism, but we can't respond if you don't tell us who you are...so don't forget to sign your correspondence, even if it's through email or Facebook.

"Our Town"

Valley Stream is Featured on Cablevision

Valley Stream hit the big (TV) screen! Our village, along many of its businesses and residents, was showcased recently on Cablevision. Visit the village's website at www.vsvny.org or our Facebook page to view the video that highlights so much of what makes us proud to call Valley Stream home.





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2015 Fall Household Sanitation Holiday Collection Schedule

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS	If your regular collection day is Monday / Thursday	If your regular collection day is Tuesday / Friday
Columbus Day Monday, October 12th	Tuesday / Thursday (no agriculture)	Wednesday / Friday (no agriculture)
Election Day Tuesday, November 3rd	Regular Schedule	Regular Schedule
Veterans Day Wednesday, November 11th	Regular Schedule (no agriculture)	Regular Schedule (no agriculture)
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 26th	Monday / Friday	Tuesday / Saturday

• Please note that agriculture will not be collected on October 15th & November 12th

2015 Fall Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Columbus Day Monday, October 12th	Pick-up Tuesday 10/13	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Election Day Tuesday, November 3rd	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Veterans Day Wednesday, November 11th	Regular	Regular	Pick-up Thursday 11/12	Regular	Regular
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 26th	Regular	Regular	Regular	Pick-up Saturday 11/28	Regular

Need assistance in Valley Stream?

Mayor's Helpline is available for residents to call with issues or complaints. If no one is available to answer your call immediately, please leave a detailed message with your phone number and a representative of Mayor Fare's office will respond to you as promptly as possible. Remember it may take several rings before your call is answered so don't hang up before leaving your message—every call is important and will receive proper attention!

1-855-99MAYOR (1-855-996-2967)

Please be courteous and remember that Valley Stream has noise restrictions that prohibit loud music played after 11 p.m. Let's all do our part to keep the noise down for the benefit of all.



SENIOR CORNER



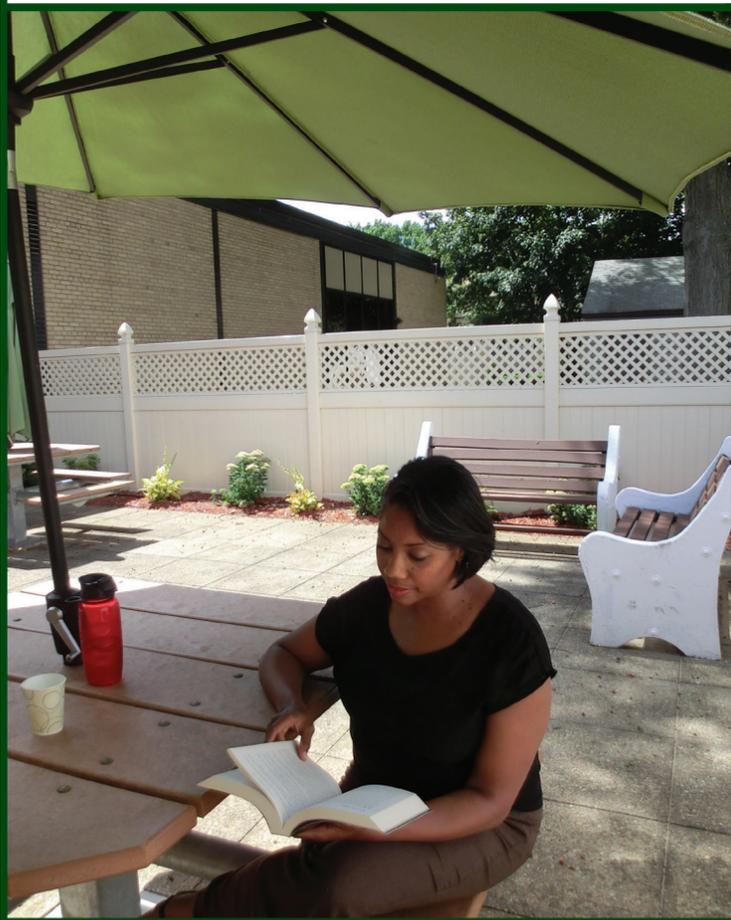
Silver Threads -- 516-825-8571

- Senior Tax exemption applications are available at the Village Hall. Stop by the Tax Department to learn if you are eligible for further village tax reductions. 
- The Silver Threads Miniature Golf Club is continuing through the fall. The club runs on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 A.M. to noon and membership is free! Call SallyAnn at 516-506-1989 to sign up and receive your membership pass.



The Valley Stream Library's Outdoor Reading Room Gets a Beautification

The next time you find yourself in the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library be sure to stop by the newly improved "Outdoor Reading Room," just past the reference desk on the first floor. Thanks to Eagle Scout Lucas Camacho and the efforts of his family and Boy Scout volunteers, new plantings, freshly cleaned and painted outdoor furniture and a brand new bench all came together to make the open air space a welcome and inviting environment in which patrons may relax and read. With the assistance of Library Director Mamie Eng and Mayor Ed Fare, the ribbon was cut to dedicate this fresh and inviting place for the enjoyment of all!



THE VILLAGE OF VALLEY SCREAM PRESENTS

THE VALLEY OF THE DEAD

A TERRIFYING 3 NIGHT EVENT

**THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 22ND**

**FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 23RD**

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24TH**

HENDRICKSON PARK

GATES OPEN AT 6:30

TICKETS: \$10.00

RAIN OR SHINE!

**ENTER A QUARANTINED ZOMBIE INFESTATION SITE !
WILL YOU MAKE IT OUT ALIVE? SEE IT THIS OCTOBER!**

•SOUVENIRS•

•REFRESHMENTS•

PORTIONS OF PROCEEDS DONATED TO SUPPORT
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FOR ALL TICKET AND EVENT INFORMATION:

WWW.VSVNY.ORG

