

# The Village Green

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## Summer Fun In the Sun Has Arrived!



Valley Stream's pool has opened to rave reviews. Further improvements for this season include a newly expanded shade deck, a tented arts and crafts area, new recreation offices and a brand new "family bathroom."

Pool sign-ups are ongoing, so be sure to stop down to the pool complex offices to purchase your membership and find out what the big "splash" is all about!

## Memorial Day ~ A Time to Reflect & Give Thanks

Memorial Day in Valley Stream is always an important time to pause and reflect on the sacrifices of our brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives in service to our nation. We enjoy our freedoms because of them and the many who put themselves in harm's way so that we may continue to live in peace here on the homefront. Our heartfelt thanks to them all. We stand with them and with the loved ones they leave behind.



## Did You Know... Valley Stream's Environmental Programs include

- The "Shredding Truck"
- Electronic Recycling
- Tree City designation
- All of the Above

Hint: The answer is in this issue.



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## 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!

Mayor's Helpline - 1-855- 99MAYOR (1-855-996-2967)

Visit [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) and follow Mayor Fare on Twitter @VStreamMayor."

**Mark Your Calendar with these  
IMPORTANT DATES**



**Summer Concert Series**

*(Begins July 6<sup>th</sup>)*  
John Smith Bandshell  
on the Village Green

**Community Band**  
Tuesdays, 8:00 P.M.

**Various Bandshell Performers**  
Wednesdays, 8:00 P.M.

**District Symphony Orchestra**  
Thursdays 8:00 P.M.

**Lakeside Movies  
at Hendrickson Park**  
Fridays 8:30 P.M.  
July 10th - August 28th

**Aquatics Show  
at the Pool Complex**  
Saturday, August 8th  
Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

**Shredding Event**  
Saturday, September 19th  
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**Don't Forget! All summer long Valley Stream offers children's swimming lessons, adult and teen dances, children's story time, adult water exercises and a wide range of sports and recreational activities for children and adults. There is truly something for everyone! Call 516-872-6003 for more information, or refer to the village website at [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org).**



**A Special Message From Mayor Ed Fare**

Dear Friends,

Summer is here and in Valley Stream we are well on our way to a great season of fun in the sun, with recreational and leisure activities sure to delight everyone.

Our beautiful pool complex is better than ever, making it a summer long destination for swimmers and pool-lovers everywhere. As always, our summer concert series on the Village Green will bring the sounds of all varieties of music to the open air, so be sure to bring your chairs and blankets and settle in for a summer of musical entertainment.

In this edition of the Village Green newsletter, we highlight the magnificent natural beauty that abounds in Valley Stream. Our parks are home to abundant wildlife and plant life, some of which are pictured here. I hope you will take some time, this summer and all year long, to appreciate and enjoy our unique surroundings.

Please be sure to check the summer recreation guide that was recently mailed to your home and keep it handy. It is full of helpful information about the programs offered to keep everyone busy all summer long, right here at home in Valley Stream.

Our entire Village Board joins me in wishing all a happy, fun-filled summer!



Sincerely,

**Keeping It Green In Valley Stream  
We Love & Protect Our Natural Resources**

**Featured Department - Parks**

Valley Stream boasts more than 100 acres of beautiful park land. We are an oasis of natural splendor, with countless trees and lush plantings complementing some of the most pristine waterways on Long Island. Our skilled groundskeepers, landscapers, tree experts and arborists who make up the Valley Stream Parks Department take enormous pride in their work at Hendrickson Park, the Village Green, Edward Cahill Park (formerly Mill Pond Park), Barrett Park and all around Valley Stream. The Parks Department is led by supervisors Frank Torres and Lorraine Werbeck.

Our Parks crews can be spotted day in and day out tending to the abundant flora that graces our village. These dedicated individuals consider themselves stewards of the land, preserving the open spaces and verdant greenery that is home to a multitude of vegetation and natural wildlife not seen in most suburban communities.

The variety of trees within Hendrickson Park alone is somewhat astounding; along with the commonly found oak, maple, fir and spruce, there can also be found fir, white pine, black cherry, linden, sycamore and the majestic Weeping Willows that dot the upper streambed. Where there is healthy vegetation, there will naturally follow healthy wildlife, and Valley Stream is home to some of the rarer fauna around. The list of water loving, high-flying and ground dwelling creatures is extensive.

It is the mission of Valley Stream's administration, and the duty of our Parks staff along with the responsibility of all our citizens, to maintain these most precious resources for the enduring health of our environment and the enjoyment of generations to follow.



*The Valley Stream Parks staff, assisted by tree crews from our Public Works Department, spend many hours hard at work maintaining the natural beauty of our village's parklands.*



**Indigenous Wildlife Found in Hendrickson Park**

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Common songbirds | Red Eared Sliders |
| Squirrels        | Turtles           |
| Geese            | Carp              |
| Mallards         | Catfish           |
| Red Tailed Hawks | Cooper Hawks      |
| Freshwater Eels  | Ospreys           |
| Atlantic Brants  | Egrets            |
| Bats             | Snapping Turtles  |
| Muskrats         | Seagulls          |

## Valley Stream Is a Tree City



TREE CITY USA®

Each year in Valley Stream we plant more trees than we remove; on average anywhere from 150 to 200 new plantings. Our robust pruning, care and forestation programs earn us the Arbor Day Foundation's designation year after year.



Under the guidance of dedicated Troop Leaders, the scouts spent the afternoon of Arbor Day 2015 cleaning up Cahill Park and planting a tree. They have promised to continue their long-standing tradition of being good stewards of the park. Valley Stream's Youth Council pitched in to help re-forest our parks and keep Valley Stream "Valley Green!"



The young ladies of Girl Scout Troops #2029 and #2073 live up to the Girl Scout Law by demonstrating their willingness to do their "best to use resources wisely, and make the world a better place..."

## Spring Cleaning Day in Valley Stream

The Valley Stream Sanitation Department sponsored another successful e-cycling day, collecting more than 6 tons of electronic waste at its annual "Spring Cleaning Day." Mayor Fare, Judge Bogle and Trustee Virginia Clavin-Higgins joined the crews hard at work assisting residents in cleaning out their unwanted items, while removing harmful toxins from the waste stream, contributing to the preservation of our precious environment.



Valley Stream residents can schedule a special pick-up of electronic waste by calling 825-8108. Items that are considered electronics include, but are not limited to, tv's, vcr's, computer components and batteries. For a complete list of items or for more information call 825-8108 or visit [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org). Remember, it is no longer permissible to discard electronics with ordinary household garbage so be sure to call!



The Shredding truck is coming to Valley Stream. Mark your calendar and have your confidential papers safely destroyed as you watch.

Saturday, September 19, 2015  
10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.



Pool Parking lot  
(Merrick Road)

Free to Valley Stream residents only –  
bring proof of residency  
(Household paper only – no commercial  
documents will be accepted for shredding)

825-8108

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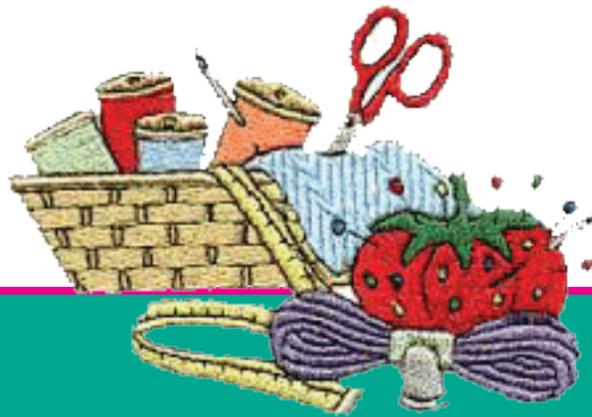
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## SENIOR CORNER



The Silver Threads enjoyed an afternoon of friendship and camaraderie at their annual spring luncheon at the Community Center.

Attention all Valley Stream Silver Threads members! We are now offering a new summer program: The "Valley Stream Silver Threads Miniature Golf Club."

The Club will run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10AM to NOON through the summer, and Membership is Free!

For information, or to sign up and receive your membership pass, please contact SallyAnn at 516-506-1989.



**Bocce is Back! The Valley Stream 2015 Bocce Ball season has begun. Players meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Bocce Ball Court in Hendrickson Park.**



Our miniature golf course is all spruced up and ready for golfers young and "young at heart," thanks to the dedicated work of our village landscapers.

## 2015 Holiday Collection Schedule

Garbage		
Observed Holidays	If your regular collection is Monday/Thursday	If your regular collection is Tuesday/Friday
Fourth of July, Saturday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Schedule	Regular Schedule (pick-up Friday, 7-3-15)
Labor Day, Monday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday/Thursday (No Agriculture)	Wednesday/Friday (No Agriculture)

Recycling: If your regular recycling schedule is...					
Observed Holidays	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fourth of July, Saturday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Labor Day, Monday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Pick up Tuesday 9/8	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular