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VALLEY STREAM PUT ITS FALL COLORS ON FULL DISPLAY!

Valley Stream's first ever Haunted Halloween Hayride was by all accounts a frightfully successful event. Approximately 1000 brave men, women and children lined up Saturday evening for a spooky, howling good time as specially outfitted open-air trucks, loaded with bales of hay and filled to capacity with screaming passengers, made their way around Hendrickson Park. All along the way, volunteer ghouls, goblins, werewolves and vampires carried out their roles by inflicting fun-filled fear on all who dared to enter "Haunted Hendrickson Park."

"Saturday's haunted hayride was a huge success," declared Mayor Fare. "Judging by the response we received from everyone who participated, we will certainly be bringing this event back next year!"



Annual favorites, the pumpkin painting and Halloween costume contests were big hits again this year, as Mayor Fare and Trustee Clavin-Higgins observed!



Deputy Mayor Thomas and his family had a ghastly, ghostly good time at the Haunted Hayride!

Did You Know...

The peak month for candle fires is

July
December
November
March

(Hint: The answer is in this issue)



Judge Bogle and Mayor Fare stopped by the scene of "mayhem & disaster" along the haunted route.



A special appearance by the Headless Horseman, greeted by Mayor Fare, was a highlight to many, as he traversed the bridge at the top of Hendrickson Lake, seeking his next victim.



Trustee Tufarelli made a new friend at the 2nd Annual Howl-O-Ween Party at the Valley Stream Dog Park.



The first Guido Cirenza Bocce Tournament took place this fall at the Guido Cirenza Memorial Bocce Ball Court. Friends and family members of Valley Stream's beloved late Deputy Mayor gathered in celebration of our dear friend, who is deeply missed.



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Mark Your Calendar with these **IMPORTANT DATES**

Lighting of the Menorah

Wednesday, November 27th
6:00 p.m.

Firefighters Memorial Plaza
Sunrise Highway and
So. Franklin Avenue
(Sponsored by Chabad Outreach Center)

Blessing of the Creche

Tuesday, December 3rd
7:00 p.m.

Firefighters Memorial Plaza
Sunrise Highway and
So. Franklin Avenue
(Sponsored by Father Carroll
Knights of Columbus)

Santa Arrives in Valley Stream!

Christmas Tree Lighting
& Visit with Santa
Friday, December 6th
Santa arrives at 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Tree Lighting at 7:30
Village Hall



A Charlie Brown Christmas

Live Children's Musical Theatre
Saturday, December 7th & Sunday
December 8th 1:00p.m.
\$10 Adults - \$7 Children
Theatre in the Court, Village Hall
Call Box Office at 516-592-5184

Historical Society's Annual Gingerbread House Contest and Bake Sale

Sunday, December 8th
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Pagen Fletcher Restoration House
Hendrickson Avenue

Winterfest in Valley Stream!

December 26th through
December 29th

"Valley Stream on Ice" skating day at
Grant Park, "Kiddie Day" at Henry
Waldinger Library, arts & crafts,
entertainment and much more for
families to enjoy during the festive
season! Date, times, locations to be
announced—check the website for
frequent updates
www.vsvny.org

A Special Message From Mayor Ed Fare

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are closing in on the end of 2013. We in Valley Stream have been very fortunate with good weather that has allowed us to enjoy all the outdoor activities offered to our residents. The fall was especially crisp and clear this year, making conditions excellent for our first-ever "Haunted Halloween Hayride." I hope you will read about all about it inside.



Of course, the autumn season brings with it the opportunity for somber thanks and reflection, as well. Our Valley Stream family took time to respectfully pause at a dignified September 11th ceremony, as well as at our first-ever patriotic Veterans Day event held at our gazebo and Community Center. It was an honor and privilege to be among those who bravely fought for our country, as well as those still active in the military today. Here in Valley Stream, we salute them all!

A joyous and fun-filled holiday season awaits us in Valley Stream. Please check our website at www.vsvny.org frequently for information about the many activities our village staff has in store for residents of all ages. Mark your calendar for Friday, December 6th, when Santa arrives on a fire truck to the delight of Valley Stream's children! At the same time, be sure to take note of the very important safety tips offered as we enter into the winter months.

As always, I wish everyone happiness and good health. I look forward to seeing you around Valley Stream!

Valley Stream Salutes Our Veterans and Active Military - Heroes All!

Sincerely,

Veterans Day in Valley Stream saw much deserved respect and recognition for those who have ever worn the uniform in service to our nation. Hundreds turned out to join Mayor Fare, Justice Bogle, Trustees Tufarelli & Clavin Higgins and many Valley Stream girl and boy scouts, in honoring our area veterans.



Valley Stream's annual Toys for Tots campaign kicked off with help from the Marines. Collection boxes will be at Village Hall, the Henry Waldinger Library and at some business locations around the village, through the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce.

Our Featured Department: PUBLIC SAFETY

*M*ayor Fare and the Valley Stream Board of Trustees have concentrated their energies on the overall well-being of our residents. Ever mindful of the needs of our vibrant community, Valley Stream is safer than ever, thanks to the vigilance of our elite Public Safety force.

The Valley Stream Department of Public Safety is a uniformed organization that operates 7 days a week around our streets, parks and village facilities. The Department of Public Safety employs 20 officers, including supervisors from a wide variety of backgrounds, predominantly law enforcement. The primary function of Public Safety, as its name suggests, is to ensure the safety and security of our residents, as well as our employees and property. Our Public Safety officers are also charged with addressing a variety of "quality of life" issues that are important to our village. Travelling around Valley Stream, you are sure to cross paths with these hard working men and women who are dedicated to keeping you safe and sound, and our village as beautiful as ever.

The Director of the Department of Public Safety is Vincent Seminerio, a retired Warden with the New York City Department of Corrections. A seasoned law enforcement professional, Seminerio served at the correctional facility at Rikers Island for 23 years before retiring to his hometown of Valley Stream. Joining Director Seminerio is Mayor Ed Fare and Assistant Director Vincent Cusumano. Along with officers of the Department of Public Safety.



Valley Stream - A Great Place To Live and We've Been Noticed!

Valley Stream was recently listed as one of the best places to live on Long Island. With our gorgeous park system, lively cultural and recreational programs, state-of-the-art-library, lovely, well-kept neighborhoods and close proximity to the beaches, the city and beyond, it's no wonder Valley Stream is the place to be!

In fact, Valley Stream recently adopted a "Sustainable Complete Streets" policy whereby all new street development, including design and planning, shall whenever possible be designed and executed in a way that enables safe and convenient access for all users, including bicycles, children, persons with disabilities, motorists and pedestrians. "Sustainable Complete Streets" is one more way in which Valley Stream is moving forward!

You ought to be in movies...and so should your house!



The Film & Television industry is expanding on Long Island, and Valley Stream is on the radar! The Village of Valley Stream is compiling a list of everyone who is interested in being considered for extras work in movies and TV shows that will be shot in the village. Additionally, people who would be willing to allow their homes and/or businesses to be rented for location shoots are also encouraged to send their names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses to be added to the roster.

Please send your information to Extras@VSVNY.org.

Have you been told "you oughta be in pictures?" Here's your chance...





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SENIOR CORNER

Valley Stream's Silver Threads have been as active as always. Card games, trips to Aqueduct racetrack and local shopping, and of course knitting and crocheting keep our seniors active. The month of December will be busy with holiday get-togethers. Remember, we are still accepting donations of new yarns and large buttons! To learn more about our senior programs and events, just give our senior program coordinator a call at 516-506-1989.

HOME SAFETY

The winter season, particularly through the holidays, is a time to be extra vigilant about home safety. Valley Stream Office of Emergency Management reminds us of some important tips, passed along from the National Fire Protection Association.

Christmas Tree

-  When decorating Christmas trees, always use safe tree lights, and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
-  Do not use lights with worn, frayed or broken cords, or loose connections.
-  Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
-  Water live trees frequently and safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles

Candles

-  Unattended, abandoned or inadequately controlled candles are the leading cause of home fires, and December is the peak month for candle fires.
-  Keep candles on a sturdy, uncluttered surface and away from items that can catch fire.
-  Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
-  Don't allow children or teens to have candles in their bedrooms.

Carbon Monoxide

-  Check that all fuel-burning appliances are properly installed, maintained and operated
-  Keep all fireplace chimneys and flues cleaned and checked annually
-  Never use a gas range or oven to heat a home.
-  Never run a generator or other gasoline-powered device indoors; never use a charcoal grill, hibachi or portable camping stove inside a home, tent or camper.
-  Install and maintain smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in the home. You changed your clocks-did you remember to change your batteries?

For more helpful hints about winter safety visit www.vsvny.org.

Snow: Our Winter Challenge

A Guide for Valley Stream Property Owners and Residents

It's the neighborly thing to do!

If you own property, please remember to:

- ❄️ Keep the adjacent sidewalks clear of snow and ice. If you are out of town, please make arrangements for someone else to clear the sidewalks.
- ❄️ Snow should not be shoveled or blown into the street. This creates a hazard for both the property owner and drivers.
- ❄️ Residents who have catch basins in front of their homes can help by keeping ice and snow away from the openings, so water from melting snow can drain freely.
- ❄️ If you have a fire hydrant by your property, please remove snow from the area around the hydrant for easy access in case of an emergency.
- ❄️ Resident cooperation is essential to the success of the snow removal operations. It is very important that vehicles are removed from the streets. With fewer cars on the streets, snow plows can do a more effective job of clearing snow and ice from Valley Stream's 90 miles of roadway. Therefore, please move your car off the street, whenever possible.

Safety:

Please instruct children to avoid snowplows. Drivers and workers are concentrating on their jobs. Young children should not be allowed to play near the street when snow has accumulated. Snow banks make it difficult for motor vehicle and snow plow operators to spot them. For safety reasons, the Valley Stream Highway Department crews will spray deicer on the streets and plow in the following order: Major Arteries and roads; Secondary Streets; Dead end streets and Cul-de-sacs. Snow plowing begins when three (3) inches of snow have fallen on the pavement.

Ice:

For people on foot, ice can be worse than snow. It can cause dangerous falls. Property owners are also responsible for removing ice on their sidewalks.

- Stock up on ice melt before the storm.
- Use ice melt with Calcium Chloride or Potassium Chloride. It's better for the environment and only a small amount is required to melt ice. Avoid rock salt or Sodium Chloride as it kills plants and trees.
- Avoid sand. Sand makes hard ice more slippery.
- Use ice melt on your driveway entrance and sidewalks early and often to prevent snow packing down and forming into ice.

In the event of a Snow Emergency, information can be obtained from the Village's Emergency Management Advisory Radio System.

AM 1620

Please don't take it personally.

Often the Dept. of Public Works plows snow back into your driveway. Pushing snow into a driveway opening or along a car parked on the street is really unavoidable as we work to keep streets passable during all stages of a storm.

Important:

Vehicles left on the street during a snow storm will be issued a summons and towed at the owners expense

2013 Holiday Sanitation Schedule Household Garbage Collection

Observed Holidays	If your regular collection is... MONDAY/THURSDAY	If your regular collection is... TUESDAY/FRIDAY
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28th	Monday/Friday	Tuesday/Saturday
Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25th	Regular Schedule (no agriculture)	Regular Schedule (no agriculture)
New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1, 2014	Regular Schedule (no agriculture)	Regular Schedule (no agriculture)

2013 Recycling Collection If your regular day is...

Observed Holidays	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28th	Regular	Regular	Regular	Pick-up Sat 11/30	Regular
Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25th	Regular	Regular	Pick-up Thurs 12/26	Regular	Regular
New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1, 2014	Regular	Regular	Pick-up Thurs 1/2	Regular	Regular

Christmas Tree pick-up will begin on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 and will continue on Wednesdays thereafter.

2014 Household Garbage Holiday Collection Schedule

Observed Holidays	If your regular collection is Monday/Thursday	If your regular collection is Tuesday/Friday
New Years Day (2014) Wednesday, January 1st	Regular Schedule No Agriculture	Regular Schedule No Agriculture
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 20th	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
President's Day, Monday, February 17th	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
Fourth of July, Friday, July 4th	Monday/Thursday	Tuesday/Saturday
Labor Day , Monday, September 1st	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
Columbus Day, Monday, October 13th	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th	Regular Schedule	Regular Schedule
Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11th	Regular Schedule No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th	Monday/Friday	Tuesday/Saturday
Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th	Monday/Friday	Tuesday/Saturday
New Year's Day (2015), Thursday, January 1	Monday/Friday	Tuesday/Saturday

2014 YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE: Grass and leaves will be collected on WEDNESDAYS ONLY.

EXCEPTIONS: Yard waste will not be collected on the following dates:

-January 1st -January 22nd -February 19th -May 28th - September 3rd -October 15th -November 12th

2014 Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

If your regular recycling schedule day is ...

Observed Holidays	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
New Years Day (2014) Wednesday, January 1st	Regular	Regular	Pick up Thurs 1/2	Regular	Regular
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 20th	Pick up Tues 1/21	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
President's Day, Monday, February 17th	Pick up Tues 2/18	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th	Pick up Tues 5/27	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Fourth of July, Friday, July 4th	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Pick up Sat 7/5
Labor Day , Monday, September 1st	Pick up Tues 9/2	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Columbus Day, Monday, October 13th	Pick up Tues 10/14	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11th	Regular	Pick up Wed 11/12	Regular	Regular	Regular
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th	Regular	Regular	Regular	Pick up Sat 11/29	Regular
Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th	Regular	Regular	Regular	Pick up Sat 12/27	Regular
New Year's Day (2015), Thursday, January 1	Regular	Regular	Regular	Pick up Sat 1/3	Regular

Helpful Reminders from Valley Stream's Sanitation Department

- Construction waste is the responsibility of the homeowner and their contractor.
- Special Bulk Pick-ups of items such as mattresses, furniture, carpeting and appliances must be arranged by calling 825-8108.
- Curbside Collection the neighborly way! Please remember to place your trash at the curb in a covered pail or sealed garbage bag not to exceed 32 gallons or 50 pounds. Do not put trash out before 6 p.m. on the night before your collection, or after 6:30 a.m. on the morning of your collection day.

Please call the Valley Stream Sanitation Department or visit the website for disposal information.

516-825-8108 www.vsvny.org