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## SUMMER IN VALLEY STREAM Sunny Days & Balmy Nights ~ Good Times for All to Enjoy!

As always, pool season in Valley Stream was a great success, as water lovers from guppies to grown-ups took advantage of the improvements offered at our state-of-the-art pool complex. Newly renovated men's and ladies restrooms and shower facilities helped to enhance the already picture-perfect pool setting, making this year's aquatic experience better than ever!

New for the 2013 Pool Season was Friday night live musical entertainment, free to pool members.

A summer tradition in Valley Stream is listening to music under a starry sky at our open air concert venue, the John Smith Band Shell on the Village Green. This season's Summerfest Concert series was expanded to include a special performance by the Nassau Pops and a variety of contemporary and popular groups, as well as perennial favorites, the Valley Stream Community Band and the Valley Stream Community Orchestra.



"I FISH VS" caused a real splash in Valley Stream! Hundreds turned out for a weekend of catch & re-release fishing at beautiful Hendrickson Lake where they received free instruction from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, complimentary use of fishing poles and all the bait they could possibly need for a fun and relaxing, first-ever village sponsored fishing event.

## Did You Know...

Admission to Valley Stream's  
"Return to the Dollar Movie"  
Halloween Horror  
Double Feature will be:

- \$1
- \$10
- \$25
- \$1.50

*(Hint: The answer is in this issue)*



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## Mark Your Calendar with these **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Wednesday, September 11**  
**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
**AT HENDRICKSON PARK**  
6:00 P.M. (Please note time change)

**Friday, September 20 &**  
**Saturday, September 21**  
**PLAY "DATING CATASTROPHES"**  
**AT THEATRE IN THE COURT**  
Village Hall - 7:30 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

**Sunday, September 22**  
**PLAY "DATING CATASTROPHES"**  
**AT THEATRE IN THE COURT**  
Village Hall - 2:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

**Saturday, October 5**  
**LIVE "COMEDY NIGHT"**  
**THEATRE IN THE COURT**  
Village Hall - 7:30 P.M.

**Saturday, October 19**  
**HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PAINTING**  
**& COSTUME CONTESTS**  
**IN HENDRICKSON PARK**  
Times vary by age call 516-872-6003  
or visit [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) for info

**Friday, October 25**  
**RETURN TO THE DOLLAR MOVIE**  
**HALLOWEEN HORROR**  
**DOUBLE FEATURE**  
Admission \$1  
**THEATRE IN THE COURT**  
Village Hall - 6:00 P.M.

**Saturday, October 26**  
**HAUNTED HAYRIDES,**  
**JACK-O-LANTERNS ABLAZE**  
Hendrickson Park - 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
(Raindate for October 19th)

**Monday, November 11**  
**VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**  
Community Center - TBA

**Saturday, November 16**  
**Green Bay Packers Hall of Famer DAVE**  
**ROBINSON & Vince**  
**Lombardi author ROYCE BOYLES**  
**THEATRE IN THE COURT**  
Village Hall  
Call 516-592-5105 for details



Mayor Ed Fare proudly announces formation of his Veterans Advisory Committee. These fine individuals will be volunteering their time to assist veterans and their families, and to work cooperatively with the village administration to formulate programs and events around Valley Stream. From left to right: Jack Sharkey (U.S. Air Force), Martin Kilowa (U.S. Army), Pete Restivo (U.S. Navy), Jay Hunter (Son of American Legion). Missing from the photo is George Fox (U.S. Army).

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



### A Special Message From Mayor Ed Fare

Dear Friends,

Valley Stream, like communities throughout our great nation, owes a debt of gratitude to the brave members of our military, past and present; it is a debt we can never adequately repay. On Memorial Day we honor those heroes that made the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives in service to our country. On the Fourth of July, we throw a huge party in celebration of our nation's birthday, and remember the earliest Americans who gave us the foundation upon which our principles of freedom and democracy rests.

Veterans Day, although several months away, will be a day to reflect upon the many heroes among us who have fought for these same principles, whether in far flung places around the world, or right here at home. While we will forever be indebted to our veterans and those serving today in our military, we must strive every day to remember and honor them in meaningful ways. **I invite all to join together as our Valley Stream family gathers at a special recognition ceremony, paying them tribute this Veterans Day, Monday November 11, 2013, at the Community Center, Lakeside at Hendrickson Park.** Watch for more details as the date approaches.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard-working members of my newly formed Veterans Advisory Committee, who volunteer their time to assist and encourage veterans and their families. Your service is invaluable!

**As a reminder, please note that our upcoming 9-11 Memorial Service will take place at 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2013.** The time change was in deference to our 9-11 family members who make the trip into New York City every year to participate in the annual ceremony at Ground Zero. All are welcome at this solemn event, which will take place at our 9-11 Memorial in Hendrickson Park.

I hope you and your families had a lovely summer here in Valley Stream. Please watch for the many upcoming fall events that are being planned for the enjoyment of all.



### Valley Stream Welcomes New VA Clinic

Northport VA Medical Center's new VA Clinic at Valley Stream, located at 99 South Central Avenue, currently operates on Mondays and Thursdays, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

While the new clinic currently offers outpatient mental health services for veterans, primary care will soon be introduced. Presently, the clinic is staffed by a board certified psychiatrist, a psychologist, a registered nurse, clinical social workers, and a medical clerk. Appointments for the new VA clinic at Valley Stream are scheduled by contacting Northport's Mental Health Call Center at (631) 266-6077.

Veterans interested in enrolling for this and other VA health care programs and services are encouraged to contact Northport's enrollment staff at (631). 261-4400, ext 2655, or Northport's Community Relations Officer at (631) 261-4400, ext. 2739.

Sincerely,

# Our Featured Department: OUR VOLUNTEERS IN UNIFORM

The Valley Stream community is most fortunate to have no shortage of dedicated men and women who give of their time and talents for the good of their neighbors. These fine individuals take time from their own lives and families to safeguard our citizens and keep Valley Stream the safe and beautiful community that it is known to be. With these selfless public servants "on duty" we know we are in good hands!



## CIVILIAN PATROL

Trustee Virginia Clavin-Higgins meets on a regular basis with members of the Civilian Patrol, under the leadership of Ralph Polverino, to make sure they have all the resources necessary to be most effective as volunteers on patrol throughout Valley Stream. Members of this elite group proudly marched in this year's Memorial Day parade.



## AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT 108

Under the steadfast guidance of Commanding Officer Rich Vela, Valley Stream's Auxiliary Police force assists the Nassau County Police Department in maintaining order within our community, controlling traffic and pedestrian crowds at public gatherings, intervening in a variety of emergency situations, and keeping a watchful eye at all times. We are indebted to each brave member of Auxiliary Police Unit 108.

## VALLEY STREAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Valley Stream's Bravest, the extraordinary volunteers of our fire department, are truly every-day heroes, providing unsurpassed protection for each and every resident of our village. Our Village Board members join the public in thanking them for their service. Pictured are Trustee John Tufarelli, Village Justice Robert Bogle, Trustee Virginia Clavin-Higgins, Fire Chief John Beck, 1st Assistant Chief Charles A. Brocher, 2nd Assistant Chief James R. Ervolino, Mayor Ed Fare and Deputy Mayor Dermond E. Thomas.



## Valley Stream Continues To GO GREEN

**VALLEY STREAM STUDENTS KNOW HOW TO E-CYCLE!** Last year they led the way in collecting electronic items to recycle, such as game consoles, computer components and even cd's and dvd's. Your village government thinks e-cycling is so important that we will send a special e-cycling truck to participating elementary schools this fall to pick up e-cycling items. Watch for further details as the school season gets underway, and check out the village's website at [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) and click on the Sanitation Department link to see what other items you can e-cycle!

**HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESSES,** remember to e-cycle your electronics. Call 516-825-8108 to schedule a pick-up, or drop off your items at the village's sanitation yard on Arlington Avenue.

You can also help us save precious resources by sharing your e-mail address & other contact information. Log onto [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) and click the vsnewswatch link to join our on-line contacts so that we can notify you of important village news, events and updates.

Valley Stream 6th Graders, watch for details on the annual "Mayor for the Day" essay contest.

Information and instructions will be available at school soon.



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# SENIOR CORNER

Another season of activity was had by our Silver Threads of Valley Stream. Among the activities that they enjoyed were regular card games, a festive luncheon and visits to local hospitals to donate hand-made blankets and baby items.



The Valley Stream Community Center is bustling with activities for people of all ages! Please check our website at [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) for a complete listing of what is available, or stop by Village Hall to pick up fliers on all the goings-on at our beautiful lakeside facility.

## PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF SANITATION SCHEDULE CHANGE IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY

(All other holidays will continue to follow the 2013 sanitation schedule.  
Please call 516-825-8108 or visit [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) for more information. We apologize for any inconvenience.)

OBSERVED HOLIDAY	HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE COLLECTION		RECYCLING COLLECTION	
	if your regular HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE collection day is... MONDAY/THURSDAY	if your regular HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE collection day is... TUESDAY/FRIDAY	if your regular RECYCLING collection day is... MONDAY	if your regular RECYCLING collection day is... TUESDAY through FRIDAY
<b>VETERANS DAY</b> *Change from previous schedule	Tuesday / Thursday (no agriculture)	Wednesday / Friday (no agriculture)	Pick-up Tuesday 11/12/13	Original days remain the same

\*Please note there will be no Agriculture collection on Wednesday, November 13, 2013.



### HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE... BE PREPARED!

Our Village's Office of Emergency Management reminds you that the time to prepare for upcoming severe storms is now. Please have an emergency plan in place for your household and contact us at 516-592-5147 or visit [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) for more detailed information.