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FEATURED DEPARTMENT - PARKS

The people who keep our Village Parks Beautifully Maintained

Valley Stream proudly owns and maintains more than 100 acres of pristine park lands, more than just about any village in Nassau County and surrounding areas. Mother Nature has provided us with a uniquely beautiful setting in which our residents and visitors can spend their leisure time pursuing countless recreational activities, or simply enjoying the serenity of our parks, fields and waterways.

However, it is through the efforts of a team of dedicated individuals, under the Direction of Frank Torres, Parks Supervisor, who make up our Parks Department that the park system in Valley Stream remains in the excellent condition that sets it apart from all others. From the 40 acre expanse that is Hendrickson Park, to the athletic fields at Barrett Park and Firemen's Field, to the scenic oasis of the Village Green, Valley Streamers can give a nod to the staff of "Parks" for the personal attention they pay to ensure that our village landscape remains picture perfect.

Pictured is the Parks Department crew. Missing from the photo is Lorraine Werbeck, Supervisor of Parks.



Did You Know...

The Mayor's Help line Number is

1-855-99MAYOR

1-866-GETHELP

1-516-825-4200

1-800-HEYYOU



Longtime Supervisor of Parks, Phil Tondi (seated) retired from the Village of Valley Stream after more than two decades of service. At a gathering in his honor his co-workers, past and present, gathered for a heartfelt ceremony to reflect on the contributions Phil made to Valley Stream's extensive parks system during his employment with the village. He was personally thanked by Mayor Ed Fare who referred to Tondi as "part of the fabric of our village family."

Joining Tondi were (L-R, standing) Supervisor of Parks Frank Torres, Lorraine Werbeck, Parks Supervisor, Mayor Ed Fare, Judge Bob Bogle and Trustee John Tufarelli.



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Valley Stream continues to seek ways to help our residents memorialize friends and loved ones with memorial pavers and benches. The pavers are available in the Walk of Honor adjacent to the Waldinger Library. The memorial benches will be placed in locations around Valley Stream.

For further information contact the Office of the Village Clerk at 516-592-5106.



A Special Message From Mayor Ed Fare

Dear Friends,

Welcome to autumn in Valley Stream, a season of great beauty and plenty of activities that are sure to please! In this issue of our Village Green newsletter we acknowledge the many staff members of our Parks Department who, through their dedicated stewardship, see that our vast tracts of parkland in Valley Stream are always well maintained and ready for our residents to enjoy.

We were fortunate to have enjoyed an especially pleasant summer filled with record numbers of water-lovers at our magnificent pool complex, outdoor concerts on our Village Green, a variety of library programs for children and adults, theatre productions in our Theatre in the Court, and recreational and sporting activities for all ages.

In the upcoming months be prepared for thrills as Valley Stream becomes "Valley Scream" and our Halloween Haunted Hayride will again take those who dare through "Haunted Hendrickson Park." Last year's event was a great success, and we plan to make it even bigger, better and more exciting. As always, our recreation staff has plenty of activities in store for the little ones as Halloween draws closer.

In November, we will again host our Veterans Day gathering at the Community Center, with a special display of local veterans' original artwork. Last year we had a glorious music-filled ceremony, and this year promises to be as rousing as ever.

Please remember to check inside this issue for all the dates, times and locations of our many events planned for the fall season here in Valley Stream. I hope to see you around our beautiful village!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Ed Fare".

Mayor Ed Fare and Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano recently partnered up to make improvements to the Valley Stream LIRR station. Thanks to a \$50,000 grant from Nassau County, Valley Stream was able to improve the lighting under the trestle for the safety and comfort of our commuters. In addition, the paved walkway used by so many on their way to and from the station will be undergoing improvements as well. Valley Stream commuters deserve to start and end their work days in a safe and beautiful environment!



Each year we mark the important event that has become a solemn tradition here in Valley Stream, our 9/11 tribute. On this, the 13th anniversary of the attacks on our nation, we paused in Hendrickson Park to remember and pay tribute. Many of our young people played important roles in this year's ceremony. "In our schools and in our homes it is our job to remind, inform and educate future generations of the significance and impact of these events," remarked Mayor Fare.

Community Fest!

Residents of Valley Stream and beyond are invited to the third annual Community Fest. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Rockaway Avenue between Merrick Road and Sunrise Highway. The lead sponsor is the Valley Stream Chamber of Commerce, with support from the Village of Valley Stream, Valley Stream Herald, Green Acres Mall, Baha'i Center of Nassau County, Astoria Bank and TD Bank.

There will be more than 100 vendors lining the avenue, representing local businesses, craft sellers, Valley Stream clubs and organizations, places of worship and elected officials. In addition to food and children's activities, there will be entertainment on the Town of Hempstead Showmobile at Mineola Avenue and children's performances at Lincoln Avenue. Classic cars will be on display at the south end of the fair in the railroad parking lot.

At 6 P.M. Mayor Fare and Judge Bogle will continue the festivities at P.J. Harper's, where they will "guest" bartend for a cause. All tips generated will go toward Valley Stream's "Children's New Playground Fund."

Admission to the Valley Stream Community Fest is free and so is parking. It is a great chance to meet your fellow neighbors and learn about all that is offered in Valley Stream.



It Helps to Know Your Village, State and County Roads

Do you know which roads are which in Valley Stream and who is in charge of maintenance, repairs and traffic enforcement? Believe it or not, Valley Stream is responsible for 80.6 miles of roadway, but that doesn't include about 11 miles of roads within our village that are owned by Nassau County and New York State and are repaired, swept, sanded and snow plowed by each respective municipality.

Even though other municipalities govern some of the roads that traverse our village, our highway crews work cooperatively with each level of government to see that the streets and byways throughout Valley Stream, whether ours or not, are well-maintained for the safety and driving comfort of our residents and all who travel about our village.

Here are some examples of the roadways that wind through Valley Stream, and under which level of government they fall:

New York State Roads: Sunrise Highway

Nassau County Roads: Merrick Road, Central Avenue, Mill Road, Rockaway Avenue, Rockaway Parkway, Sidney Place, Horton Avenue, Peninsula Boulevard, Rosedale Road, North Corona Avenue, Railroad Avenue and Franklin Avenue.

Town Of Hempstead Roads: There are many roads along the perimeter of our village that split with our bordering communities. Lynbrook, North Valley Stream, Mill Brook, Hewlett, North Woodmere and Malverne all have roads that these villages and hamlets share with us. Please look for the "Welcome to..." signs that delineate the village limits. The signs should be almost exactly along the border of our neighboring municipalities.

Facts you should know...

The village has 80.6 miles of roadway it must maintain on a daily basis. That is like traveling from Valley Stream to East Hampton along Sunrise Highway and being responsible for that entire stretch of road.

The cost of re-paving the average village street is approximately \$1 million a mile!

This year the village has used 70 tons of cold patch asphalt to repair potholes on village streets.

Valley Stream had a summer of fun in the sun!!



Toyota was a generous sponsor of our 2014 Summer Concert Series.



Our very own Swiffer celebrities, Leah and Morty Kaufman, joined us for a successful Spring Cleaning Day.

Valley Stream Continues To GO GREEN

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 and click the vsnewswatch link to join our on-line contacts so that we can notify you of important village news, events and updates.



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2014 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 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

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

2014 Fall Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Columbus Day Monday, October 13th	Pick-up Tuesday 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 Wednesday 11/12	Regular	Regular	Regular
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 27th	Regular	Regular	Regular	Pick-up Saturday 11/29	Regular

How Are We Doing? A famous mayor once asked this question, and for good reason! It's great to hear about the nice things that go on around our beautiful village of Valley Stream, but it's also important to know about the things that we can do better. Perhaps you have a community issue that you would like to see addressed, or a suggestion for ways that services in Valley Stream can be improved. We'd love to hear from you!

Please take a moment to jot down your thoughts, along with your contact information, and send it to Mayor Ed Fare, 123 S. Central Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Comments: _____



SENIOR CORNER

After a fantastic summer of recreation, relaxation and socialization, our Silver Threads are looking forward to getting back into the swing of the fall season and all that is offered for them here at our beautiful Community Center.

Valley Stream is teaming up with the Town of Hempstead to bring a *Senior Safety I.D.* program to our Silver Threads. The Town Clerk's Office provides free *Senior I.D.* cards to senior citizens 60 years of age and older. The cards include personal data, physician's contact information and emergency phone numbers. The *Senior I.D.* cards can be invaluable to seniors in the event of an emergency, so Silver Threads are encouraged to take advantage of this free service on Wednesday, September 24th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Center.

Not yet an official Silver Threads member? No problem! Just call to sign up and jump into all the wonderful activities that await you with new friends and new and interesting ways to enjoy your leisure time!

Silver Threads -- 516-825-8571



The Valley Stream Community Center is bustling with activities for people of all ages! Please check our website at 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.

SAFETY REMINDERS WORTH NOTING

The days are getting shorter, the nights longer. It's always a good idea to remember some basic safety tips before the bad weather sets in.

Please take this time to make sure that your house number is prominently visible from the street. This is imperative for fire and other emergency personnel when time is of the essence in locating a property. A few seconds of added precaution could spell the difference between safety and disaster.

Now is also a good time to clear overgrown shrubbery from sidewalks and driveways. It not only improves the overall appearance of our neighborhoods, but makes good safety sense.

Finally, when we turn the clocks back on November 2 remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The old adage, "better safe than sorry" still holds true!



Valley Stream's **Residential Rehabilitation Program**, administered by Nassau County, is designed to assist households of limited income make necessary repairs or upgrades to their owner occupied residences. This grant is available on a limited basis to remedy safety, health or quality of life issues such as replacement of roofs, windows, doors or heating systems, as well as installation of handicap ramps and handrails for the disabled.

For more information about this program please call Tony Cella in Village Hall at 592-5146 or email him at tcella@vsvny.org.

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.



**Mark Your Calendar with these
IMPORTANT DATES**

Wednesday, September 24th
Senior I.D. Program
Community Center
11 A.M. – 3 P.M.
(call 825-8571 for details)

Saturday, September 27th
Community Fest
Rockaway Avenue Business District
10 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Saturday, September 27th
"The Magic of Scott Interrante"
Theatre in the Court
12 Noon
(call 592-5184 for details)

Saturday, September 27th
Don McEnery
"Stand-up Comedy in the
Courthouse"
Theatre in the Court
7:30 P.M.
(call 592-5184 for details)

Sunday, September 28th
"The Magic of Scott Interrante"
Theatre in the Court
1:00 P.M.
(call 592-5184 for details)

Saturday, October 18th
(raindate Saturday, October 25th)
Halloween Haunted Hayride
Hendrickson Park
6 P.M. – 9 P.M.
(call 872-6003 for details)

Saturday, October 25th
Halloween Pumpkin Painting &
Costume contests
Hendrickson Park
Starts at 10 A.M.
(Times vary by age-call 872-6003 for
details)

Tuesday, November 11th
Veterans Day Ceremonies & Veteran's
Art Show
12:30 P.M. - 4 P.M.

Saturday, November 15th
Green Acres Pro Football Legends
Village Hall
11:30 A.M. (VIP), 1:00 P.M. Program
(call 592-5105 for details)

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS

STARTING IN OCTOBER ON SELECT
FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

THEATRE IN THE COURT

VISIT WWW.VSVNY.ORG FOR
DATES & TIMES.



**HALLOWEEN
HAUNTED HAYRIDE**

Saturday, October 18, 2014



Hendrickson Park

Gates open for admission at pool parking lot at 6 P.M.

(rides begin at 7 P.M. - no entry after 9 P.M.)

Admission \$10 adults, \$5 children 12 and under

For free off-site parking info, please visit www.vsvny.org

Don't Miss This Spooky, Scary Night of Thrills in "Valley Scream's"
Haunted Hendrickson Park!

Refreshments!

Souvenirs!

Entertainment!

**Bring this Coupon
For \$1 off every \$10 for Halloween Haunted Hayride
souvenir purchases!**

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014
Veterans Day Salute**

**Gazebo &
Community Center
at Hendrickson Park**

12:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**Join your friends and neighbors
for a rousing salute to those who
have served in our nation's armed
forces, and those who continue to
wear the uniform today!**

**New this year! Original
artwork from our own local
veterans will be proudly
displayed.**



Saturday, November 15th

Green Acres

**Pro Football Legends
Village Hall**



"Proudly Sponsored by Green Acres Mall."

Regular program starting at 1:00 P.M. \$20
Special VIP Reception at 11:30 A.M. \$100

Here is your chance to meet and mingle with
National Football League greats from the Jets,
Giants and Green Bay Packers, who will give
insights and anecdotes from their
years on the gridiron!

V.I.P. reception includes a catered lunch, book
signings, autographed photos and the
opportunity to chat, up-close and personal,
with some of the gridiron greats.

Portions of the proceeds go to
"Building Homes for Heros".

Call 592-5105 for more information.

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.