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Winterfest in Valley Stream



***Santa Claus is Coming to Valley Stream!
Friday, December 8th***

6:00 P.M. – Write Your Letters to Santa at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library

6:15 P.M. – Santa Arrives on his Fire Truck at the Village Green

6:30 P.M. – Santa Helps Light the Christmas Tree

6:45 – Santa and His Reindeer Will Greet the Children at Village Hall

Mayor Fare Will Read to the Children by the Roaring Fire

Movies, prizes, refreshments!

8:30 P.M. – Santa Returns to the North Pole

Winterfest Continues with Exciting Holiday Activities

***For Safety Reasons, Strollers Will Not Be Allowed in
Village Hall During the Above Events***

Please check the “Save the Dates” section for all details!



**Remember, Valley Stream proudly participates in the
Toys for Tots Program**

Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy for those less fortunate

**Mayor Ed Fare and the Board of Trustees
would like to wish everyone a happy & healthy 2018!**



Did You Know...
Valley Stream has created specially designated parking spaces for

- Bicycles
- Baby strollers
- Mopeds
- Our Brave Veterans

(Hint: The answer is in this issue.)



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A Special Message From Mayor Ed Fare

Dear Friends,

After an unseasonably warm autumn, it feels like the holiday season has sprung on us all at once! It is always a great time in Valley Stream when the weather gets brisk and cold and our residents find time to enjoy all that the village has to offer.

Please be sure to check the extensive array of holiday programs designed to delight children of all ages, beginning with our Christmas Tree lighting and visit from jolly old Santa Claus, set for Friday, December 8th. The details are within this issue of the Village Green. Our village staff is busy planning many events to again bring joy to the season.

As winter approaches our workforce is preparing for the challenges that bad weather brings. Our road crews work very hard to repair, maintain and improve the many miles of streets that wind through our village and parking fields, all of which are heavily utilized. Winter weather brings its own sets of challenges, but with the cooperation from our residents, when ice and snow fall we will be ready!

I hope you will take some time out of the busy upcoming holiday season to relax and enjoy all there is to do and see right here in Valley Stream. On behalf of the entire Village Board and village family, we wish you a happy, healthy holiday season and all the best in 2018!

Sincerely,



New To Valley Stream Welcome To Our Village!

Feel free to stop by Village Hall to say hello, purchase your resident parking stickers and inquire about any home improvement permits you may need. Don't forget to pick-up a welcome packet at the Clerk's Department or the Mayor's office.

Important Resident Info: In the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream there is no on-street parking permitted from 3:30 – 5:30 am. In addition, there are time limits for parking on most of our roads, so be sure to take note of street signs to avoid getting ticketed.

Remember to clip the 2018 holiday garbage and recycling schedule and keep it handy for reference throughout the year. Any questions regarding sanitation pick-up, bulk pick-ups and electronic recycling can be directed to 825-8108.

For any other village inquiries please call 516-825-4200 or visit our website at www.vsv.ny.org



Mayor Fare (center) and Village Clerk Bob Fumagalli (right) are joined by Chamber of Commerce President Dominick Minerva in trying the new meter bags on for size. "We hope everyone will take advantage of the suspended meter fees and frequent our businesses throughout the holiday season," proclaimed Mayor Fare.

Seasons Greetings!

In celebration of the holiday season the Village of Valley Stream will suspend parking meters along the Rockaway Avenue business district from Merrick Road to Sunrise Highway. The holiday cheer will be in effect from December 11, 2017 through January 1, 2018. Look for the bright red meter bags and enjoy your shopping and dining through this most festive time of year!



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.

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.

Important:

For safety's sake, please remember to keep your vehicles off the street before, during and immediately after a snow storm. This is to allow our plows to do their job most effectively, as well as to provide easier access for fire and police vehicles in the event of an emergency.

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 often unavoidable as we work to keep streets passable during all stages of a storm.

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

AM 1620

Please keep in mind that in the Village of Valley Stream on-street parking is always prohibited between the hours of 3:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m.

HOME SAFETY

Important winter weather emergency reminders and a list of important phone numbers are posted on the village website at www.vsvny.org. You may want to print and save in the event of an emergency. Area evacuation shelters and pet shelter information will be posted as it becomes available.

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.

2017 Household Sanitation Holiday Collection Schedule

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS	If your regular collection day is Monday / Thursday	If your regular collection day is Tuesday / Friday
Christmas Day Monday, December 25th	Tuesday / Thursday (no agriculture)	Wednesday / Friday (no agriculture)
New Year's Day Monday, January 1st, 2018	Tuesday / Thursday (no agriculture)	Wednesday / Friday (no agriculture)

2017 Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Christmas Day Monday, December 25th	Pick-up Tuesday 12/26	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
New Year's Day Monday, January 1st, 2018	Pick-up Tuesday 1/02	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular

There will be no agricultural pick-up on December 27th.

Christmas Tree pick-up will begin on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 and will continue on Wednesdays thereafter, except for January 17th.

2018 Household Garbage Holiday Collection Schedule

Observed Holidays	If your regular collection is Monday/Thursday	If your regular collection is Tuesday/Friday
New Years Day (2018) Monday, January 1st	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 15th	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
President's Day, Monday, February 19th	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4th	Regular Schedule/ No Agriculture	Regular Schedule/ No Agriculture
Labor Day , Monday, September 3rd	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
Columbus Day, Monday, October 8th	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
Election Day, Tuesday, November 6th	Regular Schedule	Regular Schedule
Veteran's Day, Observed Monday, November 12th	Regular Schedule	Regular Schedule
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd	Monday/Friday	Tuesday/Saturday
Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th	Regular Schedule/ No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture
New Year's Day (2019), Tuesday, January 1st	Regular Schedule/ No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture

2018 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 3rd January 17th February 21st May 30th July 4th September 5th October 10th December 26th

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

2018 Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

If your regular recycling schedule day is ...

Observed Holidays	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
New Years Day (2018) Monday, January 1st	Pick up Tues 1/2	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 15th	Pick up Tues 1/16	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
President's Day, Monday, February 19th	Pick up Tues 2/20	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th	Pick up Tues 5/29	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4th	Regular	Regular	Pick up Thur 7/5	Regular	Regular
Labor Day , Monday, September 3rd	Pick up Tues 9/4	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Columbus Day, Monday, October 8th	Pick up Tues 10/9	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Election Day, Tuesday, November 6th	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Veteran's Day, Observed Monday, November 12th	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd	Regular	Regular	Regular	Pick up Sat 11/24	Regular
Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th	Regular	Pick up Wed 12/26	Regular	Regular	Regular
New Year's Day (2019), Tuesday, January 1st	Regular	Pick up Wed 1/2	Regular	Regular	Regular

VETERANS DAY

Mark Your Calendar with these IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, December 3rd Gingerbread House Contest

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

2:00 pm icing demonstration
Pagan – Fletcher Restoration

(Sponsored by the Valley Stream Historical Society)

Tuesday, December 5th Dedication of the Nativity

7:00 pm

Corner of Sunrise Highway & Franklin Avenue

(Sponsored by the Fr. Carroll Knights of Columbus)

Friday, December 8th Christmas Tree Lighting & Visit With Santa

Henry Waldinger Library, Village Hall & Rear Lawn

Festivities begin at 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 9th

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fire Truck Rides with VSFD
Hendrickson Park pool parking lot

Tuesday, December 12

Lighting of the Giant Menorah

4:30 pm

Corner of Sunrise Highway & Franklin Avenue

(Sponsored by Chabad Outreach)

Tuesday, December 26th – Friday, December 29th

Winterfest Activities

Henry Waldinger Memorial Library
(visit www.vsvny.org for details)

Friday, December 29th

Candlelight Tour of Pagan-Fletcher Restoration

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

(Free of charge, but donations of canned goods to benefit local food pantries would be appreciated)

(visit www.vsvny.org for details)

As has become our great tradition in Valley Stream, we honor our veterans and active service personnel with a solemn, yet rousing and patriotic ceremony. This year's observance took place at Village Hall to a standing room only crowd. The day was a flag waving, song-filled tribute, thanks to the joint sponsorship of Bethlehem Assembly of God Church and the help of our local



Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Posts, along with many of our boy and girl scouts and their adult leaders. Valley Stream turns out our patriotic colors on this most important day. They truly run red, white and blue!



TOTS FOR TOYS

Mayor Fare, Trustees Tufarelli, Thomas and Wright, and the Valley Stream Chamber of Commerce, joined with our military and scouting community to kick-off this year's Toys for Tots campaign. Toy bins will be placed at the Village Hall, the Community Center, the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library and businesses throughout the village.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be collected through December 16th.



VETERANS PARKING

Valley Stream says "Thank You" to our veterans with special, designated "Veteran's Parking" and "Combat Wounded" spaces. Look for them at municipal parking fields around our village.

"Veteran's Parking" and "Combat Wounded" Spaces will be for any veteran with or without a designated license plate. It is simply our way of recognizing their service each and every day, and letting them know that we in Valley Stream are grateful for their sacrifice.





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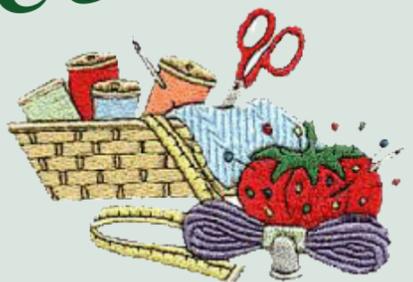
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Remember ...

Arm Knitting Comes to the Silver Threads

Attention all Senior Citizens who enjoy knitting or would like to learn an easier form of knitting! Here's a wonderful opportunity!

Do you enjoy knitting but find it is becoming challenging? Arm knitting is a style of knitting scarves without the use of knitting needles. It has become

popular for those who have a hard time holding knitting needles and/or the ability to see smaller loops. This process is done with the use of your forearms only! We have seniors willing to teach this craft on Tuesday's from 10AM to Noon, free of charge. Feel free to come down to the Valley Stream Community Center and sign up to become a "Silver Thread" at no cost. Learn Arm Knitting while meeting new friends and enjoying the warm atmosphere of the community Center which sits right in the heart of Hendrickson Park.

For further information please contact the Senior Citizen program coordinator, SallyAnn Esposito at 516-506-1989.



The Silver Threads enjoyed a fun-filled Oktoberfest celebration at the Community Center, complete with authentic German food and traditional dance. They even participated in a sing-a-long of some familiar standards. All in all it was a great day!

Show Your Neighborhood Pride and Adopt-A-Block

Here in Valley Stream we encourage residents and businesses to maintain their property and their community by keeping it clean and neat for everyone's enjoyment. Starting in the spring the Village's Adopt-A-Block program will get a fresh start with opportunities for anyone interested to embark on a clean-up and beautification effort right outside their own front door. Look for details to follow!



Need assistance in Valley Stream?



The Mayor's Helpline is available for residents to call with inquiries or concerns. If no one is available to answer your call immediately, please leave a detailed message with your phone number and a representative from 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)

