



# The Village Green

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### **Did You Know...**

#### **Resident parking permits**

- A. Have not increased in cost.
- B. Remain at \$40 per year.
- C. Will be available beginning April 1, 2019.
- D. All of the above.

Hint: The answer is inside this issue!

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN VALLEY STREAM** *RESPECTFUL TRIBUTES TO A RICH CULTURE*

**B**rother Philip Jones of the Valley Stream Presbyterian Church treated his audience to a stirring solo performance of traditional “Slave Spirituals” as he gave historic and educational insights into the hidden meanings of many songs sung during slavery. As always, Brother Philip brought thoughtful reflection to an immensely important topic.



*The Valley Stream Historical Society paid homage to the Tuskegee Airmen of WWII, black musicians, and black sport figures from our nation's history.*

**George and Abe** stopped into the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration in honor of the Valley Stream Historical Society's celebration of Presidents' Day. Presidents Washington and Lincoln were joined by their “wives,” *Martha Washington and Mary Todd Lincoln*, along with guest appearances by *General and Lady Lafayette, and Theodore Roosevelt*, all in the spirit of providing living testimony to our nation's history. Many children and adults stopped in to the Restoration for tours and refreshments. The Restoration is open every Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Call 516-825-7157 for information.



## **Election Polling Village Info**

**Voting for the March 19th Village Election will take place at all regular polling places.**

**POLLS ARE OPEN FROM**

**6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**If you have any questions, please call 516-592-5105.**



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

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 13th**

*(Raindate: Saturday, April 20th)*

Times vary - call 872-6003 for info

### **Library Chalk Show**

**Saturday, April 27th**

*(Rain date Saturday, May 4th)*

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Outside Henry Waldinger Library

### **Pool Registration**

**Saturday, May 4th**

*(ongoing)*

Pool Complex, Merrick Road

### **Memorial Day**

#### **Parade and Ceremonies**

Monday, May 27, 2019

Parade begins at 9:30 a.m.

Ceremonies to follow at

Veterans' Memorial Plaza

(Corner of Hicks Street and  
Valley Stream Blvd.)

### **Pool Opens Soon**

*With No Fee Increases For 2019!*

It's Not Too Early To Plan For

Summer Fun At

The Valley Stream Pool Complex!

The Pool Will Open On

**Saturday, June 8th**

(Registration Will Begin On

Saturday, May 4th)

At The Pool Complex Office On  
Merrick Road

Pool patrons now enjoy

Free Wi-Fi at the

Pool!

Look For More Information In The

"Summer Recreation Guide"

Coming To Your Mailbox Soon!

### **Back by Popular Demand**

**This Summer....**

**Car Shows, Doo Wop Concert, and  
some New Surprises!**

## A Special Message From Mayor Ed Fare

Dear Friends,

While the weather this winter has not been as severe as in past years, we have nevertheless been vigilant about keeping our roadways as safe as possible, a constant challenge for all municipalities throughout our area. Our village crews are out regularly keeping a watch for pothole and other road damages that occur frequently with the winter weather. Our streets are a top priority, and once spring rolls around the annual road repair and improvement program will get underway. The village engineering department is always available to answer any concerns from our residents.

As usual, there is much hustle and bustle about our village, no matter what is going on outside our windows. Valley Streamers can stay informed about upcoming events, recreational programs, procedures for home improvement and parking permits, and general village information by checking our website at [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) or stopping into Village Hall.

I look forward to seeing familiar faces and new friends to our community as spring begins in Valley Stream!

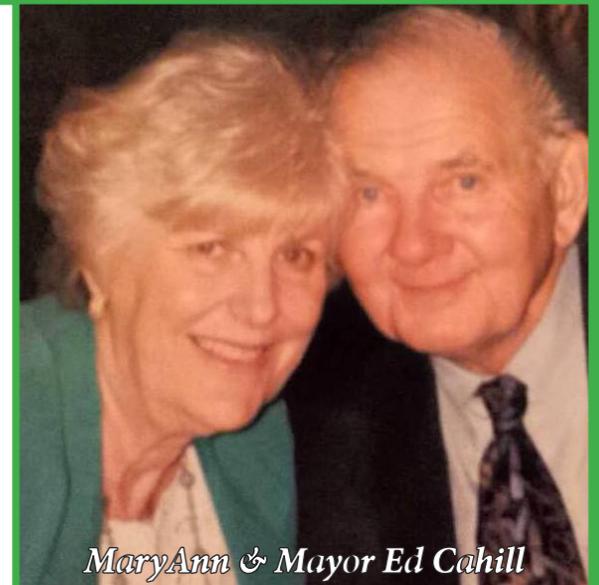


Sincerely,

## IN MEMORIAM

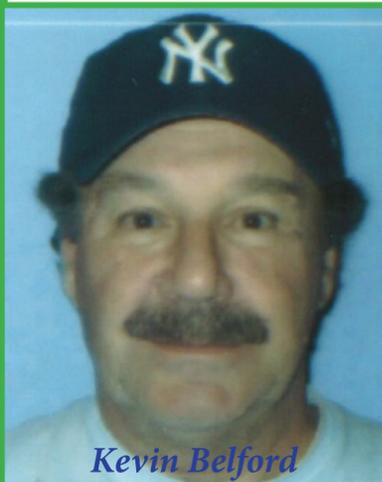
The Village of Valley Stream mourns...

*MaryAnn Cahill*, widow of our beloved former Mayor Edward Cahill. MaryAnn was a familiar face around Valley Stream and a strong presence in her own right. As a school crossing guard for many years, she crossed hundreds of children safely across Rockaway and E. Jamaica Avenues, earning her the distinction of having the corner named in her honor. The Valley Stream family remembers Mrs. Cahill with deep fondness & respect.



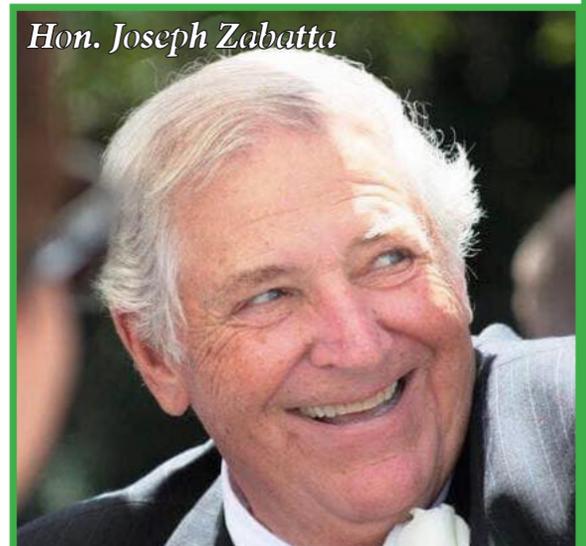
*MaryAnn & Mayor Ed Cahill*

*Kevin Belford*, was a Village employee in the Building Maintenance Department, who was beloved by many. A friendly face of our Village, Kevin was frequently seen around town, always with a smile, a friendly greeting and a kind word to everyone he met. The Valley Stream Village family is saddened by the sudden loss of our dear friend and colleague. He will be deeply missed.



*Kevin Belford*

*Hon. Joseph Zabatta*, served as Village Trustee from 1996 to 2004. Joe was active in numerous business, civic, educational and philanthropic organizations during the many years that he lived in Valley Stream. He was a distinguished member of the Village Board of Trustees, always putting the needs of the Village and its residents first in all governmental matters that came before him. A friendly and cheerful advocate for the community, the memory of his service will continue to live on as a fine example of what it means to be a true "public servant."



*Hon. Joseph Zabatta*

# Village Justice Clavin-Higgins Announces Amnesty Program

The Board of Trustees has adopted a program to grant amnesty for all delinquent parking tickets issued by the Village Justice Court for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2018. This Justice Court Amnesty and Compliance Project 2019 shall run from February 15, 2019 to March 31, 2019.

Village Justice Virginia Clavin-Higgins joined by Mayor Ed Fare and Trustee Dermond Thomas, hosted local schoolchildren at the Valley Stream Courthouse to demonstrate how actual court proceedings might take place, and to give the children a first-hand experience of being in a real courtroom setting.



**Attention Federal Furloughed Workers:** Village Justice Virginia Clavin-Higgins has announced a reprieve period through April 17, 2019 for furloughed workers to pay fines. Please call Village Court at 516-825-4200 ext. 5604 to make your payment arrangements.

*"I always enjoy spending time with young people who are so curious and interested in learning," commented Clavin-Higgins. "The insightful questions they asked make me believe we have a whole generation of future lawyers and judges just ready to make a positive impact on our society!"*

## Wrestling Takes Down Drugs



*Wrestling Takes Down Drugs* offered students from across our area important lessons about making the right choices by seeking healthy activities and avoiding the use of drugs. Mayor Fare was proud to thank Nassau Community College, Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder and Wrestling Champ Chris Weidman for their involvement in this great event!

## 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 am – 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.**

Any questions regarding sanitation pick-up, bulk pick-ups and electronic recycling can be directed to 516-825-8108.

For any other village inquiries please call 516-825-4200 or visit our website at [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org).

### Parking Permits Will Be Available Soon

Resident parking permits for May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020 will be available at Village Hall Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. beginning April 1, 2019.

Current registration must have Incorporated Village of Valley Stream address.

**\$40 for one year**

**Fees are non-refundable**

Please make checks payable to: "Inc. Village of Valley Stream"

For more information about resident permits, business permits, non-resident permits and commercial vehicle permits,

visit [www.vsvny.org](http://www.vsvny.org) or call 516-592-5114.

### Facts About Your Village Roads

The village has about 90 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 the entire stretch of road.

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

This year, as in years past, our road crews have worked hard to stay ahead of the potholes that inevitably pop up during the winter months.

The village has used many tons of hot patch and cold patch asphalt to repair our village streets.

If you find a pothole on your street, please call Mayor Fare's Helpline at 1-855-99MAYOR (1-855-996-2967)



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# SENIOR CORNER



There is always something fun and interesting going on with Valley Stream's "Silver Threads." This year's Valentine's Day celebration saw many happy faces enjoying a lovely luncheon gathering with good food, music and laughter. The "Silver Threads" program is ongoing at the Valley Stream Community Center in Hendrickson Park, and is always welcoming new members.



### SCAMMERS TARGET SENIORS BY TELEPHONE AND MAIL BE ALERT!

Sadly, there will always be scammers out there, all too willing to cheat people out of their hard-earned money. Don't fall for telephone and mail scams that ask for your private information or try to scare you with IRS threats, computer fixes, or the like. Remember, the IRS will never ask for your personal information over the phone, so never give it out!

PLEASE CALL 516-825-8571 OR STOP DOWN TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR MORE INFORMATION. MEMBERSHIP TO THE "SILVER THREADS" IS FREE OF CHARGE.

- Homeowners, don't be fooled by offers through the mail to purchase certified copies of property deeds for large fees.
- The County Clerk's office will provide you with a certified copy of your deed for \$10.
- You can call 516-571-2664 for information on how to easily obtain your deed.

## Memorial Day Holiday Household Garbage Collection Schedule

Observed Holiday	If your regular collection is MONDAY/THURSDAY	If your regular collection is TUESDAY/FRIDAY
Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture

## Recycling Collection Schedule *If your regular recycling schedule day is ...*

Observed Holiday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Pick up Tues 5/28	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular