



# The Village Green

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## Did You Know...

### A Storm Drain

- Is a metal grate found along streets at the curb
- Collects runoff from rainfall and snowmelt
- Does not treat or clean water
- All of the above

Hint: The answer is in this issue.

## Storm Drains and Our Water Quality in Valley Stream

**I**n recognition of the important role each of us plays with regard to the quality of local water bodies like Valley Stream's creeks and streams, Hendrickson Lake and Mill Pond, all of which run into Jamaica Bay and ultimately out into the ocean, the Village has implemented a Storm Water Management Program. The goal of this program is to reduce impacts of storm water runoff, thereby improving water quality, enhancing recreational enjoyment, preventing beach closures and ensuring that seafood is safer to eat.

**What is a storm drain?** Storm drains are the metal grates and openings found along streets at the curb. Storm drains and pipes are designed to quickly convey storm water away from streets to prevent flooding. They are not to be used for waste removal of any kind!

**Storm water** is the runoff from rainfall and snowmelt. It becomes a problem when, during a storm, water runs through yards and down streets, picking up pollutants and contaminants along the way. These pollutants are quickly carried to the nearest water body through the storm drain sewer system. **Storm drains do not treat storm water or remove pollutants!**

Anything that enters a storm drain is ultimately discharged untreated directly into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and recreation.

Some common sources of pollution found in storm water include fertilizers and pesticides, household chemicals, automotive fluids, car washing, paint, pet waste, garbage and litter.

## The good news is that property owners can do their share to protect our water quality with a few simple, common-sense steps:

**Lawn & Home Care:** During the fall season when homeowners are getting their lawns prepared for the winter, be mindful of what products are being applied to lawns and gardens. Limiting chemical fertilizers and pesticides and opting for organic and mechanical pest control is a better solution. Mulching and composting yard waste is an eco-friendly approach to fertilizing. Slow-release formula fertilizers minimize chemical loss and promote plant uptake. Fertilizing in the fall helps promote a deep, healthy root system and hardy lawn. Do not sweep or blow clippings or debris from gutters into the street or storm drains.

Read and follow directions on chemicals used in the household, and whenever possible, opt for natural cleaning agents. Drop off excess pesticides, paints and other pollutants at the Town's S.T.O.P. Day programs that are frequently scheduled throughout the year.

**Auto Care:** Repair leaks and drips as soon as possible. Recycle motor oil, oil filters and other automotive fluids at vehicle service centers or parts stores. Take your car to a commercial car wash.

**Dog Waste:** Bag it and put it in the trash or flush it down the toilet. Never throw dog waste down the storm drains!

Remember to never dump, sweep, blow or hose anything that you would not want to swim in or drink onto the ground or down a storm drain. By being aware of these hazards and working together, we can all do our part to keep our waterways clean!



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# A Special Message From Mayor Ed Fare

## Mark Your Calendar with these IMPORTANT DATES

### Friday, October 6th

#### A Homeowners Guide to Energy Efficiency

Valley Stream Community Center  
7:00 – 8:30 P.M.  
(free of charge)

### Monday, October 9th Columbus Day

(see sanitation schedule)

### Tuesday, October 10th

*October* is Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
Breast Screening Informational Presentation  
Valley Stream Community Center  
7:00 P.M.  
(Free of Charge)

### Saturday, October 21st

(Raindate October 22<sup>nd</sup>)

#### Children's Halloween events

##### Pumpkin Painting

See. Page 5 for times  
Hendrickson Park

##### Costume Contest

See. Page 5 for times  
Hendrickson Park

##### Hayride

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Starting in front of the  
Community Center  
Ages 12 and under  
(Free of charge)

### October 27th - 28th

#### "Haunted Hendrickson's House of Horrors"

Hendrickson Park  
7:00 – 11:00 P.M.

\$10 per person

Call 516-592-5152 for details

### Saturday, October 28th

(raindate October 29th)

#### Annual Howl-O-Ween Fundraiser

Doggie Halloween Party & Costume Parade

"In partnership with Friends of Valley Stream Dog Park"

Village Hall parking area  
12:00 noon – 4:00 P.M.

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### Friday, November 10th

Veterans Day (Observed)

12:00 Noon

John Smith Bandshell

Village Green (note location change)

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, with plenty of opportunities to take advantage of all the warm weather activities that are available in Valley Stream.

As always, our beautiful pool complex, Kay Everson playground and Hendrickson Park combined to provide an excellent backdrop for all sorts of outdoor recreation. Our children enjoyed sporting activities at Barrett and Arlington Parks, as well as Firemen's Field. Music lovers came out in droves to listen to a variety of live music under the stars on the Village Green, including a phenomenal DooWop concert that brought people to their feet. I am grateful to Advantage Toyota, the Valley Stream Chamber of Commerce and the Valley Stream Soccer Club for sponsoring our summer concert series. All in all, it was another great summer in Valley Stream!

With the autumn season here, we encourage our residents to take time out to enjoy all that our village has to offer. Halloween has become a great time for an ever-thrilling adventure at "Haunted Hendrickson's House of Horror!" The village will also be hosting educational and informative programs at our Community Center. Most importantly, please remember to mark your calendar for Friday, November 10th, when the Valley Stream community pauses to observe Veterans Day, a time to honor those who have served our great nation in uniform. We thank Bethlehem Assembly of God for partnering with the village on this patriotic and rousing event!

Please read all about the events and programs that have been planned, as well as to keep up with the news of the day here in Valley Stream. As always, our village staff is here to assist, so please don't hesitate to call or stop by Village Hall.

Sincerely,

*Edwin A. Fare*



## In Memorium

Valley Stream's village workforce has recently suffered the loss of two highly regarded and well-loved colleagues, both in unexpected and untimely passings.

**Joe Sarlo** was a Maintainer with the village for more than two decades. He was a craftsman, highly skilled in carpentry, concrete work, and all manner of building maintenance. Joe spent time working on every village building, every firehouse and every street in Valley Stream at one point or another through his long career.



In Joe's memory, the street in Valley Stream where he grew up was given the honorary name "Joseph E. Sarlo Way." Joe's family, friends and a large group of co-workers, all who loved him dearly, gathered for the poignant, yet uplifting ceremony.

Joe also had a passion for photography, and captured some spectacular images of village sites, including the dog park and its lively canine inhabitants, and Hendrickson Park in all its natural beauty. Joe left a lasting impact on all those who worked with him and were lucky enough to get to know this quiet, thoughtful and considerate person.

In the course of his daily work he had personal contact with countless village residents. Many people will remember him as a cheerful, friendly, helpful and above all, kind-hearted man. His passing has left a void at Village Hall and well beyond and he is deeply missed.

**Joe Maggio** had a shorter, but no less impactful tenure as a Valley Stream employee of just six years. As a member of the village's IT (Information Technology) team, Joe was a familiar face around the various village departments. Responsible for every manner of computer, telephone and technology functions, Joe had a vital role in keeping village government's critical communications infrastructure running effectively and efficiently.

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## Mayor Ed Fare and the Valley Stream Board of Trustees Bring You A Homeowner's Guide to Energy Efficiency



- Get a FREE energy audit & find the areas where your home is wasting energy
- Fix the issues with affordable home energy improvements
- Save an average of 20% yearly on your home energy bills
- Make your home more comfortable year round

Learn how to lower your energy bills and make your home more comfortable!

**Date:** Friday, October 6, 2017  
**Time:** 7:00pm-8:30pm  
**Location:** Valley Stream Community Center  
Located in Arthur J. Hendrickson Park

800-567-2850  
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LONG ISLAND GREEN HOMES

# Sanitation Upgrades Underway

Valley Stream's next generation sanitation is on the way! Sanitation improvements are in the works at the Village's DPW yard. Look for streamlined, efficient and cleaner refuse removal, as our Clean, Green, Valley Stream initiatives continue.

**Remember that sanitation crews collect bulk items as well as electronics by appointment.**

**Please call 825-8108 to schedule a pick-up.**

## Valley Stream Scouts at Work in the Dog Park



**The Pool Complex Goes To The Dogs!**  
*Second Annual Doggie Pool Party Makes a Big Splash*

Two new benches were added to the dog park as part of another Eagle Scout project. Members of Troop 116 got to work and made the chairs for the added enjoyment of our many dog park patrons.



## September 11th Valley Streamers Mark the 16th Anniversary With Prayer, Song and Solemn Reflection

As is the tradition each year since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Valley Streamers joined together at the village's 9-11 monument in Hendrickson Park to memorialize those lost and give strength to those affected by the events of that fateful day. A large and respectful gathering of clergy, firefighters, scouts and citizens joined together at the sunset ceremony to remember and pay tribute.

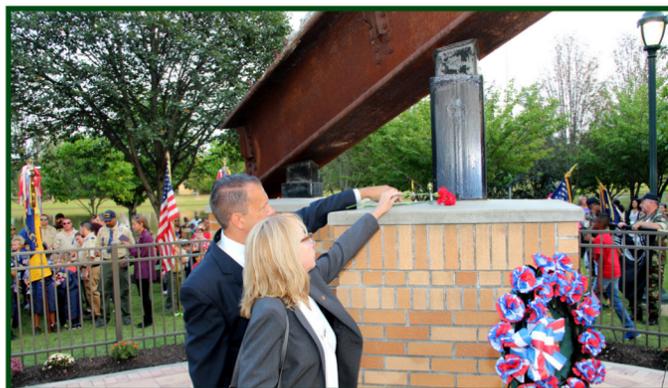
### Veterans Day Salute

**Friday November 10th, 2017  
(Observed)**

**Andrew Smith Bandshell  
on the Village Green**

**12:00 PM**

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!



# October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

*Stay Informed With New and Vital Information*

**M**ercy Medical Center now offers state-of-the-art Molecular Breast Imaging (MBI) technology. MBI is the first innovative technology in breast imaging in years and can help in the fight to reduce breast cancer deaths. Dr. Connie Ha, Medical Director of Women's Screening Service will offer a special presentation on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Center, located in Hendrickson Park. This informative session is offered free of charge to all who are interested in learning about this new, life-saving technology.



## VSFD to the Rescue in Hurricane Relief Drive

**T**he Valley Stream Fire Department, joined by Mayor Fare and Trustee Wright, were front and center at a relief drive to assist victims. As our fellow Americans in Texas, Louisiana, Florida and the southeast continue to recover, now Valley Streamers came through with heaps of essential donated items.



## SENIOR CORNER



**V**alley Stream seniors continue to be on the receiving end of harassing phone calls. In some cases callers demand credit card, banking and personal information such as social security numbers. If you receive any calls like this, or feel threatened in any way, do not hesitate to call the

**Nassau County Police Department at 516-573-6444,  
the Nassau County Department of Consumer Affairs at  
516-571-2600**

**or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-help  
(1-877-382-4357)**



*The Silver Threads had a delightful afternoon of tea and sandwiches at the first ever Silver Threads Tea Party. Festive hats were on full display and a lovely time was had by all.*

Members of the Silver Threads knit and crochet group channeled their talents into soft and cozy messages of comfort in the form of homemade blankets that were delivered to struggling hurricane victims.



**VALLEY STREAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

*Presents*

**A Day of Halloween Fun for the Kids!  
Saturday, October 21st**

*(Rain Date: Sunday, October 22nd)*

All Events are **FREE**

Open to Residents of Valley Stream **ONLY**



**Pumpkin Painting Contest**

A.J. Hendrickson Park, Near the Gazebo

Ages 5-8: 10AM-10:45AM

Ages 9-12: 11:30AM-12:15PM

Pumpkins will be judged in two categories: Scariest & Funniest

Pumpkins, paint, and brushes will be supplied

Please call 872-6003 for reservations no later than October 16th



**Costume Contest**

A.J. Hendrickson Park, Near the Mini-Golf Tent

Ages 3 and Under: 1:00PM

Ages 4-6: 1:30PM

Ages 7-12: 2:00PM

Participants will be judged in three categories:

Scariest, Funniest & Most Original



**Hayride**

A.J. Hendrickson Park - Beginning at the Community Center

Ages 12 and Under

3:00PM-6:00PM



**A TERRIFYING 2 NIGHT EVENT  
HAUNTED HENDRICKSON'S  
HOUSE OF HORROR**

PRESENTS

**AFTERLIFE  
JOURNEY THROUGH THE REALMS OF DEATH**

**TICKETS: \$10.00**

**RAIN OR SHINE!**

**OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup> and 28<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

TICKETS MAY BE  
PURCHASED  
IN ADVANCE AT

VALLEY STREAM  
VILLAGE HALL, LIBRARY  
&  
COMMUNITY CENTER

BEGINNING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

NO STROLLERS PERMITTED  
NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN UNDER 7

**FOR ALL TICKET AND EVENT INFORMATION:**

**WWW.VSVNY.ORG**

PORTIONS OF PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO  
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VALLEY STREAM POOL COMPLEX - 123 WEST MERRICK ROAD





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## 2017 Fall Household Sanitation Holiday Collection Schedule

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS	If your regular collection day is Monday / Thursday	If your regular collection day is Tuesday / Friday
<b>Columbus Day</b> Monday, October 9th	Tuesday / Thursday (no agriculture)	Wednesday / Friday (no agriculture)
<b>Election Day</b> Tuesday, November 7th	Regular Schedule	Regular Schedule
<b>Veteran's Day</b> Saturday, November 11th	Regular Schedule	Regular Schedule
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Thursday, November 23rd	Monday / Friday	Tuesday / Saturday

## 2017 Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Columbus Day</b> Monday, October 9th	Pick-up Tuesday 10/10	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
<b>Election Day</b> Tuesday, November 7th	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
<b>Veteran's Day</b> Saturday, November 11th	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b> Thursday, November 23rd	Regular	Regular	Regular	Pick-up Saturday 11/25	Regular

### 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.*

**NEW TO  
VALLEY  
STREAM?**

**Welcome to our beautiful incorporated village!**

Feel free to stop by the Village Hall to get acquainted with the many programs and services offered here.

By the way, as one way in which we seek to preserve our safe and tranquil quality of life here, we do not permit on-street parking between the hours of 3:30 & 5:30 a.m.