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Did You Know...

Valley Stream was named the "Best Place to Live in NYS" because of its

- a. Easy access to New York City
- b. 105 acres of pristine parkland
- c. Neat, clean, safe & welcoming attitude
- d. All of the above

(Hint: The answer is in this issue.)



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Public Safety Always A Top Priority

Village officials recently met with members of the Fifth Precinct to address the state of crime within our area. The good news is that over the past five years crime has been dropping within our village. The members of Valley Stream's Public Safety and Code Enforcement Departments, as well as our Auxiliary Police and Civilian Patrol volunteers work closely with the police to keep a close eye on any crime trends that occur here.



Of particular concern is the safety of pedestrians, especially our children who must cross major roads to get to school. As Merrick Road, Central Avenue, Mill Road and Rockaway Parkway all belong to Nassau County, our village officials have been in frequent communication to make sure that every possible step is taken to keep our residents safe.



Public Safety Has A New Look

You may have noticed that the village's fleet of Public Safety vehicles is sporting new blue and gold markings. The cars are now easier to see and identify.

Pictured are "Mayor for the Day" 6th grade essay winners Rose Rodriguez and Daniel Paz, along with Mayor Fare and Public Safety personnel, after inspecting one of the newly painted, striped and lettered vehicles.

Facts you should know 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 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 many tons of hot patch and cold patch asphalt to repair potholes on village streets.

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

A Special Message From Mayor Ed Fare

Mark Your Calendar with these **IMPORTANT DATES**

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 24th
(Raindate: Saturday, March 31st)
Times vary - call 872-6003 for info

Children's Sidewalk Chalk Show
Saturday, April 14th
(Rain date Saturday, April 21st)
10:00 a.m.
Outside Henry Waldinger Library

Shredding Event
Saturday, April 21st
10:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m.
Pool parking lot
A. J. Hendrickson Park

Pool Registration
Saturday, May 5th
(ongoing)
Pool Complex, Merrick Road

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting!
New Courthouse at 195 Rockaway Avenue
Wednesday, May 16th
4:00 PM

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies
Monday, May 28, 2018
Parade begins at 9:00 a.m.
Ceremonies to follow at
Veterans' Memorial Plaza
(Corner of Hicks Street and
Valley Stream Blvd.)

Pool Opens Soon
It's Not Too Early To Plan For Summer Fun
At
The Valley Stream Pool Complex!

The Pool Will Open
On Saturday, June 9th

Registration Will Begin
On Saturday, May 5th

At The Pool Complex Office
On Merrick Road
Cablevision customers can now enjoy Free
Wi-Fi at the Pool!

Look For More Information In The "Summer
Recreation Guide"
Coming To Your Mailbox Soon!

(visit www.vsvny.org for details)

Dear Friends,

We in Valley Stream are thrilled to have been recognized by Money Magazine, a national publication, as the Best Place to Live in New York State! Now the rest of the state will know what we have known for a long time...Valley Stream is a wonderful, friendly, welcoming community. We are "Neat, clean, safe" and so much more!

I am probably the proudest mayor around at this moment, because of the many people within this community who have made this designation possible, including our 38,000 residents, our Chamber of Commerce, represented by vibrant local merchants, and a workforce that takes pride and ownership in making Valley Stream the dynamic, bustling place that you see today.

Money Magazine noted Valley Stream's close proximity to New York City. It is indeed an easy commute from our LIRR station. Yet our suburban lifestyle is picture perfect. We have 105 acres of pristine parkland that abounds with natural beauty, and affords us many great opportunities for recreational programs that entertain and inspire our residents from the very young to our fantastic Silver Threads seniors. Even our dogs have their own park; and they love it!

With the better weather just about here, our spring and summer recreational programs are kicking into gear. Please keep a look out for the Summer Recreation Guide that will be in the mail soon, and check our village website at www.vsvny.org frequently to keep informed of what is going on throughout the village.

On behalf of our entire Village Board and Village Justice, we hope to see you often around our beautiful village

Sincerely,



Shredding Is Back!

It's Spring Cleaning time again in Valley Stream! In recognition of Earth Day 2018 the Incorporated Village is pleased to provide another paper shredding event.*

This shredding event is for personal papers only, with a limit of 3 bags or boxes per person. Business shredding will not be allowed. Except for paper clips and staples, no metal, batteries, electronics or other non-paper material can be in bags or boxes brought for shredding.

Saturday, April 21, 2018
AJ Hendrickson Park pool parking lot
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

* This event is a free service to Incorporated Village of Valley Stream residents only. Please be prepared to show proof of village residency.

Village Courthouse Will Be Opened Soon

Village workers have been busy putting the finishing touches on the new Municipal Building and Village Courthouse at 195 Rockaway Avenue. The ribbon cutting ceremony, scheduled for May 16th, will be open to the public. Watch for further details.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES HONORS

The Village accepted eight K-9 oxygen masks to enable first responders to save a beloved pet's life in the event of an emergency, thanks to the O'Brien family who raise the funds to purchase the kits in memory of Madeline O'Brien. Each kit has three masks designed for dogs, cats and small pets. VSFD and Nassau County Legislator Bill Gaylor (far right) was on hand to accept the donation.



Mayor Fare and the village board of trustees recognized Christina Mui, a junior at Central High at a recent board meeting. Ms. Mui was named a first place/best in show winner for her colored pencil drawing in the Nassau County High School Student Juried Art competition and Exhibition

Thanks to the kindness and concern of Mr. Thomas Hayes and his sons, David and Gabriel, the senior neighbors on Virginia Street were spared shoveling out from the worst of this winter's snow storms. The Hayes' efforts reflect brightly upon our village and serve to encourage all to follow this shining example. Mayor Fare and the board of trustees presented Mr. Hayes and his two sons the "Good Neighbor Award" at a recent board meeting.



IN MEMORIAM



George Fox Former Patriot and Village employee **George Fox** was a familiar face to many around Valley Stream, having worked within the village's Sanitation Department for over 25 years. As a Vietnam Veteran, George became an important member of the VFW Post 1790, and also contributed much of his time to the Mayor's Veterans Advisory Committee. A lifelong Valley Streamer, George was named the Grand Marshall of the 2015 Memorial Day Parade, seen here proudly watching as the parade passed in front of his post on the reviewing stand. In his quiet, kind manner George was a friend to all. We salute you and thank you for your service to your nation, your village, your family and your many friends.

Philip Tondi served the Village of Valley Stream for over 30 years, and retired as Parks Supervisor. Phil grew up in Valley Stream and tended to the village parklands as if they were his own. He loved everyone he met, and in turn, was loved by all. Anyone who knew Phil had a story to tell, and a smile to remember him by. A "gentle giant," Phil has left an indelible mark on our community.



Phil Tondi (R) Pictured with Mayor Fare



Adrian Rivera was a good and trusted Village employee for nearly a dozen years. He served the people of Valley Stream as a Part-time Code Enforcement Officer, as well as Night Security Officer at the Valley Stream Pool complex. He left us unexpectedly and far too soon. Around the Village and at the pool, his strong work ethic and friendly smile will be missed by many.

HONORING A FALLEN HERO

Travelers passing through Valley Stream along the Southern State Parkway will notice a sign designating the portion of highway from Central Avenue to the Meadowbrook Parkway the "Detective Steven McDonald Memorial Highway." It is a great privilege to participate in this honor. In the thirty years that following a devastating gunshot wound that left him gravely injured, Detective McDonald distinguished himself through a life of extraordinary service. Detective McDonald was husband to Malverne's Mayor Patricia Ann McDonald. Pictured at the recent dedication ceremony is Mayor Fare, Rockville Centre Mayor Eugene Murray and Malverne Mayor McDonald.





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Remember ...

Valley Stream's Silver Threads enjoyed a festive Valentine's Day party at the Community Center. For information about all the programs available, or to join the **Silver Threads**, please call 516-825-8571.



2018 Household Sanitation Holiday Collection Schedule

| OBSERVED HOLIDAYS | If your regular collection day is Monday / Thursday | If your regular collection day is Tuesday / Friday |
|---|---|--|
| Memorial Day Monday, May 28th | Tuesday / Thursday (no agriculture) | Wednesday / Friday (no agriculture) |

2018 Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

| OBSERVED HOLIDAYS | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|-------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Memorial Day Monday, May 28th | Pick-up Tuesday 5/29 | Regular | Regular | Regular | Regular |

New to Valley Stream?

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.

For any other village inquiries please call

516-825-4200 or visit our website at www.vsv.ny.org or call the Mayors Helpline at 1-855-99MAYOR (1-855-996-2967)



PARKING PERMITS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

Resident parking permits for May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019 will be available at Village Hall

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. beginning April 9, 2018.

Current registration must have 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 or call 516-592-5114.