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Did You Know...

Who is the jolly good fellow who will visit Village Hall on the evening of Friday December 7th?

1. Mayor Fare
2. Santa Claus
3. Frosty the Snowman
4. All of the above

Winterfest in Valley Stream

Friday December 7th
Santa Claus is coming to Valley Stream!

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 followed by story time next to the roaring fire with Mayor Fare, movies, prizes, and refreshments!

6:45 P.M. - Santa & his helpers take photos on his sleigh with the children at Village Hall

8:30 P.M. - Santa makes his return to the North Pole

For safety reasons, strollers will not be allowed in Village Hall during these events

Valley Stream and the Chamber of Commerce proudly participate in Toys for Tots. Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy for those who are less fortunate

Gingerbread House Contest with the Valley Stream Historical Society

Pagan Fletcher Restoration

Sunday, December 2nd - 1 P.M. - 4 P.M. Icing Demonstration at 2 P.M.

Giant Menorah Lighting with the Chabad Outreach

Corner of Sunrise Highway & South Franklin Avenue

Sunday, December 2nd - 4:30 P.M.

Dedication of the Nativity with Father Carroll Knights of Columbus

Corner of Sunrise Highway & South Franklin Avenue

Tuesday, December 4th - 7:30 P.M.

Children's Activities at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library

Wednesday, December 26th - Saturday, December 29th

Magic Show at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library - "Hocus Pocus- It's Joe Fischer"

Friday, December 28th - 1:30 P. M.

Due to limited space; Registration begins on December 10th— Please Call 516-825-6422

Candlelight tour of the Pagan Fletcher Restoration

Sunday, December 30th - 6 P.M.

Free of Charge - Donations of canned goods for local food pantries would be appreciated

For more details on all Winterfest 2018 activities visit our website at www.vsvny.org



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A Special Message From Mayor Ed Fare

Dear Friends,

The holiday season is upon us and it is always a great time in Valley Stream when the weather gets brisk and our residents find time to enjoy all the festive activities that the village has to offer.

Please be sure to check the full range of holiday programs designed to delight children of all ages. Our Christmas Tree lighting and visit from jolly old Santa Claus is a favorite tradition here at Village Hall. This year Santa's arrival is set for Friday, December 7th. The details are within this issue of the Village Green, as well as information on all the holiday fun in store here in Valley Stream.



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! Be sure to cut out and save the 2019 holiday sanitation schedule, as well as important emergency information.

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 2019!

Sincerely,

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

Mayor and Village Board Assail FAA Port Authority Over Planned Changes in Flight Plans

Valley Streamers should not be subjected to increased noise over their homes!

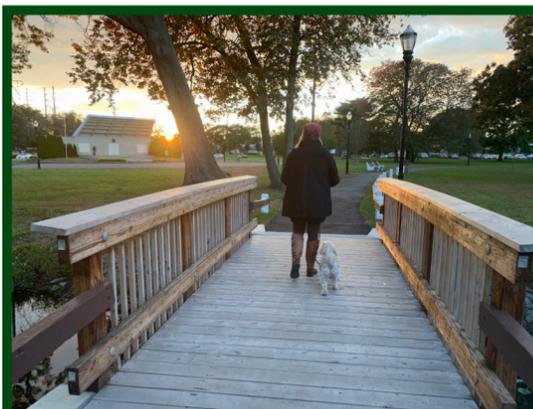
Mayor Ed Fare and TVSNAC (Town & Village Safety Noise Abatement Committee) liaison Trustee Sean Wright met with FAA and Port Authority officials to voice their concerns over proposed construction at JFK Airport and the possible disruptions that excessive jet noise could bring to Valley Streamers.

Along with neighboring village mayors, Mayor Fare issued a statement expressing extreme concern over predicted increases in noise over our respective communities. "On behalf of the residents of Valley Stream, we expect and deserve full accountability on the part of the FAA and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey with assurances that our stated concerns and questions be given due attention and consideration," read the statement in part.



OUR FOOTBRIDGES ARE NEWLY RESTORED AND AS GOOD AS NEW!

Since 1950 countless visitors to Valley Stream have crossed over the stream known as "Valley Stream" via the footbridge that sits picturesquely in the center of the Village Green. This footbridge, and a similar one adjacent to the Valley Stream LIRR station, recently underwent renovations paid for by a Community Development Block grant. They are now ready to handle the steady foot traffic that will surely continue for many years to come.



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 15, 2018 through January 1, 2019. Enjoy your shopping and dining through this most festive time of year!



VETERANS DAY

Mark Your Calendar with these IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, December 2nd Gingerbread House Contest

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
2:00 pm icing demonstration
Pagan – Fletcher Restoration
143 Hendrickson Avenue, Valley Stream.
Bring entries from 10:00 am -11:00 am
(Sponsored by the Valley Stream Historical Society)

Sunday, December 2nd Lighting of the Giant Menorah

4:30 pm
Corner of Sunrise Highway
& Franklin Street
(Sponsored by Chabad Outreach)

Tuesday, December 4th Dedication of the Nativity

7:30 pm
Corner of Sunrise Highway
& S. Franklin Avenue
(Sponsored by the Fr. Carroll Knights of Columbus)

Friday, December 7th, 2018 Christmas Tree Lighting & Visit With Santa

6:00 pm
Village Hall (rear lawn)
123 So. Central Avenue

Wednesday, December 26th thru Saturday, December 29th Winterfest Activities

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

Sunday, December 30th Candlelight Tour of Pagan-Fletcher Restoration

6:00 - 8:00 pm
143 Hendrickson Avenue, Valley Stream.
(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 marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice following WW1. The ceremonies took place within Hendrickson Park, with the joint sponsorship of Bethlehem Assembly of God Church and with 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 true colors on this most important day. They truly run red, white and blue!



TOYS FOR TOTS



The United States Marine Corps joined with the Valley Stream Chamber of Commerce, our military community and village officials 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 Friday, December 14th.

2018 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 Tuesday, December 25th | Regular Schedule (no agriculture) | Wednesday / Friday (no agriculture) |
| New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1st, 2019 | Regular Schedule (no agriculture) | Wednesday / Friday (no agriculture) |

2018 Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

| OBSERVED HOLIDAYS | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---------|----------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25th | Regular | Pick-up Wednesday 12/26 | Regular | Regular | Regular |
| New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1st, 2019 | Regular | Pick-up Wednesday 1/02 | Regular | Regular | Regular |

There will be no agricultural pick-up on Wednesday December 26th or Wednesday January 2nd.

Christmas Tree pick-up will begin on Wednesday, January 9th, 2019 and will continue on Wednesdays thereafter, except for January 23rd.



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Oct-tea-berfest !

Oct-tea-berfest at the Community Center!

The Silver Threads had an afternoon that was filled with the sights and scents of the brisk fall season as they celebrated Oktoberfest with a delightful tea party

that included delicious nibbles with a generous helping of friendship and joy!

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



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.

Don't forget to clip the 2019 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 516-825-8108.

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

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)



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 children. 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.

Don't wait for a storm to hit ...get your ducks in a row now!



Have a medical or special needs situation in your home? You can call Village Hall at **516-592-5147** to let us know there is medical equipment or a special medical need in your home, so we can respond when an emergency arises.

No Power? Don't assume someone else has reported it. Text "OUT" to [PSEGLI \(773454\)](tel:773454), report it online or call [1-800-490-0075](tel:18004900075)

Keep These Emergency Contact Numbers Handy

- Fire or Medical Emergency – 742-3300 • Police - 911 • PSEG - 1-800-490-0075 • National Grid - 1-800-490-0045
- Cablevision - 516-364-8400 • Verizon - 1-800-837-4966 • FEMA Disaster Hotline - 1-800-621-3362
- Nassau Non-Emergency Hotline - 1-888-684-4274 • Red Cross - 1-877-733-2767
- Red Cross National Headquarters Staff Directory - 1-202-303-5214 • Red Cross Public Inquiries - 1-202-303-4498
- Red Cross Local Chapter - 516-747-3500 • Department of Health - 516-573-0636
- Consumer Affairs Price Gouging Hotline - 516-571-2449

24 Hour Emergency Numbers:

Code Enforcement - 516-369-3872 / 516-592-5140

MAYOR FARE'S HELPLINE - 1-855-99MAYOR (1-855-996-2967)

Village Hall Contact Numbers:

Regular Business Hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday):

- Public Safety - 516-256-0464 • Auxiliary Police - 516-592-5181 • Fire/OEM - 516-592-5147 • Building Department - 516-592-5142
- Clerks Department - 516-592-5105 • Court - 516-592-5126 • DPW/Highway - 516-825-8494 • Library - 516-825-6422
- Parks Department - 516-825-8529 • Recreation - 516-872-6003 • Recycling - 516-825-8109
- Sanitation - 516-825-8108 • Tax Department - 516-592-5130

2019 Household Garbage Holiday Collection Schedule

| Observed Holidays | If your regular collection is Monday/Thursday | If your regular collection is Tuesday/Friday |
|--|---|--|
| New Years Day (2019) Tuesday, January 1st | Monday/Thursday No Agriculture | Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture |
| Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 21st | Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture | Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture |
| President's Day, Monday, February 18th | Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture | Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture |
| Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th | Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture | Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture |
| Independence Day, Thursday, July 4th | Monday/Friday | Tuesday/Saturday |
| Labor Day , Monday, September 2nd | Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture | Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture |
| Columbus Day, Monday, October 14th | Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture | Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture |
| Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th | Regular Schedule | Regular Schedule |
| Veterans Day, Observed Monday, November 11th | Regular Schedule | Regular Schedule |
| Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th | Monday/Friday | Tuesday/Saturday |
| Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th | Regular Schedule/ No Agriculture | Regular Schedule/ No Agriculture |
| New Year's Day (2020), Wednesday, January 1st | Regular Schedule/ No Agriculture | Regular Schedule/ No Agriculture |

2019 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 2nd January 23rd February 20th May 29th September 4th October 16th December 25th

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 516-825-8108.
- 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

2019 Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

If your regular recycling schedule day is ...

| Observed Holidays | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|
| New Years Day (2019) Tuesday, January 1st | Regular | Pick up Wed 1/2 | Regular | Regular | Regular |
| Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 21st | Pick up Tues 1/22 | Regular | Regular | Regular | Regular |
| President's Day, Monday, February 18th | Pick up Tues 2/19 | Regular | Regular | Regular | Regular |
| Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th | Pick up Tues 5/28 | Regular | Regular | Regular | Regular |
| Independence Day, Thursday, July 4th | Regular | Regular | Regular | Pick up Fri 7/5 | Regular |
| Labor Day , Monday, September 2nd | Pick up Tues 9/3 | Regular | Regular | Regular | Regular |
| Columbus Day, Monday, October 14th | Pick up Tues 10/15 | Regular | Regular | Regular | Regular |
| Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th | Regular | Regular | Regular | Regular | Regular |
| Veterans Day, Observed Monday, November 11th | Regular | Regular | Regular | Regular | Regular |
| Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th | Regular | Regular | Regular | Pick up Sat 11/30 | Regular |
| Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th | Regular | Regular | Pick up Thur 12/26 | Regular | Regular |
| New Year's Day (2020), Wednesday, January 1st | Regular | Regular | Pick up Thur 1/2 | Regular | Regular |