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Did You Know...

Resident parking permits

- A. Have not increased in cost.
- B. Remain at \$30 per year.
- C. Will be available beginning April 1, 2016.
- D. All of the above.

Hint: The answer is inside this issue!

Valley Stream Has A New Trustee and a New Village Justice

Mayor Fare appointed Virginia Clavin-Higgins as the first woman to ever serve as Valley Stream Village Justice, and former Village Prosecutor Sean Wright to succeed her as Village Trustee. The appointments came on the heels of last November's general election in which former Village Justice Robert Bogle was elected to the Nassau County Court, necessitating his resignation from his Valley Stream post. On March 15, 2016 Judge Clavin-Higgins will run to fill the unexpired term of Judge Bogle and Trustee Wright will run for a complete four year term.



“With the appointments of Virginia Clavin-Higgins to the Village Court bench, and Sean Wright to fill her Trustee seat, Valley Stream’s village government will continue serving our residents seamlessly,” declared Mayor Ed Fare.

Also on the ballot for this March is a trustee position, presently held by Trustee John Tufarelli.



Election Polling Places Info

Voting for the March 15th Village Election will take place at all regular polling places with the exception of the Bethlehem Assembly of God Church location. If you normally vote at Bethlehem Assembly of God, your new polling place is the Firemen's Field Clubhouse, for this and all future elections.

Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
If you have any questions, please call 516-592-5105.



The scouts and leaders of Valley Stream Boy Scout Troop 116, of which Judge Robert Bogle is an Assistant Scout Leader and merit badge counselor, surprised the Judge with a scout worthy send-off, as he concluded his last court night as Valley Stream's Village Justice, after a 30 year run in the Village Justice Court.



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Mark Your Calendar with these **IMPORTANT DATES**

Village Election

Tuesday, March 15th

(See inside for more information)

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 19th

(Raindate: Saturday, March 26th)

Times vary - call 872-6003 for info

Children's Sidewalk

Chalk Show

Saturday, April 9th

(Rain date Saturday, April 16th)

10:00 a.m.

Outside Henry Waldinger Library

Visit from Starwars

501st Legion

Saturday, April 9th

(Rain or shine event)

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Henry Waldinger Library

Children's Room

(For information on the above call

516-825-6422)

Pool Registration

Saturday, May 7th (ongoing)

Pool Complex, Merrick Road

Memorial Day

Parade and Ceremonies

Monday, May 30, 2016

Parade begins at 9:30 a.m.

Ceremonies to follow at

Veterans' Memorial Plaza

(Corner of Hicks Street and

Valley Stream Blvd.)

Pool Opening Day

Saturday, June 11th

Pool Opens Soon

With No Fee Increases for 2016!

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

The Pool Will Open On June 11th

**Registration Will Begin On Saturday, May 7th At
The Pool Complex Office On Merrick Road**

**Pool patrons can now enjoy Free Wi-Fi at the
Pool!**

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

A Special Message From Mayor Ed Fare

Dear Friends,

While not as severe as recent winters have been, it has nonetheless been another challenging season here in Valley Stream.

Our crews utilized some new and some refurbished equipment to keep our roadways, parking fields and public sidewalks clear through the worst of it. With the help of village residents who have heeded the call to do their part in keeping parked cars off the streets, fire hydrants and storm drains clear and refraining from throwing snow back into the roads, we have together come through the winter of 2016!

Aside from the weather, which is always on our minds through the winter months, Valley Stream has other big news to report with the appointments of our newest Village Judge Virginia Clavin-Higgins, the first woman to ever hold this position, and Trustee Sean Wright, who has replaced her on the village board. You can read more about their appointments in this issue of the Village Green. As spring approaches I hope you will take advantage of the great programs Valley Stream has to offer. 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 Deputy Mayor Dermond Thomas, Trustees Tufarelli, Grasso and Wright, and Justice Clavin-Higgins, we hope to see you often around our beautiful village.



Sincerely,

The Henry Waldinger Library...a good read and so much more!

A visit to the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library is always full of new and interesting experiences. In addition to a wealth of books and other reading materials, technology abounds here, as our patrons continue to explore the ever expanding programs and resources that are available.

Among our most exciting acquisitions is a brand new 3D printer! The Maker Bot Replicator allows users to print a 3D item of their own design or from a library of ideas. Objects are created by laying down successive layers of material until the entire item is created. Besides making toys and knick knacks, 3D printing is being used in medicine, in the automotive and aerospace industries, in art and fashion, and in many other disciplines.

Valley Stream's 3D printer was purchased through a state grant. Contact Library Director, Ms. Mamie Eng at 516-825-6422 or at hwmlcontact@hotmail.com for further information or to schedule a printing session. You can visit the library's website through www.vsvny.org to learn more about the extensive programs and services offered.



Solar Energy Burns Bright in Valley Stream

New solar street lighting is being installed on a limited trial basis in Valley Stream where conditions are right and traditional lighting is difficult or cost-prohibitive to replace. "We are working on a case-by-case basis right now in installing solar lights where possible," explained Mayor Fare. "So far the pilot program is working out extremely well, with the first light of its kind installed, we are seeing a more brilliant output at far less cost. We will continue to monitor the progress of this energy-efficient initiative to decide how far we might be able to expand it to include additional street lights."

Solar panels were installed last year on village buildings, reaping significant tax-payer energy cost savings and 3000 new LED street lights now light the 90 miles of village roads.



Celebrating 90 Years Young!



Mayor Fare had the pleasure of presenting a citation to a lifelong village resident and Central High graduate, Mrs. Florence Gunther, in commemoration of her 90th birthday. Mrs. Gunther's long and distinguished record of volunteerism includes donations of her time and talents to her own parish of Blessed Sacrament Church, Mercy Hospital, the Central High School Alumni Association and the Valley Stream Historical Society, of which she continues to serve as Treasurer. "Florence, I know I speak on behalf of all Valley Streamers in thanking you for your ongoing, energetic service to our community and in wishing you many happy years ahead," proclaimed Mayor Fare.

Quality of Life and the Safety of Our Residents Continue to Be a Top Priority in Valley Stream

Valley Stream Officials Continue To Take Steps To Ensure A Safe And Secure Village For Our Citizens To Enjoy



1. Mayor Fare, Trustee Tufarelli and Judge Virginia Clavin-Higgins held a crime summit with Commanding Officer of the 5th Precinct and members of the newly restored POP (Problem Oriented Police) Unit.
2. Public Safety and Code Enforcement Departments have been reinforced with more staffing and vehicles for increased patrols.
3. Communication between village officials and the police department remains constant.
4. Valley Stream's "Quality of Life Court" continues under the watchful eye of Judge Virginia Clavin-Higgins.
5. Help is always a phone call away. Non-emergency numbers are staffed 24/7 (see below). For emergencies residents are always reminded to call 911

MAYOR FARE'S HELPLINE

1-855-99MAYOR
(1-855-996-2967)

VILLAGE OF VALLEY STREAM (8AM TO 4PM)

516-592-5105

VALLEY STREAM OVERNIGHT CODE ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY

516-369-3872

NASSAU COUNTY POLICE FIFTH PRECINCT

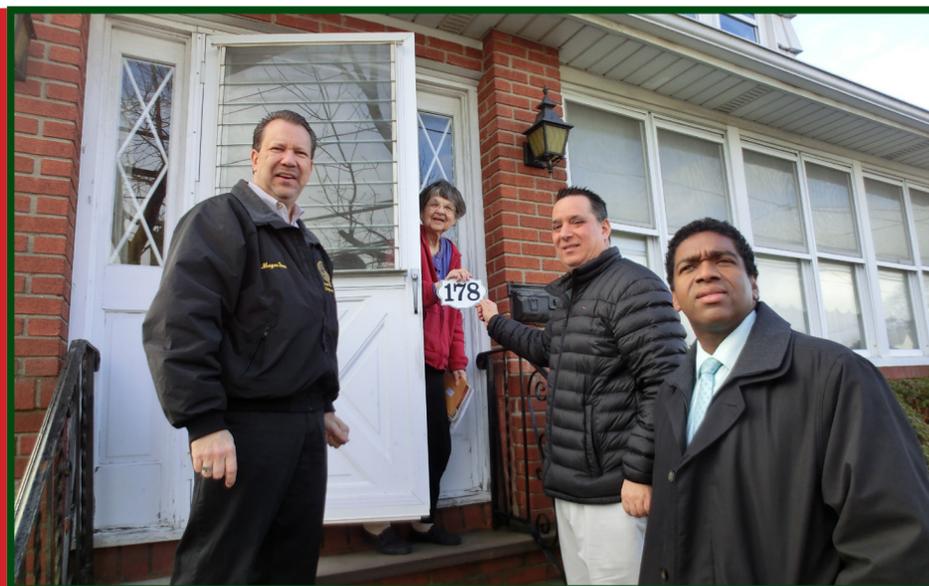
516-573-6500

NATIONAL GRID GAS EMERGENCY LINE

1-800-490-0045

PSEG ELECTRICAL SERVICE PROBLEM LINE

1-800-490-0075



Mayor Fare and Trustees Tufarelli & Wright visited several of the village residents who accepted the village's offer of free house numbers. Homeowners are reminded that the village will provide specially made, light reflective house numbers in the interest of public safety. First responders routinely cite the lack of visible house numbers as a major cause of delay in getting to the site of fires and other emergencies.

Residents may call 516-592-5102 to request a FREE house number.

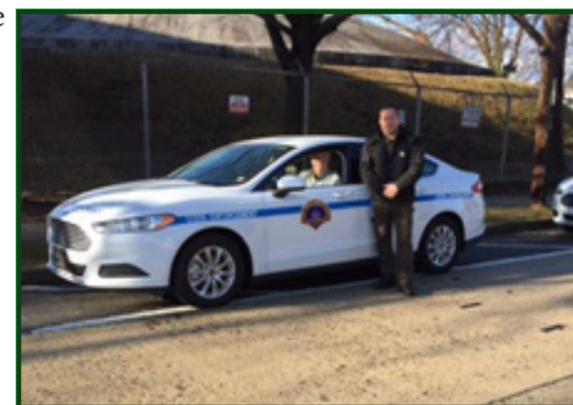
Valley Stream's Fleet of Vehicles- Always at the Ready

Valley Stream owns a large fleet of highway, sanitation and public safety vehicles that require constant maintenance in order to be at the ready for any weather and road conditions, or fire, medical or other emergencies.

As we bid farewell to another eventful winter, our road crews prepare for one of the inevitable rites of spring facing local governments in our region; that of pothole repair.

With the rising temperatures, Valley Stream's more than 90 miles of roadway will likely require the resources of our "pothole patrols" who will be out in force inspecting roads and getting them back in tip-top shape. They will be utilizing our newly acquired asphalt recycling machine and specially designed "hot box" that transports the heated recycled material for better repairs.

In addition, as village vehicles become too old to be safely utilized, they are being phased out for newer, more cost-efficient models. Our Code Enforcement Department has acquired several new state-of-the-art vehicles to further supplement the village fleet, enabling our officers to vigilantly patrol the village.



Parking Permits Will Be Available Soon

Resident Parking Permits for May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017 will be available at Village Hall,

Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. beginning April 1, 2016.

Current registration must have Village of Valley Stream Address.

Cost is \$30.00 for one year (No new increase for village residents)

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.



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VINCENT M. GRASSO
SEAN WRIGHT

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VILLAGE OF VALLEY STREAM

SENIOR CORNER



Valley Stream's Silver Threads continue to enjoy friendship and a host of activities at the Community Center located within beautiful Hendrickson Park. To participate, call 825-8571.
Beware - Telephone Scam Alert



The Silver Threads met Valley Stream's newest "Mayors for a Day," 6th grade essay contest winners Lanna Andux and Isaiah Allen. The "mayors" chatted with their new friends at the Community Center.

As we know, sadly there always seem to be scam artists lurking just out of sight, all too willing to steal from unsuspecting citizens. In Valley Stream we are aware of telephone scammers who prey on the innocent in an attempt to secure banking, credit card and other sensitive financial information. If you receive threatening phone calls from individuals claiming to represent the IRS, the U.S. Treasury or any other governmental entity, do not hesitate to report them to the federal government by calling toll-free, 1-800-366-4484, or go on the internet at www.TIGTA.gov. Remember, never give out personal financial information or your Social Security number over the phone!

HOMEOWNERS ADVISORY
The **New York State Star** program is available offering a sizeable tax deduction to most New York homeowners. The application process is simple and free. You can find more information online at New York State's website, or visit our Tax Department in Village Hall for assistance in applying. We are aware of some predatory solicitations that offer to apply on homeowners' behalf, but the fees are usually exorbitant and not necessary. Do not fall prey to these aggressive tactics. Help is available by stopping by Village Hall or calling our Receiver of Taxes at 516-592-5109.

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 30 th	Tuesday/Thursday No Agriculture	Wednesday/Friday No Agriculture

Memorial Day Holiday Recycling Collection Schedule

Observed Holiday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Memorial Day, Monday, May 30 th	Pick up Tues 5/13	Regular	Regular	Regular	Regular