

# PANORAMA

## Valley Stream Historical Society—EST. 1973

### PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION

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1925-2025  
 Celebrate **100 YEARS**  
 With Valley Stream

## Centennial Kick Off

Monday - January 27th, 2025 - 7pm  
 Rain or Shine

Please join us for a flag raising ceremony that will mark the official start of our year long celebrations!  
 Light refreshments to follow!

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The winners with Mayor Fare



Historical Society Members

## WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 100TH BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR!

The Valley Stream Historical Society joins with the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream in celebrating its Centennial of Incorporation.

*Panorama* will publish events being held by the Society and the Village during this historic year. The Society suggests that readers also look to the Village's website, [vsvny.org](http://vsvny.org), for additional information.

## LEGO SUNDAY AT THE RESTORATION

On December 15, the Society held a LEGO Holiday Homes contest at the Pagan-Fletcher House.



## PASSING EDWARD J. SMITS

Edward J. Smits, Nassau County's historian, passed away on December 7, 2024, at the age of 90. He was appointed County Historian in 1985 and remained in that position until his resignation in September 2024.

Smits earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hofstra University in 1955 and a Master of Arts from New York University in 1959. He began his career in Nassau County as a museum curator. Smits worked with Jesse Merritt, the Nassau County Historian at the time. They planned Old Bethpage Village Restoration. Ed was responsible for the preservation of dozens of landmarks and historic sites, such as The Guggenheim estate Falaise and the Nassau County Courthouse. He was proud of his role in developing and maintaining the Cradle of Aviation, a first-class air and space museum.

Over his lifetime Smits served as President of the Nassau County Historical Society and Levittown Public Library, and Vice President of the Agricultural Society of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

The historical community on Long Island will always remember him for his dedication to its history. The writer had the privilege of meeting him some 28 years ago.

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## FAVOR INCORPORATION

Valley Stream, June 24. – A largely attended meeting of taxpayers was held Thursday night to consider village incorporation, at which there were many expressions of a desire to go ahead with the plan. A special committee appointed some time ago was continued and a petition for the Hempstead Town Board to call a special election was prepared and extensively signed. The territory proposed for the incorporation will have an assessed valuation of **omre (as written in the paper)** than \$1,500,000.

*(The Brooklyn Daily Times, June 25, 1921)*

## Valley Stream Divides on INCORPORATION MATTER

Valley Stream, Oct. 19.-Incorporation of this community into a village with home government and other features not now afforded, continues a question of doubt and if voted on would, it is believed, by some of the conservatives, be defeated.

The Civic Association has worked on the proposition for many months and advanced it to a point where the town authorities may be petitioned to proceed with a public hearing before calling an election. The necessary ratio of property owners can be obtained, it is said, to put the proposition forward. The inhabitants of the territory into a village differ to a considerable extent on the question at issue it has been learned through expressions.

The community occupies a favorable position geographically, it is pointed out, having the Far Rockaway, Montauk and West Hempstead-Mineola divisions of the Long Island Railroad running into it, also the New York & Long Island Traction Company's trolley to Brooklyn and a bus line from Freeport to Jamaica. A remarkable growth in dwellings and business places has taken place within the past year and the outlook for a village of extraordinary size is predicted. Incorporation, it is claimed by advocates, will put more "pep" into the village.

*(The Brooklyn Daily Times, Oct. 19, 1921)*



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## GEORGE AND ABE ARE BACK



On Sunday, February 16, 2025, the Society will honor two Presidents, namely George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Society members will be dressed in costume, and a piece of Washington memorabilia will be on display.



## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The theme for Black History Month is African Americans and Labor. It focuses on the impact of work on the experience of Black people. That work ranges from the past agricultural labor of enslaved Africans to today's Black professionals providing leadership as corporate executives and entrepreneurs.

The story of Black History Month begins in Chicago during the summer of 1915. An alumnus of the University of Chicago with many friends in the city, Carter G. Woodson traveled from Washington, D.C., to participate in a national celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of emancipation sponsored by the state of Illinois. Awarded a doctorate in Harvard three years earlier, Woodson joined the other exhibitors with a Black history display. Despite being held at the Coliseum, the site of the 1912 Republican convention, an overflow crowd of six to twelve thousand waited outside for their turn to view the exhibits. Inspired by the three-week celebration, Woodson decided to form an

organization to promote the scientific study of black life and history before leaving town. On September 9, Woodson met with A. L. Jackson and three others and formed the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH).

He hoped that others would popularize the findings that he and other black intellectuals would publish in *The Journal of Negro History*, which he established in 1916. As early as 1920, Woodson urged black civic organizations to promote the achievements that researchers were uncovering. A graduate member of Omega Psi Phi, he urged his fraternity brothers to take up the work. In 1924, they responded with the creation of Negro History and Literature Week, which they renamed Negro Achievement Week. In 1925, he decided that the Association had to shoulder the responsibility. Going forward, it would both create and popularize knowledge about the Black past. He sent out a press release announcing Negro History Week in February 1926.

It is commonly said that Woodson selected February to encompass the birthdays of two great Americans who played a prominent role in shaping Black history, namely Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, whose birthdays are the 12th and the 14th, respectively. Well aware of the pre-existing celebrations, Woodson built Negro History Week around traditional days of commemorating the black past.



Top COMEDIAN



Valley Stream's own and Central High School's Class of 1985 **Jim Breuer** was recently named Top Comedian of the Year (2024) by the International Association of Top Professionals. As

Breuer was being interviewed on the red carpet, Ed Fare sent a video congratulating him and to tell Jim how proud he was proud of him.

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## MUST GET NEW SIGNERS IN INCORPORATION PLANS

Valley Stream, July 12. – Unless the promoters of the plan to incorporate this community into a village keep steadily on the job it is predicted that chances for accomplishing the object will be small. The Civic Association named a committee to work on the plan months ago, and when matters had reached the point where it was prepared to file a petition with the Town Board, a request for annexation of a portion of the territory included in the original plan was filed by Lynbrook and taken into that village. The Valley Stream Committee has therefore, to do the work of obtaining signatures over again.

*(The Brooklyn Daily Times, July 12, 1922)*

## TAXPAYERS PETITION FOR INCORPORATION VALLEY STREAM PROPERTY OWNERS FAVOR PROPOSITION

*(Special to The Eagle)*

Valley Stream, L. I. July 27. – The incorporation of the Village of Valley Stream, sought by its business men for the last 12 years, yesterday became an assured fact with the filing of an incorporation petition containing the signatures of owners of 95 percent, of the village's assessed property valuation with the Town Board of Supervisors. The remaining steps of the incorporation comprise the legal formalities of the Town Board's holding a hearing on the incorporation within 10 days and the calling of an election 30 days afterwards for the taxpayers in the proposed area of incorporation to vote on the incorporation.

The proposed area of incorporation lies south of Merrick rd., taking in half a mile on each side of the railroad station, and includes a population of 2,500.

Six weeks ago a petition to incorporate was filed with the town clerk, and it was developed that the Village of Lynbrook had, while the Valley Stream petition was circulating, annexed the east end of the proposed Village of Valley Stream. The result was that, because several signatures to the petition were void, the entire petition role, of assessments and boundaries of the proposed village had to be made over again. This work, undertaken by an incorporation committee of six, of which W. George Williams was chairman, was completed Monday.

*(Brooklyn Eagle, July 27, 1922)*

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## MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The 2025 theme for the observance, "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations," focuses on past and present women who have influenced and inspired others by dedicating their lives to education, mentorship and leadership. Women's History Month colors are **purple, green, and white**. Each of these colors has roots in the suffrage movement but still has modern meanings today.

- International Women's Day was established as a holiday on March 8, 1911.
- The suffragists first major march on Washington happened on March 3, 1913.
- The National Woman's Party was formed in March, 1917.
- Title IX was passed on March 1, 1972.

The National Women's Hall of Fame is the nation's first and oldest nonprofit organization and museum dedicated to honoring and celebrating the achievements of distinguished American women.

Shirley Hartley envisioned a (National) Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, the birthplace of the Women's Rights Movement. In December, 1968, she invited friends, associates, potential donors, and many of the town's leaders to an event she called the "Founders' Tea," which served as an homage to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Martha Wright, Mary Ann McClintock, and Jane Hunt, who famously convened over a cup of tea in 1848 to exchange ideas about women's rights.

The National Women's Hall of Fame was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

In 1973 Eisenhower College (now Northeast College of Health Sciences) hosted the first Induction Ceremony. The inaugural Induction Class included Jane Addams, Marian Anderson, Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Mary McLeod Bethune, Elizabeth Blackwell, Pearl Buck, Rachel Carson, Mary Cassatt, Emily Dickinson, Amelia Earhart,

Alice Hamilton, Helen Hayes, Helen Keller, Eleanor Roosevelt, Florence Sabin, Margaret Chase Smith, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Helen Brooke Taussig, and Harriet Tubman.

## Yuliya Lobach — ARTIST



The Society is pleased to announce that Yuliya Lobach will be exhibiting her artwork at the Pagan-Fletcher House, March 21, 22 and 23. Opening night reception 7:30pm–10pm. \$12.00 per ticket.

Refreshments and raffle. To purchase tickets: [www.vsvny.org/historical](http://www.vsvny.org/historical) or pay at the door (cash or check only). Open Saturday and Sunday 1pm–4pm. Admission is free.

## MADLINE REISERT SCHLICHTIG IS 100 YEARS YOUNG!



The Reisert Family has a long and storied history in Valley Stream. Frederick Reisert emigrated from Germany in 1843 and, in 1854, was living in Valley Stream. He bought the farmland which his son, also named Frederick, initially rented and then bought after his father's death in 1872. In 1919, the farm was divided among six of Frederick's children who, in 1929, sold the acreage to Glenn Curtiss. In 1936, the property was sold to a developer and today is the site of the Green Acres Mall.

George Washington Reisert, one of Frederick's sons, is the father of Madeline Reisert Schlichtig. After the farm was sold, her father purchased property on Wheeler Avenue where Madeline grew up. She attended Wheeler Avenue School and Central High School. Madeline was very active in sports and music in high school. She is a lifelong pool player.

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## INCORPORATION HEARING

Valley Stream, Aug. 3 – A public hearing on the proposal to incorporate this community as a village will be held in the public school building, Tuesday evening, August 15, by the Hempstead Town Board. The territory proposed to be incorporated has a population of nearly 2,000.

*(The Brooklyn Daily Times, August 3, 1922)*

## INCORPORATION HEARING HAS LARGE ATTENDANCE

### No Objections Offered; Voting Comes Next

A public hearing on incorporation was held at Union Free School No. 24 last Tuesday evening.

The call was for 8 o'clock sharp. There were more than 200 in the auditorium when the meeting was called to order by Supervisor Smith at 8:20.

It was one of the most orderly meetings ever held in the school building, and all business was attended to and the meeting adjourned in twenty minutes.

The Supervisor explained that all matters pertaining to this meeting had been attended to in a proper and legal manner; the advertising and posting, signatures of 31 freeholders, signatures obtained to a petition representing more than one-third of the assessed value of the proposed area to be incorporated, and a map.

Objections were asked for and none were made. The petition and map have been on exhibition for more than a week, so that everyone had an opportunity for examining same, and offering objections if they had any.

Supervisor Smith said he had ten days in which to file his opinion, but that he was ready to file at once. Then it was up to the Town Clerk, Mr. Franklin C. Gilbert to take care of the matter. This can be done in 15 to 25 days, and he thought it could all be taken care of by September 20.

*(Valley Stream Record, August 18, 1922)*



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**NEXT MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**ARTHUR J. HENDRICKSON PARK**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**April 16, 2025 AT 7:30pm**

**PHOTOS FROM THE**  
**YULIYA ART EXHIBIT**



*Lecture by*  
**Richard R. Sullivan,**  
*former Chief of the*  
**Valley Stream Fire**  
*Department on the*  
**History of the Valley**  
*Stream Fire*  
**Department.**

Sullivan has been a member of Engine Company #4 since November 17, 1959. At Engine Company #4, he has served as Lieutenant (1965); Captain (1966, 1965) and Warden (1968).

The overall Valley Stream Fire Department offices Sullivan has held include Second Assistant Chief (1969), First Assistant Chief (1970), Chief (1971) and Third Battalion Delegate (1972, 1973, and 1974). He continues to be an active member of the Department and serves Engine Company #4 as its Treasurer. Sullivan also serves as a member of various Fire Department committees as well.

Sullivan is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, the Southern N.Y. Firemen's Association, and the Valley Stream Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association.



The Artist with James Borzumato



The artist with Sharon Daly, newly elected Village Trustee and members of the Society.

## THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

### 1775-2025



The first national postal agency in the US, known as the *United States Post Office*, was founded by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia on July 26, 1775, at the beginning of the

American Revolution. Ben Franklin was appointed its first postmaster general; he also served a similar position for the American colonies under a Royal Patent. The Post Office Department was created in 1792 with the passage of the Postal Service Act. It was elevated to a cabinet-level department in 1872 and was transformed by the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 into the U.S. Postal Service as an independent agency.



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## GETTING “MAP” READY FOR VALLEY STREAM

### VOTERS SAID TO FAVOR INCORPORATION OF VILLAGE 4 TO 1.

Valley Stream, L.I., Sept. 12 – The consensus of business men in this village and residents generally is that the special elections on the question of incorporating the village on Thursday will result in a vote of 4 to 1 in favor of the incorporation project. Town Supervisor Hiram R. Smith has set aside the hours from 1 to 8 p.m. for the casting of ballots in Firemen’s Hall, Corona ave. A canvass of the territory in the proposed incorporation limits today failed to reveal any opposition.

“Why, more than 80 percent of the property owners have signed the incorporation petition,” said Robert M. Dibble, real estate operator and bank director. “We need police protection from speeders and vandals and better roads. Incorporation is the only way to get these things, and to put the village on the map.”

Frederick Schmitt, chairman of the incorporation committee, said that the committee had prepared a slate of candidates for village offices and will be ready to hold the election of village officials in two weeks, provided incorporation wins on Thursday.

The proposed area of incorporation takes in a tract of about one square mile, with a population of 1,860. The entire village is south of Merrick rd. to the Rockaway branch of the Long Island railroad, and touches the Lynbrook limits on Horton ave. on the east. The proposed west boundary is Elmwood ave, one mile east of the New York City line.

*(Brooklyn Eagle, Tue, Sep 12, 1922)*

#### **When you vote for Incorporation,**

- You vote for home rule by the people
- You vote to manage your own affairs
- You vote to have law and order in your village
- You vote to get something for the Taxes you pay
- You vote to know how your Tax money is expended
- You vote to put Valley Stream on the map

INCORPORATION COMMITTEE

*(Valley Stream Record, September 14, 1922)*

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## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025



The Society will step off at 9:30am at the vicinity of the Wheeler Avenue School Parking Lot on Rockaway Avenue. All members are invited to join it in the line of march down Rockaway Avenue to Verona Place.

In the event of rain, ceremonies will be held at the American Legion Post on Roosevelt Avenue at 10:00am. Ten blasts on the fog horn will signify the parade has been cancelled.

## THE UNITED STATES ARMY 1775-2025



and grown from this small militia force into the world's premier fighting force.

The Army exists to serve the American people, defend the nation, protect vital national interests and fulfill national military responsibilities. Its mission is enduring: to provide necessary forces and capabilities to the combatant commanders in support of the national security and defense strategies.



The Second Continental Congress founded the Army in 1775; it is the oldest service of the United States military. Originally formed to protect the freedom of the first 13 colonies, the Army has evolved

## THE UNITED STATES NAVY 1775-2025



The United States Navy was established on October 13, 1775, in Philadelphia as the Continental Navy by a Resolution of the Second Continental Congress which authorized the acquisition of two vessels of war, the first of which was the flagship *Alfred*. Upon the disposal of the *Alliance* after the Revolutionary War, the Navy was transiently disbanded, to be reestablished as a military service on March 27, 1794, in Philadelphia by an Act of the First Session, Third Congress of the United States, upon the enactment of legislation to construct six frigates, among which were the *United States*, *Constitution*, and *Constellation*. The Continental Navy was preceded by various colonial navies and by Washington's fleet which was raised by General Washington on September 2, 1775, with the commissioning of the schooner *Hannah*.

## THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. 1775-2025



The Second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia on 9 November 1775, consulting the Naval Committee to send an amphibious expedition to Halifax in Nova Scotia. Having launched two land expeditions toward the St. Lawrence River months earlier, (as Richard Montgomery's and Benedict Arnold's forces were each making their way toward Quebec City to join forces, later leading to the Battle of Quebec), Congress was convinced that sending marines to fight at sea and engage military operations ashore were paramount in destroying an important British naval base in Halifax, and to procure enemy provisions and supplies, if possible. On 10 November 1775, the Naval Committee was directed by Congress to raise two marine battalions at the Continental expense. Also, Congress decided the marines would not only be used for the Nova Scotia expedition but for subsequent service thereafter.

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## OPPOSE VILLAGE VOTE

### VALLEY STREAM TAXPAYERS CLAIM RECENT ELECTION WAS ILLEGAL

Valley Stream, Sept. 25 – Saturday afternoon following its investigation into the recent election held under the direction of Supervisor Hiram R. Smith and Town Clerk Franklin C. Gilbert to determine whether a certain square mile of territory in Valley Stream should be incorporated, Arthur McDermott one of the originators of the Citizens' Association of Valley Stream signed an appeal from the decision of the two town officials to grant a village charter here.

The election was held September 14, when over 400 persons voted the proposition favoring incorporation winning by a majority of eight. Those who opposed incorporation claim to have found that many persons, who voted were not taxpaying voters, and base their appeal thereon to the County Court. They ask that the election be declared null and void.

Mr. McDermott's appeal is backed by the Citizens' Association of Valley Stream, many of whose members favor incorporation but feel that if the charter is received as a result of illegal votes being cast at the election it might affect the validity of bond issues of the village.

An open public meeting of the Citizens' Association of Valley Stream will be held this evening in Firemen's Hall on Corona avenue to consider this and other matters.

*(The Brooklyn Daily Times, Mon. Sept. 25, 1922)*

## VALLEY STREAM LEAGUE ANNOUNCES VILLAGE TICKET

Valley Stream, L.I., Oct. 5 – With the village's recently voted incorporation awaiting the hearing before Judge Lewis D. Smith in the County Court Oct. 18 on the petition of the Citizens' Association to enjoin it, the Valley Stream Civic League, which favored the incorporation, yesterday made public a ticket of village officials. The ticket includes John H. Gathard, village president; Henry Waldinger and George A. Herrmann, trustees; Robert M. Dibble, treasurer, and Frederick Schmitt, tax collector.

With the exception of Mr. Dibble, who said that he would decline to run if there was any opposition to him, all the candidates accepted the nomination. The Citizens' Association petition is being brought by Arthur McDermott on claims that illegal voting took place in the election which Sept. 14 returned 234 ballots for incorporation and 226 against.

*(Brooklyn Eagle Thu, Oct. 5, 1922)*

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**Auditorium**  
123 So. Central Avenue  
Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 7:30pm



**CHRIS CRITCHLEY**, a Queens College and Stony Brook University graduate, began teaching and coaching in the district in 1991. He spent 30 years

teaching social studies at Central High School (“CHS”), where he established the school’s Veterans Memorial Project. Critchley joined with Valley Stream Historical Society (“VSHS”) member, Valerie Esposito, in the role of unofficial historian/researcher of the “Central 58,” committing countless hours to uncover the stories of Central’s fallen heroes.

He coordinates the annual Valley Stream Central Memorial Day Ceremony; he is the co-founder of the Lt. Jacob Reisert scholarship and the Central Field of Honor Flag Display. Critchley further honors the memory of these men by placing flowers on their graves each Memorial Day weekend. He has represented CHS at the reinternment of WWII USMC Cpl. Walter Critchley in Arlington National Cemetery and the commissioning of US Coast Guard Cutter Clarence Sutphin Jr., named in honor of Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Clarence Sutphin, VSC Class of 1941, and Bronze Star recipient.

For his efforts, Critchley has been recognized by the Valley Stream Fire Department (“VSFD”) for preserving the memory of VS Firefighter and WWII US AAF co-pilot 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Owen Salvage, VSC Class of 1939. He has also been made an “Honorary Citizen” of the Village of Valley Stream. In his hometown of West Babylon,

Critchley coordinated efforts to rededicate US ARMY Captain John Pape Park. In 2023, Critchley was awarded the Joseph F. Meany Award by the Association of Public Historians of New York State for his research into military history.

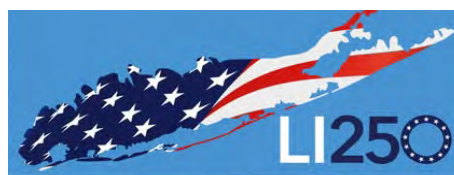


### NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 1925, concerned about rising crime rates, the County Board of Supervisors voted to create the Nassau County Police Department, replacing a scattered system of constables, town, and village police departments. Some jurisdictions declined to join the police district, and opted to maintain their own independent police forces to this day. Consisting initially of Chief of Police (later Commissioner) Abram Skidmore, 55 officers (absorbed from the Nassau County Deputy Sheriff’s office) and a fingerprint expert, the force grew to 450 officers by 1932 and reached 650 in 1945. The expansion accelerated dramatically following World War II with the rapid suburbanization of the county. It reached 1,000 officers in six precincts by 1950. A seventh precinct was opened in 1955, and an eighth followed five years later. In the early 1970s, with crime and civil disorder in neighboring New York City and other cities a major concern, the force was boosted to its greatest strength, nearly 4,200 officers. Since then, it has declined to around 2,600 and it remains one of the largest county police agencies in the United States.



In 2025, the Bee will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the very first National Spelling Bee. While only 9 spellers participated in that first competition, their legacy lives on in the millions of students who compete at all levels of the spelling bee program today.



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## Valley Stream Divides on Incorporation

Valley Stream, Oct. 11 – The residents of this village seem to be about equally divided upon the proposition of the hearing on the village incorporation appeal before the County Judge at Mineola October 18. It seems to be the predominate feeling, however, that should the court order another ballot taken on the proposition of incorporation, it will carry by a much larger majority next time. It is also said that if this present election favoring incorporation should be set aside by the County Court, about twenty taxpayers east of Catherine street and south of Grove street will request that Lynbrook extend its moundary westward to include that territory. The residents in that section claim they want village police protection, which they can not secure without incorporation.

*(The Brooklyn Daily Times, Wed., Oct. 11, 1922)*

## RESERVES DECISION IN VALLEY STREAM ELECTION TANGLE

Judge Smith Asks for Briefs on Incorporation Fight  
(Special to The Eagle)

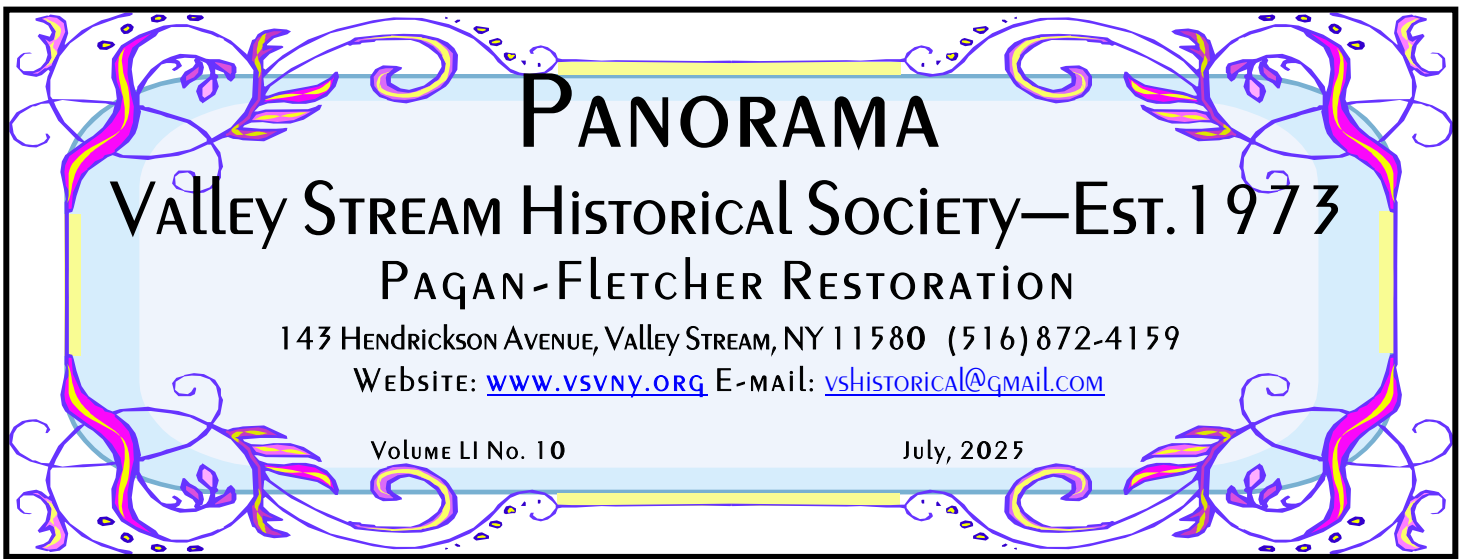
Mineola, L.I., Oct. 19 – County Judge Lewis J. Smith reserved decision in the matter of the incorporation of Valley Stream. He will hear briefs from the counsels in the case. The matter took up the calendar for the day, the anti-incorporators putting on eleven witnesses who they claim voted illegally, and those favoring incorporation putting on five. The bulk of the alleged illegal voters committed the fault of voting under the belief that they were within the bounds of the area after incorporation. The law prescribes a square mile, and Valley Stream proper is greater in area than a mile. At the election 460 persons voted, and the proposition to incorporate was carried by 8 votes.

Edwin G. Wright, counsel for the proposers of incorporation, introduced five voters who stated, that after seeing the map, that they live outside the zone of incorporation, but George M. Levy, counsel of the appellants maintains that two wrongs do not make a right, and by mathematical deduction of illegal voters against incorporation from illegal voters who cast their ballot for incorporation, he cannot hope to establish anything but that the election is invalidated because of the illegalities on both sides. This case establishes a precedent as far as can be determined, and there is no authority to guide the presiding judge. If he decides on the number of illegalities submitted by both sides that the vote is a tie, he can order another election, but if he decides that the result of the election stands an appeal can be taken.

*(Brooklyn Eagle, Thu., Oct 19, 1922)*

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election were illegal voters in that they lived outside the town lines or were not taxpayers.

Scudder and Levy, attorneys of Freeport were engaged to contest the election. The trial of the appeal was held before Judge Smith at Mineola Wednesday. The appeal of Mr. McDermott was backed by the Valley Stream Citizens' Association while the Valley Stream Civic Association opposed it.

*(The Brooklyn Daily Times, October 20, 1922)*

## INCORPORATION COMMITTEE SURE OF SUCCESS

The election on incorporating Valley Stream will be held on Thursday, November 9th, between the hours of 1 and 8 P.M., at Jake Ruehl's barber shop on Rockaway avenue.

The Incorporation Committee is hard at work and feel very confident of success.

A mass meeting will be held at an early date, to which everyone is invited, and you are requested to bring along a string of questions which the committee hopes to answer satisfactorily.

The working committee is as follows: H. H. Dyrsen, August Schmidt, A. F. Coopersmith, G. I. Bailey, Henry Wannemacher, George Herrmann, S. Ebin, Dr. Harry Cohen, J. W. Gathard, Fred Clemenz, Fred Schmidt, Henry Waldinger, E. L. Voorhees, E. Geo. W. Williams, Walter Gover, Harry Zimmer, Robert M. Dibble, William J. Lowe, Paul Holter, John Loeffler, John J. Brettner, Herman Flick, Chas. Bernholz, John J. Smith, Hugh Kelley, James F. Reilly.

*(Valley Stream Record, October 27, 1922)*

## Valley Stream Election Void

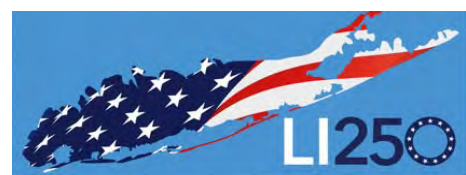
*Judge Smith Sets Aside Recent Vote on Incorporation of Nassau Village.*

**Civic Bodies Divided**

**Town Clerk Gilbert to Issue Call for Another Ballot Within Three Weeks**

Valley Stream, October 20 – County Judge Lewis today handed down a decision in relation to the appeal of Arthur McDermott to set aside the incorporation of the proposed village of Valley Stream. Judge Smith decided the appeal was well taken and a new election will have to be held. Town Clerk Gilbert will probably issue a call for the election within a period of three weeks.

The election to determine whether Valley Stream is incorporated or not was held September 14. Out of 469 votes cast, the proposition was carried by a majority of eight votes. Subsequently, it was alleged that many persons participating in the



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## Valley Stream Plans for Incorporation Vote

Valley Stream, Oct. 28. — The campaign is waxing warm preparatory to the vote on incorporating Valley Stream, the election to be held on November 9 from 1 to 8 P. M., in Ruehl's barber shop. Advocates for and against incorporation claim the result will be at least 100 votes in their favor. Those favoring incorporation will hold a mass meeting Monday evening, November 6, in the school building. Those opposed to incorporation will also hold a public meeting on a date yet to be announced.

*(The Brooklyn Daily Times, Sat. Oct 28, 1922)*

## ANTI-INCORPORATIONISTS PLAN MEETING TOMORROW\*

Valley Stream, Oct. 30 — The anti-incorporationists have called a mass meeting to be held in the auditorium of the Public School building tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock to discuss the proposed incorporation of the village. The election will be held November 9. Those favoring incorporation will hold a mass meeting in the school building Monday evening of next week and it is said they will hold another meeting on the night before election with a torchlight parade all through the proposed incorporated district.

*(The Brooklyn Daily Times — Mon. Oct 30, 1933)*

*\*The misspelling of the word "tomorrow" is solely the error of the newspaper.*



Ruehl's barber shop — the site of the November 9, 1922 election for incorporation.  
A very young Howard Ruehl is in the wagon.

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**Valley Stream Village Hall**  
**Auditorium**  
 123 So. Central Avenue  
 Wednesday, September 17, 2025  
 at 7:30pm



**Billy Florio,**  
 President of the Valley Stream Historical Society, will present a lecture on Valley Stream in the 1920s long known as the decade of women's suffrage, jazz, flappers, and prohibition. He will touch on the subject of home rule which led to

the village's incorporation.



**JUNE ART SHOW**



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## Valley Stream Residents Protest Incorporation

Valley Stream, L.I. Nov. 1 – Two hundred residents gathered at a mass meeting here last evening to signify their protest against the plan to incorporate the village. Speeches were made by Arthur McDermott, William Beresford and Archer Wallace, following the same line of argument that has been used in the last few months to bring the plan into disrepute. *(Brooklyn Eagle, Wed, Nov 1, 1922)*

## Valley Stream to Vote On Incorporation Again

Valley Stream, Nov. 8 – For the second time within a few weeks the residents of Valley Stream will tomorrow between the hours of 1 and 8 P.M. vote upon the proposition of incorporating as village. The first election, September 14, was carried by a majority of eight votes out of 460 cast, but the election was voided by the County Court because of a number of illegal votes cast. The general opinion is that there will be a majority in favor of incorporation.

A public meeting in opposition to incorporation will be held this evening in the school house under auspices of the Citizens' Association. It is also said that because of the boundaries of these proposed incorporated village does not include the large residential district north of the Merrick road, a movement is on foot in that section to incorporate there the village of North Valley Stream. *(The Brooklyn Daily Times, Wed, Nov 8, 1922)*

## ANTIS WIN BY 120 IN VALLEY STREAM

SECOND ELECTION BRINGS OUT LARGER VOTE — VICTORS TO CELEBRATE WITH PARADE.

Valley Stream Nov. 10-Voting yesterday afternoon for the second time upon the proposition of incorporating this village the taxpayers decided by a majority of 120 not to incorporate the vote being 240 in favor and 369 against.

At the first election, September 14, there were 460 votes cast, and the proposition was carried in favor of incorporation by a majority of eight votes. Opponents of incorporation appealed to the County Court, and Judge Smith ordered the new election.

Supervisor Hiram R. Smith and Town Clerk Franklin C. Gilbert conducted yesterday's election. The anti-incorporationists were exceedingly joyful when the results were announced. They rang the fire bells and tomorrow evening they will hold a parade.

There seemed to be two causes for the defeat of the proposition. One is that the area proposed for the incorporated village was not as large as it should be and took in undeveloped land, the question of breaking up the fire department in the present incorporated fire district. The firemen in the proposed new district were almost to every member in opposition to the proposition.

The leaders for incorporation were J.W. Gathard, F. Schmidt, R.M. Dibble, E.G.W. Williams, Henry (?) sen, Walter Grover, A. J. Kupfer-Schmidt, Henry Wannamacher and Paul Haller. It was also backed by the Valley Stream Civic Association. The leaders against incorporation were Arthur McDermott, John H. Abrams, Benjamin Siegmann, William Beresford, William and Robert Hendrickson and Thomas DeBeauchamp, chief of the fire department. It was also backed by the Valley Stream Citizens Association.

*(The Brooklyn Daily Times, Fri, Nov 10, 1922)*

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**Valley Stream Village Hall**  
**Auditorium**  
 123 So. Central Avenue  
 Wednesday, October 15, 2025  
 at 7:30pm



The Officers and Board of Trustees congratulates one of its own, Christina Bonfiglio-Scali upon winning third prize for her poetry submission entitled "Just Like

Long Island" at the 2025 Long Island Fair sponsored by the Agricultural Society of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties.



*Lecture by Richard R. Sullivan, former Chief of the Valley Stream Fire Department on the History of the Valley Stream Fire Department.*

Sullivan has been a member of Engine Company #4 since November 17, 1959. At Engine Company #4, he has served as Lieutenant (1965); Captain (1966, 1965) and Warden (1968).

The overall Valley Stream Fire Department offices Sullivan has held include Second Assistant Chief (1969), First Assistant Chief (1970), Chief (1971) and Third Battalion Delegate (1972, 1973, and 1974). He continues to be an active member of the Department and serves Engine Company #4 as its Treasurer. Sullivan also serves as a member of various Fire Department committees as well.

Sullivan is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the NYS Association of Fire Chiefs, the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, the Southern N.Y. Firemen's Association, and the Valley Stream Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association.



### COME GET YOUR Spooky ON!

On October 26, 2025, between 1:30 through 3:30 join the Society as it celebrates the spookiest of holidays, Halloween. Ghosts, goblins and other scary creatures will roam the halls of the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration, the oldest residence in Valley Stream. We will have stories, crafts, a scavenger hunt, face painting and treats. Costumes are encouraged for children and adults.



### OCTOBER IS NEW YORK STATE HISTORY AND ARCHIVES MONTH

Throughout the month, historians, scholars, curators, preservationists, librarians, archivists, genealogists, re-enactors, and educators across the state come together to celebrate and promote New York's rich and complex history.

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# NEED OF POLICE AND ZONE LAW RENEWS AGITATION TO INCORPORATE VALLEY STREAM

*(Special to the Eagle)*

Valley Stream, L. I., May 16 – Valley Stream will soon be in the list of incorporated villages if the action of 209 members of the Valley Stream Civic Welfare League can be taken on its face value. Following a series of addresses, led by David C. Munro the League voted to appoint a committee of 25 men to take care of the legal details attendant upon changing the hamlet into an incorporated village and preparing the people for the referendum which will decide whether they are to be incorporated or not. The referendum will probably not be held until next September.

Valley Stream, accredited with being the fastest growing town on Long Island has found that its increase in size has brought many problems of government that it did not have before, according to speakers, and it is felt that the town system, under which it has operated, is unsatisfactory. The people feel the need of police protection, better street maintenance and a zoning law which will give direction to village growth and preserve the rights of home owners from unscrupulous operators. Recently, despite the protest of the whole town, a large gasoline distributing station was erected in a fine residential section.

A few years ago the proposition of incorporation was taken up and pushed through an election. Those in favor won by 8 votes, but later, when the election was contested it was declared void by County Judge Lewis J. Smith on the ground of illegal ballots on both sides.

Members of the Civic League feel that there will be but slight opposition to the move now, and that the village will be an incorporated entity before the year is out.

The Valley Stream Civic Welfare League is probably one of the largest civic organizations on Long Island. It now has 362 members in good standing. Thirty-one were taken in at the last meeting.

*(Brooklyn Eagle, Fri. May 16, 1924)*



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### Holiday Happenings

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- ★ Join us for merriment, music, and holiday cheer!
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### Bowling Pin Snowman Auction

The Valley Stream Historical Society invites any individual, family, or community group to transform a bowling pin into a snowman and enter it into our Bowling Pin Snowman Auction to benefit the Society. The auction will be held at our Holiday Happenings event on Sunday, December 14th.

Bowling pins will be provided.  
Please register for information on where to pick up your bowling pin.

All decorated bowling pins should be dropped off at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> between 12:00pm and 2:00pm.

Register to participate by visiting this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2ptxt2ff> or scanning the QR code:

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The Society extends best wishes to Florence Gunther on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Florence has been a member of the Society for many years and most recently served as its Treasurer. She was named Trustee Emerita in 2025.

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# VALLEY STREAM IS NOW A VILLAGE

*(Special to the Eagle)*

Valley Stream, L. I., Jan. 31 – Valley Stream has today attained the state of villagehood. Its taxpayers having registered their overwhelming approval of the proposed for incorporation in an election vote on Friday evening. The new village, with a population of 8,000, is one of the largest on Long Island, and the assessed value of the property involved in its limits amounts to \$5,000,000. The newly incorporated territory includes most of Rosedale and Clear Stream. This section has hitherto been under the supervision of Hempstead.

The voters, who were limited to those who paid taxes, cast 962 votes at the election of which 669 approved the proposition. This was the third time the matter had been in the balance, the voters themselves and then a technicality of the law having vetoed the incorporation proceedings at previous attempts.

The election of village officers will be held March 1.

*(Brooklyn Eagle – Sun, February 1, 1925)*



**The Valley Stream Historical Society wishes all a Happy and Healthy 2026 as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country.**

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