

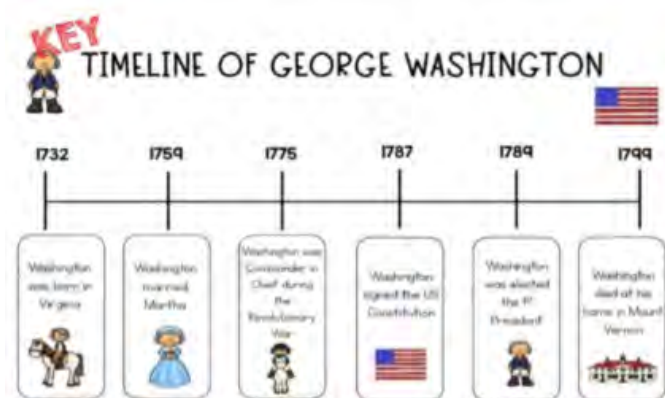
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**NEXT MEETING**  
**Valley Stream Village Hall**  
**AUDITORIUM**  
 123 So. CENTRAL AVENUE  
 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025  
 AT 7:30PM

He is also the President of Friends of the Bay, an organization whose mission seeks to preserve, protect and restore the ecological integrity and productivity of the Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Estuary and surrounding watershed.

### GEORGE IS BACK



On Sunday, February 15, 2026, the Society will honor George Washington, the first President of our country. Society members will be dressed in costume and a piece of Washington memorabilia will be on display.

### FEBRUARY is Black History Month



For its 100th theme, the founders of Black History Month urge the public to explore the impact and meaning of Black history and life commemorations in transforming the status of Black people in the modern world.



### CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

Check out the various fun-filled celebrations throughout our region—details can be found in your local libraries, historical societies and newspapers.



Bill Bleyer will speak about his recently published book about the Roosevelts in New York City.

Bleyer was an award-winning staff writer for *Newsday* for 33 years before retiring in 2014 to write books

and freelance for magazines and *Newsday*. He contributed a chapter to *Harbor Voices - New York Harbor Tugs, Ferries, People, Places & More*, and he was a contributor and editor of *Bayville*, a history of his Long Island community.

While at *Newsday*, Bleyer was one of four full-time staff writers for "Long Island: Our Story," a yearlong daily history of Long Island that resulted in four books and filled thousands of pages in the newspaper. He wrote Sunday's "On the Water" column for five years, and was part of the Pulitzer Prize-winning team for spot news coverage of the crash of TWA Flight 800 in 1997. He was also on the team that won the Newspaper Guild of New York's 1984 Page One Award for a series about Social Security Disability.

Bleyer graduated from Hofstra University Phi Beta Kappa with the highest honors in economics with a minor in communications. He was Founding President of Hofstra's Journalism Alumni Association, President of The Chronicle Alumni Association, and a member of the board of the School of Communication Alumni Association. He earned an MA in urban studies at Queens College. He has taught Economics and Journalism at Hofstra, and Maritime History at Webb Institute, the Naval Architecture College in Glen Cove

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## RECENT EVENTS AT THE PAGAN FLETCHER HOUSE



The Society is grateful to Beth Berry, who sent a donation in the memory of her father-in-law, Keith Berry, a former Village Trustee. The Society is also grateful to Noreen Carro for her donation so it can continue its mission of keeping the history of Valley Stream alive.

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