

- 1920s start of the Roaring Twenties, a decade of music and fashion, following the aftermath of WWI
- 1920 Prohibition in effect for next 12 years.
- 1920 Great flood of Valley Stream caused by winter thaw, rain, and clogged pipes. Rockaway Avenue under water.
- 1920 Valley Stream National Bank opens at 200 Rockaway Avenue (building demolished).
- 1921 Famed Pavillon Royal roadhouse opens on Merrick Road.
- 1921 The *Valley Stream Record*, a weekly newspaper, founded by Ernest George Washington Williams.
- 1922 Charles Braasch's operates gin mill at 193 East Merrick Road (house still stands).
- 1922 William Gibson purchases 500 acres in South Valley Stream.
- 1922 George Hoffman, proprietor of Hoffman's Park Inn (northwest corner Merrick Road and Central Avenue), arrested for selling whiskey.
- 1922 Population approximately 2,500 souls.
- 1923 Clear Stream Avenue School erected.
- 1923 High school students educated at Brooklyn Avenue Elementary School.
- 1923 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Brooklyn Avenue opens.
- 1922 *The Outlaw*, a weekly, published by Henry Watterson Howe (aka Wat Howe): "Justice to all and malice t'ward none, is our motto—if we like 'em."
- 1923 Engine No. 2 builds firehouse on Brooklyn Avenue.
- 1924 *The Outlaw*, taken over by Wat Howe's son, A. Richard Howe and renamed the *Valley Stream Mail*.
- 1924 Clear Stream Avenue School opened.
- 1924 Louis Fletcher, of Fairchild Publications (*Women's Wear Daily*) assumes ownership of 143 Hendrickson Avenue as a summer home.
- 1924 George Hoffman dies of shock when he learns two men, who posed as friends, were government spies.
- 1924 Anna Reisert writes the local history classic *How We Built Our Farm Out of A Swamp*.
- 1924 New Wheeler Avenue School opens; replaces 8-room wooden building.
- 1924 Engine Company No. 4 formed in west end. Firehouse shed located on George Lindner's farm north of Merrick Road.
- 1925 High school students leave Brooklyn Avenue School and relocate to Wheeler's old, 8-room wooden building.
- 1925 Franklin School (aka William F. Donahue) opens.
- 1925 Valley Stream incorporates.
- 1925 Henry Waldinger elected president (mayor) of Valley Stream.
- 1925 The Bank of Valley Stream is formed.
- 1925 Hoffman's Park Inn suffers great fire. Head chef dies. Interior destroyed.
- 1925 Valley Stream Police Department formed.
- 1926 The two trolleys that served Valley Stream are decommissioned.
- 1926 Exchange Club founded, equivalent to modern-day Chamber of Commerce.
- 1926 Calderone's Valley Stream Theatre opens on Rockaway Avenue.

- 1926 Olivet Baptist Church, located on Dubois Avenue and Locust Street founded.
- 1926 Population swells to approximately 7,500 souls.
- 1927 Engine Company No. 4 vacates Lindner's farm and builds firehouse on Clearstream and Buscher avenues.
- 1927 Valley Stream section of Southern State Parkway opens.
- 1927 Valley Stream State Park on Merrick Road (future home of Hendrickson Park) opens to public. Thousands flock to pond and artificial beach.
- 1927 Valley Stream Presbyterian Church on South Central Avenue is founded.
- 1927 Donald Fairchild (aka Lord Stites) pens "Intimate Acrobatics"
- 1927 William Gibson purchased 200 acres in South Valley Stream.
- 1927 The Bank of Valley Stream builds \$175,000 composite stone building at 195 Rockaway Avenue; building now Village of Valley Stream courthouse.
- 1928 *Valley Stream Mail* changes its name to the *Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald*
- 1928 Texas Guinan, the famed nightclub impresario—she greets her customers with "Hello Sucker," takes over Hoffman's Park Inn.
- 1928 Advance Sunrise Airport leases western edge of Reisert farm.
- 1928 Valley Stream National Bank builds \$225,000+ granite building at 235 Rockaway Avenue (building still stands).
- 1929 Engine Company No. 3 builds firehouse on Cochran Place at Birch Lane to accommodate the swelling Gibson community.
- 1929 Park that stood at Rockaway and Brooklyn avenues demolished to make way for Sunrise Highway.
- 1929 Sunrise Highway opens.
- 1929 Curtiss-Wright Flying Services purchases Reisert farm for \$2 million; Reiser's sell land before harvest-time.
- 1929 The Ninety-Nines, an international organization of licensed women pilots, is formed in Valley Stream.
- 1929 Estimated 10,000 spectators gather to witness the "The Land of the Soviets," a twin-engine monoplane that flew from Moscow to Curtiss Field.
- 1929 Central High School opens.
- 1929 Fire department headquarters opens on Rockaway Parkway and Oxford Street.
- 1929 Gibson train station opens.
- 1929 Great Depression grips nation for next 10 years.
- 1929 Emil Fairchild, brother of Louis, moves his family year-round to 143 Hendrickson Avenue.