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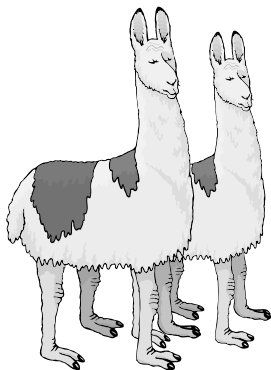
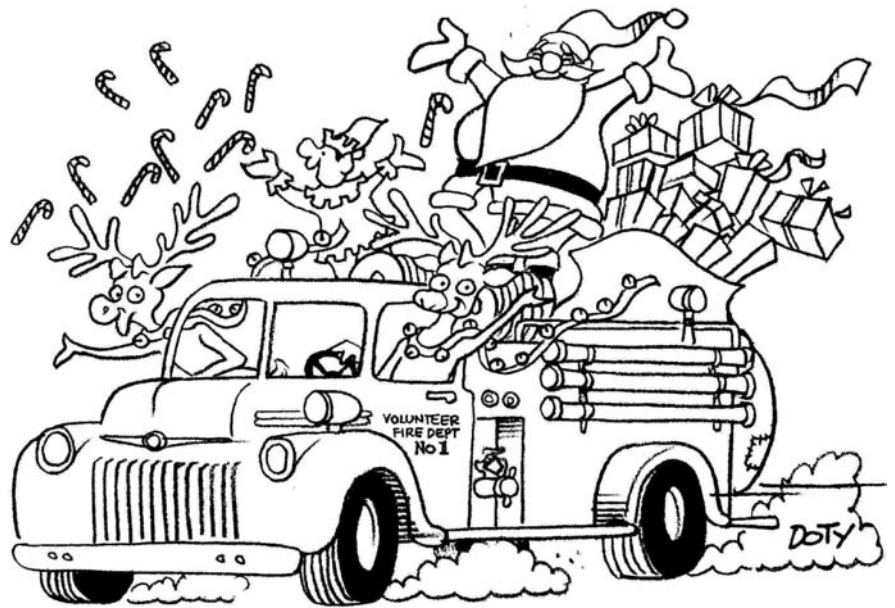
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SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES DEC. 24th

The arrival of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve at the Silvermine Tavern parking lot is one of Silvermine's oldest traditions. This annual holiday gathering has become warmly anticipated by many, young and old alike. Having received official word from the North Pole, we are happy to report that once again, Santa will be arriving in the heart of Silvermine via the Association's Antique Fire Truck.

This year's festivities will begin at 3:30 P.M. As usual, there will be lots of hot chocolate and whipped cream for everyone around the roaring bonfire outside the Tavern, courtesy of the Whitmans.

If you'd like to participate, there are a few things you should know: during the morning of the 24th, and most certainly **BEFORE 2:00 P.M.**, you sneak away to the Silvermine Tavern front porch, where you will find a large box awaiting the arrival of your child's gift. **PLEASE LABEL IT WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN LARGE BLOCK LETTERS AND TIE MULTIPLE GIFTS TOGETHER.** (Occasionally, Santa has been known to forget his spectacles!)



Later that afternoon, you'll hear the jolly ringing of Santa's bells as his driver eases the antique engine into the parking lot. For the next hour or so, the air will be filled with the merry sounds of children's excited voices as surprise gifts are opened and admired. And yes, Santa sent a message again this year, saying that candy canes will be handed out to all of those patiently waiting for their names to be called. As an extra bonus, those lovely llamas, Mocha and Java, will be on hand wearing their holiday finery. So bring your cameras and don't miss this very special annual event. Join us in the festivities on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th AT 3:30 P.M. IN THE SILVERMINE TAVERN PARKING LOT.** An important reminder - be sure to dress for the weather!! In years past, Silvermine's climate has resembled the North Pole's!

SCA Scholarship Awards



The Silvermine Community Association has been awarding scholarships to community residents for almost fifty years. More than 271 students have been helped on their way to higher education through this very unique neighborhood program.

In recent years, individual scholarship awards have ranged from \$250 to \$2,750. Each year, the number of recipients varies based on the number of applicants and their qualifications.

Application Requirements - to be eligible for a scholarship award:

1. *The applicant must be a recent graduate from high school/technical/post graduate school, or anticipate graduating in the spring of 2002.*
2. *The applicant must have been accepted/anticipate acceptance by an accredited college or post-secondary (art, music or technical) school or conservatory.*
3. *The applicant MUST reside in the Silvermine area of New Canaan, Norwalk or Wilton (as defined by the map/street list in the application).*
4. *Completed application with all supporting documentation must be submitted by **NO LATER THAN Monday, April 15th, 2002.***

If you receive this newsletter, anyone who lives with you and meets the above criteria is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Applications will be available in January at local high schools. Ask the counselor, advisor or principal at your school, or call Sue Palinkos at 847-8354.

Please remember that you must submit your completed application, including all required documentation, by Monday, April 15th, 2002.

All applicants will be interviewed by the SCA Scholarship Selection Committee. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, community service, as well as extracurricular activities and career goals.

Kids-K Energizes the SilverMiler Road Race

Kids, walkers, runners, families and friends totaling almost 300 gathered on a picture perfect Fall morning at the Silvermine School. They came from all over Fairfield County, New York, New Jersey and New Hampshire, to participate in the Ninth Annual SilverMiler Road Race along the Silvermine River. As young as 1 and younger at 67, everyone enjoyed the October 13th event. The events began with an opening flag ceremony led by Girl Scout Troop # 570 from Silvermine School.

Runners and walkers lined up at 10 A.M. on Perry Avenue for the start of the three-mile course. The Kid's K race went off just prior to the adult events on a short mini-course.



Stamford resident George Buchanan shaved 1:14 off last year's winning time by crossing the finish line with the impressive time of 16:00, quickly followed by Westport's Mike Mahoney (16:09) and Norwalker Nick Broskovich (17:46). In the men's division, 12 years and under, Brian Metter was the winner (23:30), Jordy Winslow (23:31) and Reid Nadillo (28:34). First place in the women's division went to Simone Laidlow of Stamford (20:03), followed by New Canaan resident Judy Miller (22:08) and Petro Brito (22:32) from Norwalk. In the women's division, 12 years and under, both runners were from New Canaan. Lindsey Sahboro, age 8, (24:46) placed first and Grace Bomann, age 9, (26:40) finished second.

Award ceremonies, certificates and a runners' raffle of fantastic donated prizes from area businesses followed the race. A special thanks to the wonderful Roy Doty who designed ALL the graphics for the race.



Looking for that last minute gift??

T-shirts, Totes and Chef's Aprons featuring the black and silver swan insignia and forged iron "Silvermine CT" are now in stock at the Silvermine Market. These items solve the problem of what to give for the Holidays, birthdays, to the neighborhood gardener, a "Julia Child wanna-be", or that person who has everything!!

Reasonably priced, the white or natural-colored Hanes beefy-shirt is available in medium, large and extra-large sizes. The knee-length white chef's apron has two pockets with the insignia on the bib, and the natural canvas tote bag is a roomy 14"x14-1/2" with attractive black handles. Stop by the Market, or mail this order form and a check made to: The Silvermine Community Association, c/o Silvermine Tavern, 194 Perry Ave, Norwalk, CT 06850.

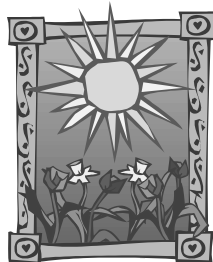
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White color		Natural Color			
Medium	Qty _____	Medium	Qty _____	\$ _____	Total
Large	Qty _____	Large	Qty _____	\$ _____	Total
X-Large	Qty _____	X-Large	Qty _____	\$ _____	Total
White Chef's Apron with 2 large pockets	\$15.00 each		Qty _____	\$ _____	Total
Natural Canvas Tote Bag with black handles	\$12.00 each		Qty _____	\$ _____	Total
				Total Order	\$ _____

Only 95 Days till Spring!

The Association held its Third Annual Bulb Sale in October, and in a few months you will realize what a huge success it was!

Sales this year far exceeded those of past years, and again we must thank the experts at the White Flower Farm. With eight different varieties to choose from, this year's selection provided a wide range of colors and shapes.

We are already planning next year's offering, to be available in the September '02 newsletter. Now, snuggle up with a hot cup of cocoa, there are only 95 more days till Silvermine bursts with color!



SILVERMINE SOIREE

More than 80 Silverminers gathered at the Silvermine Tavern for some socializing on Friday, November 9th.

Hors d'oeuvres were devoured, libations poured, dinner served; the news of the day was shared between new and not-so-new neighbors, along with a good many laughs.

A lovely time was had by many, and those that didn't enjoy themselves must have been trying really hard not to. There have been numerous requests to add another similar event perhaps in February, so watch the newsletter for announcements.

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Silvermine Community Association 2002 Membership Year

Join SCA and take part in many events made possible by the tireless efforts of your volunteering neighbors. Read The Silvermine News, a newsletter mailed to over 1700 families in the Silvermine area 3 to 4 times a year, and stay on top of local news and happenings. *Don't delay - join SCA today!*

Send this form and your membership dues to:

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Dues - \$25.00 per family \$ _____
Scholarship Fund \$ _____
Antique Fire Truck Fund \$ _____
General Contribution \$ _____
Total Enclosed \$ _____

Family name _____
Address _____
Town _____
Zip Code _____
E-mail address _____
Phone number _____

Our family is new to the Silvermine Community Yes ___ No ___

I would like to volunteer for the SCA. I am interested in _____.
Please contact me _____.

NOTE: Please include this form and your mailing label when submitting your dues. Families with paid 2002 membership dues will receive two Swan decal stickers. Please let us know if you would like additional stickers