

Silvermine News

JOIN US FOR SOME CHEER & LIBATIONS



Banish the mid-winter doldrums with a warm neighborhood gathering... We're inviting you and your friends and neighbors for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and dinner **Friday, February 22nd,** Washington's birthday.

And where better to celebrate the father of our country's birth than at our own Silvermine Tavern, down the road from where the General is reputed to have slept during the Revolution.

Libations are poured from 6 p.m. on. Then at 7:00 p.m., the Innkeeper's special three course fixed price dinner (\$23.00 not including tax or gratuity) will be available at tables in the dining room. If you're interested in wine, you can take this opportunity to see for yourself why the Tavern's wine cellar is award winning.

DINNER RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST, so please give the Tavern a call at 847-4558. Mention that you'd like a reservation for the Association's dinner. And if neighborly conviviality isn't enough to drag

you out of a hibernating state, you should know that the Tavern is the place for live jazz in Fairfield. On Fridays, the music kicks in at 9 p.m. Appearing on the 22nd is the Michael Moore Trio.

This is always a very fun event that draws folks from all the corners of Silvermine, so we hope to see you there. Our last get-together was so well received that people were clamoring for another opportunity to mingle with fellow Silverminers sooner rather than later. So this is IT!

Alix Bacher

Get Ready for a Pancake Feast

The annual Spring Pancake Breakfast will be here before you know it. Together with the buds on the trees, we'll be flinging flapjacks and slinging sausage (not to mention sloshing syrup) at this most excellent annual event.

Come hungry, come early and stay for another cup of coffee as the neighborhood sap flows on **Saturday, March 23rd, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Silvermine School**, Perry Avenue,



Norwalk. Kids - have your faces painted, take a guess at the jellybean jar, and get treats from the Easter Bunny.

This is our most important fund raising event of the year, with all proceeds going to the 2002 Scholarship Fund. Please give generously to our placemat advertisement solicitors, whether you have a personal or business stake in Silvermine. Or use the order form on the back of this newsletter to make a direct donation. Thank you for your support!

Alix Bacher

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Market Update

So it will be almost 6 months since Suni Ellis reopened the Silvermine Market, and if you haven't paid her a visit, it is high time. The Market is flourishing with the ebbs and flows of the daily lives of our neighborhood.

The morning crowd stops for fresh coffee and just-baked goodies, the lunchtime patrons pick up delicious sandwiches, and in the evening the market's selection of cooked meals has fortified many a dinner menu.

In addition to the numerous deli offerings, the market offers daily specials, grocery staples, eclectic condiments, gift baskets, beer, and of course, the paper. Also keep in mind its extensive catering menu next time you spend your party in the kitchen or behind the grill.

The Market's winter hours are Monday-Friday 8-6, Saturday 8-5 and Sunday 8-1:30. So stop by soon and often for a little something for the stomach and the soul.

Monika Stokes

This Just In....

The Silvermine Community Association has been approached, along with other community organizations in Norwalk, to begin a dialogue with Mayor Alex Knopp. The new mayor has invited members of the groups to share "significant concerns... that are not being adequately addressed by the City..." with him and representatives from the city's service departments (DPW, Traffic, Police, Zoning, and Recreation and Parks) in an open community forum.



The first of these meetings took place January 30th, 2002, and set the stage for future discussions. We will bring you updates on the discussions in the next issues of this newsletter. We see this as a great opportunity to raise issues about our community to City Hall, so please voice your concerns and share recommendations for solving them with us.

You can email us at silvermine_news@hotmail.com or write to us at Silvermine News, C/O Silvermine Tavern, 194 Perry Ave., Norwalk CT 06850.

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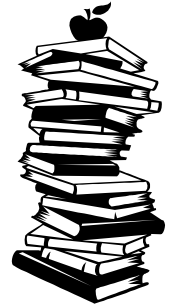
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SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE APPROACHING!

Reminder! The deadline for applications is imminent. You can obtain an application in the office of your school's guidance counselor, principal or college advisor, or by calling Sue Palinkos at 847-8354.

If you are a high school senior interested in applying, please note that your application, including ALL supporting materials, must be submitted and/or postmarked by **NO LATER THAN** Monday, April 15th, 2002, in order to be eligible for consideration.

Allow yourself plenty of extra time to gather all the required documents. Individual interviews of applicants will be during the month of May, and scholarships will be awarded in June.



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Silvermine in the News

The New York Times again featured Silvermine in its "If You're Thinking of Living In/" Sunday Real Estate section column on December 30th, 2001.

The New York Times Under the banner "*Enclave Steeped in History and the Arts,*" the column described the charms of our neighborhood, several residents were interviewed, and the Silvermine Community Association's events were prominently mentioned.

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Recognition for Historic Properties

The Norwalk Historical Society recently unveiled a program intended to call attention to the historic character of Norwalk and its early structures, built circa 1901 and earlier.

The program will award a plaque with the owner's name (usually the builder or the longest resident), the date of the building and the seal of the Historical Society, for display on the structure.

When applying for the plaque, you must provide verifiable documentation of the age of the structure and comply with the program's guidelines. The cost of the plaque itself is \$125.00.

For further assistance with research or with questions about the program, contact Lyn Friedman @ 866-9645.

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CALLING ALL TREE HUGGERS!

The Silvermine Community Association is seeking members who are interested in forming a working group to develop guidelines for the protection and enhancement of our scenic roads, with a focus on Perry Avenue, Silvermine Avenue and Comstock Hill Road in the Silvermine area. Peter Viteretto, Landscape Architect and our neighbor, will lead this effort.

Over the past few years, our community has witnessed the loss of roadside trees and degradation of the area's character by physical changes along the roadways. On the other hand, the recent paving of Silvermine Avenue influenced for the better our



perception of its vicinity. We believe this is a great foundation for building a better understanding of how significant roadside elements can affect the way we experience our neighborhood.

The goal of this effort is to produce guidelines for use by the community that will:

- ◆ Identify elements that define the Silvermine landscape, including stone walls, fences, sidewalks, utility poles, curbing, guide rails, signs, native plant materials, shrubs and trees.
- ◆ Illustrate components of the landscape that provide a positive experience for Silvermine residents and visitors
- ◆ Identify elements that are of historic and cultural value, and ways to steward and care for them
- ◆ Outline methods for the planting and care of vegetation to include replacement of street trees and removal of invasive plant species along the roadways
- ◆ Develop strategies for working with local municipalities and utility companies to protect and enhance the scenic quality of our community

We are looking to form a group of 12 people with a willingness to contribute to the collection of information that will help to develop these guidelines.

If you'd like to be involved, an introductory meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 25th at 7 p.m. at the Tavern.**

Please contact Peter Viteretto at 849-9826 (H) or 852-9966 (W) for details.

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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.

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Upcoming SCA Events

- ❖ 2/22 Winter Social at the Tavern
- ❖ 2/25 Tree Huggers Group Meeting
- ❖ 3/23 Pancake Fest at Silvermine School
- ❖ 4/15 Scholarship Applications Due