

# Silvermine News

## SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES DEC. 24<sup>th</sup>



### THIS JUST IN!!! SURE TIPS ON HOW TO SPOT SANTA IN SILVERMINE

1. Secretly wrap and label gifts for that special one. (Kids of all ages qualify)
2. On Tuesday December 24th, drop off labeled packages at Tavern front porch before 2 PM
3. Bundle up and bring your family at 3:00 PM
4. Spread holiday cheer, sample hot cocoa, check out the llamas
5. Cheer as Santa arrives on antique fire truck
6. Join in the excitement as he hands out unexpected gifts
7. Have some more hot cocoa, warm up by the bonfire.
8. Happy holidays! Ho ho ho!

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Have you renewed your membership yet?  
Join the Silvermine Community Association today!  
(Membership form on back cover)



## Santa Arrives Christmas Eve!



We have just received an anxiously anticipated official email from the North Pole, confirming that Santa Claus will again make a trip to Silvermine on December 24th.

Santa's arrival at the Silvermine Tavern parking lot is one of Silvermine's oldest traditions. This annual holiday gathering has become warmly anticipated by grownups and kids alike. Santa will be arriving on the Association's Antique Fire Truck loaded with gifts he brought all the way from the "North Pole" **at 3:30 P.M.** As tradition dictates, there will be plenty of hot chocolate and whipped cream for everyone in the Tavern parking lot, and a roaring bonfire to keep us warm, courtesy of the Whitmans.

If you'd like to make a contribution to the truck load in the name of that special someone, please read carefully. **During the morning of the 24th**, and definitely **BEFORE 2:00 P.M.**, you will need to make a secret trip to the Silvermine Tavern front porch. Having heard that everyone in Silvermine has been extra specially good, Santa's helpers have left a huge box there for gifts. **PLEASE LABEL EACH GIFT WITH YOUR CHILD'S COMPLETE NAME IN LARGE BLOCK LETTERS.** If you have multiple gifts, please tie them securely together.

Then **at 3 PM**, bring your loved ones to the Tavern parking lot for the festivities. As you chat with neighbors and enjoy hot cocoa, check out those famous llamas, Mocha and



Java. They will be wearing their holiday finery, ready for your camera. About that time the sounds of Santa's jingle bells will announce his presence and the antique fire truck will arrive at the Tavern parking lot.

For the next hour or so, Santa will be handing out the gifts he brought with him on his fancy truck, and



the air will be filled with excitement, anticipation and holiday spirit. In addition, we have received a confirmation from

North Pole's auxiliary distribution center that a giant box of sweets in North Pole colors is on the way. Candy canes will be handed out to all who wait patiently for their name to be called.

Come and see this very unique event and collect unforgettable memories. Join us **Tuesday December 24th at 3:00 PM** in the Silvermine Tavern parking lot. Please dress warmly, Silvermine's climate sometimes resembles that of the North Pole!

## Scholarship Applications Due!

The Silvermine Community Association has been awarding scholarships to community residents for almost fifty years. More than 275 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 \$3,500. 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. Applicant must be a recent graduate from high school/technical/post-graduate school, or anticipate graduating in the spring of 2003.
2. The applicant must have been accepted/anticipate acceptance by an



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accredited college or post-secondary (art, music or technical) school or conservatory.

3. The applicant **MUST** reside in the Silvermine area of Norwalk, New Canaan or Wilton (as defined by the map/street list in the application).

4. Completed application *including all supporting documentation* must be submitted **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2003.**

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, to the SCA Scholarship Selection Committee, c/o The Silvermine Tavern, 194 Perry Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06850 by **Monday, April 14, 2003.**

All eligible 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.

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## Silvermine Merchandise Perfect for Last-minute Gifts!

Stylish T-shirts, Totes and Chef's Aprons featuring the black and silver swan insignia and "Silvermine CT" are now in stock at the Silvermine Market. These items are original and make very versatile gifts, so stock up today!

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.

Check them out when you are at the Market, or mail this order form with a check (payable to the Silvermine Community Association) to this address: Silvermine Community Association, c/o Silvermine Tavern, 194 Perry Ave, Norwalk, CT 06850.



**T-shirt** (Hanes Beefy) @ \$12.00 each

*White color*

Medium Qty \_\_\_\_\_

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X-Large Qty \_\_\_\_\_

*Natural Color*

Medium

Large

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**White Chef's Apron** with 2 large pockets @ \$15.00 each

**Natural Canvas Tote Bag** with black handles @ \$12.00 each

## Even Rain Didn't Dampen Spirits

Well, sooner or later we knew our sunny luck had to change! But October 12<sup>th</sup> was a great day for ducks and all those who braved the rainy weather to participate in the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Silvermiler Road Race and Kids-K.**

The opening flag ceremony led by Girl Scout Troop #570 from Silvermine School started the event. Spirits were high at 9:30am when thirteen brave children and accompanying adults fought the elements as they lined up for the start of the Kids-K Race. Ages of those participating ranged from 4 to 12. Although 4-year old Alice Hudson of New Canaan (right, with her mom Libby) stole the hearts of those cheering the kids on, it was 12-year old Alex Golan of New Canaan who placed first and was awarded a gift certificate from the New Canaan Toy Box.

Runners and walkers of ages ranging from 11 to 65 lined up at 10:00am in the front of the Silvermine School for the start of the 3-mile race. Overall winners were: George Buchanan of Stamford, who ran a 5:19 mile with a finish time of 15:58, and Dabney Mahoney of Westport, who ran a 6:58 mile with a finish time of 20:54. Silvermine residents placing in their age group categories were: Marge Brandt, Angela Carey, Steven Carey, Blake Nadilo, Kristen Garijo-Vonhoerd, Pamela Kearns, Judy Miller, Richard Oehmler, Ted Rawson, Xiao-Feng Shang, Toni Wilson and Jordy Winslow.

Award ceremonies, certificate awards and a runners raffle of wonderful donated prizes followed the race. Sue Palinkos, the race chairwoman, said: "I want to extend a sincere thank you to *all* the Silvermine residents who volunteered their time and energy, and showed up in slickers and rain gear to help make the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Silvermiler



**Girl Scout Troop #570 ready for thirsty runners**

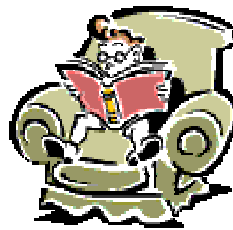
Road Race such a great success." She extends a special thank you to Jim Gerweck for all his technical guidance and Ed and Joe Zapatka of Shoe Mart for their generous donation of funds for shirt printing. Thanks to Roy Doty for all the artwork, Bob and Nancy for their donation of fabulous children's books (we're sorry the llamas couldn't make it), and to Linda Bracken for her computer talents. Thanks to Alex and Ann Hussey for the use of their "perfect water stop" driveway, and of course, Girl Scout Troop #570.

Although no one can predict the weather, the Association and its high spirited volunteers have already begun plans for next year's race.

Sue Palinkos

*Many thanks to Heather Barry-Radding for all race photos!*

## Bookworms, where are thou?



Long winter evenings provide the perfect opportunity to curl up with a good book. And what is better than sharing the magic of reading with your friends and neighbors?

Join our book club, find out about great books, share your thoughts and learn from your partners in crime. If you are interested in joining, please call Nancy Johnson at **846-0760**, or send us an email note to **silvermine\_news@hotmail.com**.

## Spring Will Be Busting Out All Over..

...in about 95 days, residents of Silvermine will benefit from the beauty of the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bulb Sale**. Thanks to the help of our friends at the White Flower Farm, the Association was able to offer a selection of eight different bulbs in color choices of yellow, white, pink and blue. This SCA Scholarship Fundraiser is a win-win for all who participate. Residents add beauty and color to their gardens, and the Scholarship Fund benefits from the sales. Thanks to all of you who have purchased bulbs this year. Now let's hope spring comes early!



Sue Palinkos



**Rain was no match for Kids-K participants!**

## SCA Knows how to Throw a Party!



The Association's Fall Party was a huge hit. Over 80 Silverminers joined us at the Tavern for delicious hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and a tasty dinner. We met with neighbors, welcomed newcomers, elected officers, and had a wonderful time. A big thank you to those who came and showed Silverminers old and new how to have a good time. If you missed out, don't despair. Watch the newsletter for the next social event sometime in the coming year!

Monika Stokes

### *Santa's Elves - Who are They, Really? aka SCA Board of Directors Officers:*

**Monika Stokes, President, 849-3347**

**Yvonne Brown, Vice-President, 840-0825**

**Sue Palinkos, Treasurer, 847-8354**

**Joe Fazio, Secretary, 966-6311**



## A Word from Your President

Dear Silverminers,

We are all very fortunate to live in a charming and unique neighborhood. Its tree-lined roads, picturesque homes and spacious yards all contribute to its beauty. But it is your friends and neighbors who add a special touch that can't be found anywhere else. Through dedication, countless hours of dreaming, planning and realizing ideas, we strive to maintain a strong sense of community.

Because without neighbors who know you by name and who can be called on in times of need, be it a broken rake, a lost cat or any hard knock life throws your way, Silvermine would not be what it is. To make this possible, to encourage a sense of belonging among the families of Silvermine together, we have established a tradition of events. We love to see you participate, we love to see you smile as you strike up unexpected friendships. We are delighted to see your children shriek with excitement when they see Santa on the fire truck, the Easter Bunny, the medal at the end of the road race, or the scholarship award check.

As the Association's new president, I have new and exciting activities planned to continue our mission. And since this is the season of giving, I ask that you please join the Association as a paying member. Your dues enable all of the Association's wonderful events and activities, and help enrich your lives as well as your neighbors' and friends'.

I also cordially invite you to our board meetings. Our lively gatherings are held at 7:30 PM on the first Monday of each month. Please call 849-3347 for meeting location. If you have an idea for an event or an activity, please share it. Or come just to see who brings you all the events that make Silvermine so special.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to seeing you at the Association's events!

Monika Stokes  
President  
Silvermine Community Association  
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**A Coven of Elves Sighted in Silvermine**

Left to right: Yvonne Brown, Monika Stokes, Joe Fazio, Sue Palinkos

Photo by Chris Hodenfield

## Haunted House at the Silvermine Market & Best Dressed Dog Competition

If you asked the Trick or Treaters at your door this Halloween where they were headed, you no doubt heard the response, “To the Haunted House!” Since I had been by the Silvermine Market that afternoon to pick up a newspaper, I was well aware of the preparations going on for the Halloween Haunted House. Instead of a door by which to enter I was greeted by black curtains and candlelit interior. Spooked, I decided my newspaper purchase could wait! Several fairies, clowns, witches, and other assorted Halloween night characters were making their way in, including dogs dressed up also! Clearly this was THE place to be on Halloween in Silvermine!



Clockwise from top: Silas, Ruby, Michelle and Sebastian Beyman  
Photo courtesy of the Silvermine Market

Afterwards I knew we had to get the scoop on this second annual event that owner Suni Lewis has dreamed up for children in the neighborhood. For those of you who missed the event, Suni, staff Carla Autuore and Lisa Hutchinson, and friends set up a wonderful Halloween destination for kids—and dogs! From 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., children entered into a Halloween black interior lit by candles on one side with tables and chairs for weary parents, and on the other side for places to explore in the “haunted house.” Created with black curtains, electronic hanging ghosts with motion detectors (and one that said “Boo!”) that move when you near them, there were boxes that children could put their hands into to feel “traditional” Halloween props of bowls of “brains” (spaghetti) and “eyeballs” (grapes in olive oil). Pumpkins abounded,

children jumped up and down, dogs barked, parents laughed, and all had a good time. Suni, staff, and friends served free pizza, hot chocolate and hot cider to all. There were over 80 people who dropped in, with children aged from one to sixteen, and at least ten dogs came also.

The Best Dressed Dog was Sebastian Beyman, who won the First Prize, a \$20 gift certificate, for his especially created outfit for Silvermine Market attendance, a chef’s apron including pastry rolling pin and chef’s hat! “Chester” won Second prize, a \$10 gift certificate, dressed as a cowboy. All other participants received \$5 certificates for their willingness to participate ☺

If you find your Halloween getting a bit dull, drop by next year to take a peek at our own local “haunted house!”

Joyce Heck

### Dear Silvermine Neighbors:

This past Halloween our kids had a great time. We can’t walk around our block because the houses are too far apart and it is very dark. The last couple of years we have driven down to some of our friends’ houses near the Tavern. We walk around Alvin and Silvermine Avenue, by the Tavern and the Silvermine Market. This year was the best we’ve had. Everyone was into the spirit of the Holiday. The houses were all decorated, some decorations were pretty extensive with headless corpses hanging and haunted garages. The Silvermine Market was a big crowd pleaser. And crowds there were. The kids seemed to travel in packs of 20 or more.



We would personally like to thank all of the homeowners, we appreciate all the time and energy they put into the holiday and making it fun and safe!

The Modicas





A big "Thank You" to all the families who continue to support the Association's mission and have joined the SCA for the new membership year. Again, a very *special thank you* to *ALL* of you who made a contribution to the Association's Scholarship Fund. Please remember that the Scholarship Awards are made possible solely through your donations.

For those who are new to the neighborhood, as well as those who have lived here for a while, we encourage you to join the Association by paying a small (\$25) yearly membership fee. These monies allow us to sponsor all the different events throughout the year; Santa arriving on the Association's Antique Fire Truck each Christmas Eve, our Spring Pancake Breakfast, the Cocktail Parties at the Tavern, the White Flower Farm Bulb Sale, and the annual Silvermiler Road Race. All of these events, along with the quarterly newsletter mailed to the 1,650 families living in the Silvermine Area, are made possible thanks to your membership contribution.

We are now accepting membership payments for the 2003 Membership Year. We urge you to get involved, show your support by joining the Association and, if you can, volunteer at an event. **Please come join us!**

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## Upcoming SCA Events

- ❖ 12/24 Santa arrives at the Tavern
- ❖ 4/14 Scholarship Application Deadline
- ❖ ??? Spring arrives in Silvermine

## Silvermine Community Association 2003 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 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! We are looking for new board members - so come to our board meetings and see what we are all about!



### Send this form and your membership dues to:

The Silvermine Community Association  
C/o The Silvermine Tavern  
194 Perry Avenue  
Norwalk, CT 06850

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

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Our family is new to the Silvermine Community

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

I would like to volunteer for the SCA. I am interested in volunteering for

\_\_\_ Pancake Breakfast \_\_\_ Road Race \_\_\_ Bulb Sale  
\_\_\_ Santa & Fire Truck \_\_\_ Board Member  
\_\_\_ Please contact me

NOTE: Please include this form and your mailing label when submitting your dues. Families with paid 2003 membership dues will receive two Swan decal stickers. Please let us know if you would like additional stickers.

## You are invited to the SCA Board Meetings!

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Please call 849-3347 for exact location. The Association's board meetings are open to public and we are all volunteers. Please join us and give us a few hours of your time to make Silvermine better.

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