

Silvermine News

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SILVERMINE

S is for Silvermine, the place to be:
what a great community!

I is for interest we have in everything:
the bulbs, the trees, the birds that sing!

L is for light in the kiddies' eyes:
on December 24 when they get a surprise.

V is for our vice president, and president too,
and to thank them for all the work they do.

E is for Easter and that Easter Bunny:
you must agree he is a honey!

R is for Road Race, it was fun,
hats off to everyone that won!

M is for Merry Christmas, that is,
the New Year will go by in a whiz.

I is for: I can't wait,
as we all take time to celebrate.

N is for: Have you really been nice?,
and have you checked Santa's list twice.

E is for love to Everyone I know,
Just stop by my home for Free Snow.
Put all the letters together and what do you see?
Why, it's Silvermine - the only place to be!

This is my gift to all my Silvermine neighbors.

Anne Fanning
143 Silvermine Ave.
Norwalk

Happy New Year from the
Membership Committee!
Don't forget to join SCA for 2003.
Thanks!



Saturday, April 12, 8-11 AM
at Silvermine School on Perry Ave.

All proceeds benefit the SCA 2003 Scholarship Fund

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Pancake Breakfast Coming Right Up!



Get ready for this annual vivacious event. Famous for pancakes, face painting, our legendary Easter Bunny, and more, this fabled feast is also the biggest fundraiser for the SCA's Annual Scholarship Fund. Kids can have their faces painted, befriend the Easter Bunny, and take a guess at the jelly bean jar.

You can also have your family or business name prominently placed and admired on our renowned pancake breakfast placemats. Space is still available for sponsorship. Call 966-1673 to find out more.

Come hungry, come early, and stay as long as the sap is flowing, the flapjacks are flapping and sausages are simmering. Bring all the kids and friends you can, and enjoy this scrumptious celebration of spring **on Saturday April 12 from 8 AM to 11 AM at the Silvermine School on Perry Avenue in Norwalk.** Questions? Write to us at info@silverminenews.com.

Elite Pickup & Delivery Service



No job too small

It's spring - time to freshen up!

- ✓ We pick up from: Home Depot, Costco, tag sales, toy stores, furniture stores
- ✓ We deliver: furniture, appliances, equipment, lumber, landscaping materials
- ✓ We do dump runs

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Get into spring cleaning spirit!
Silvermine River Cleanup sponsored by
NRWA (www.norwalkriver.org) is on April 5.

What if Those Walls Could Talk?

Curious as to the previous residents of your 100-year and older antique house? Want to highlight the history and prestige of your property and our beautiful Silvermine community? Here's your chance!

The Norwalk Historical Society runs a very popular plaque program. The plaque for your special house will typically note the name of the first or longest resident of your house and the year it was built. Many of these "badges of pride" are appearing on houses in Silvermine as you've probably noticed.

The plaques are awarded based on careful research, via deeds and probated wills. You, the owner, can do the research, or you can contract someone else to perform. The research is painstaking, but very rewarding as a history lesson. An architectural review is also recommended. The NHS requests \$125 to cover the cost of the plaque.

For more details, or just a nudge to get started, please contact Anne Carbone (who has two plaqued structures!) at 846-9638 or Lynn Friedman (who almost lives in the deed vault at City Hall!) at 866-9645.



Anne's house, one of Silvermine's plaqued treasures - built in 1824. Check it out! 22 Comstock Hill Rd, Norwalk.

Photo and article by Anne Carbone

It's Trash Walk Time April 26

Come join us for another Trash Walk on **Saturday 4/26 from 10 AM to 12 PM**. But read on, we have upped the ante! Meet your co-conspirators at the Tavern



parking lot at 10 AM. Bring walking shoes and working gloves, we will provide trash bags and latex gloves. There will be cleanup routes of varying lengths in Norwalk, New Canaan and Wilton. After a couple of hours of walking around and making Silvermine look all spiffy, you will be treated to a buffet of refreshments provided by Silvermine's best chefs. *Your bag of trash is your meal ticket!* Contact Deb Lewis at 840-1566 or email us at info@silverminenews.com to sign up.

Silvermine Book Club Update

The Silvermine Book Club held its first organizational meeting on January 23rd. The 6 founding members selected fascinating books. The club will meet on the 4th



Thursday of each month, and more members are welcome to join! Next meeting is at the home of Pam Potter on **28 Appletree Lane in Norwalk on Thursday March 27**. The book *Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros will be discussed. This vibrant novel is a story of a modern Mexican family from Chicago exploring its past, seasoned by tidbits from Mexican culture and history, and full of vigorous dialog.

Contact Pam at 849-8564 for questions about the next meeting, and Nancy Johnson, the fearless Book Club leader, at 846-0760, if you want to join this enlightening endeavor. To get email updates and reminders, write to info@silverminenews.com. We welcome new members!

Nancy Johnson, Janet Fisher, Pam Potter,
Nancy Lloyd, Heather Dunn, Deb Lewis

Circuit Riders Coming to Town!

Hear ye! Hear ye! The Circuit Riders of the *Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation* (www.cttrust.org) are coming to Silvermine.

The trust focuses on preserving and protecting irreplaceable historic resources, and will offer tips on how to preserve the beauty and uniqueness that is Silvermine! Prepare to be engaged (and stuffed with yummy treats) as we continue our journey of identity as Silverminers! Come one, come all!



Location and time TBD. Call 849-3347 or drop us an email at info@silverminenews.com for update.

Don't Miss Tree Alliance Lecture!

Do you know all the trees in your setback or on your street? Are they healthy? How old are they? Are you aware of any Notable or Memorial trees in Silvermine? The

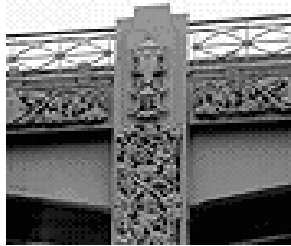


Norwalk Tree Alliance would like to know! You are invited to a presentation by this volunteer organization on **Thursday May 8 at 7:30 PM at the Silvermine Tavern**. Questions about this event? Email us at

info@silverminenews.com or call 849-3347.

The missions of the tree alliance include an ongoing inventory of the public trees in the City of Norwalk, an inventory of Notable and Memorial trees throughout the city, and the encouragement of good management of the community forest. To learn more about NTA, visit www.norwalktreealliance.org.

About the Merritt Parkway



The Parkway is named for Congressman Schuyler Merritt, who long represented the southwestern part of Connecticut in the U.S. Congress and who championed the construction of a parkway to parallel U.S. Route 1. Said Merritt at the Merritt Parkway groundbreaking ceremony in July, 1934: *This great highway is not being constructed primarily for rapid transit but for pleasant transit. This county [Fairfield County] is fortunate in having such beautiful backcountry and it is our great duty to see that these beauties are preserved.*

The Merritt Parkway was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991, largely due to the efforts of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. It has been designated a National Scenic Byway and as of 1994, it is also a State Scenic Road. Crossing its thirty-seven and a half mile length are seventy-two underpasses and overpasses conceived by architect George Dunkelberger, bringing architectural styles such as Art Deco and Art Moderne into a roadway context *for the first time.*



The Merritt Parkway Conservancy (MPC) was created in response to the need of ConnDOT for a private sector not-for-profit partner/supporter to help it pursue maintenance of the Parkway's facilities and bridges and a planned major restoration of the landscape. MPC provides an advocacy for the original intentions of the builders of the Merritt: to build a parkway, not a roadway. To learn more and get involved in preserving the parkway, access: www.merrittparkway.org.

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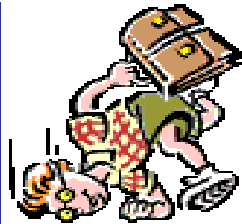
2003 Membership Year has begun. Join the Silvermine Community Association today!

Upcoming Silvermine Events

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- ❖ 3/21 Spring arrives in Silvermine
- ❖ 3/27 Book Club Meeting
- ❖ TBD CT Trust for Historic Preservation
- ❖ 4/5 NRWA Silvermine River Cleanup
- ❖ 4/12 Easter Pancake Breakfast
- ❖ 4/14 Scholarship Application Deadline
- ❖ 4/26 Trash Walk & Munch
- ❖ 5/8 Norwalk Tree Alliance Presentation

Scholarship Applications Due!



Please mark your calendar! The deadline for scholarship application submission is approaching fast. If you are a high school senior interested in applying, please note that your application, including ALL supporting materials, must be submitted to the SCA Scholarship Selection Committee, c/o The Silvermine Tavern, 194 Perry Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06850, **NO LATER THAN Monday, April 14th, 2003.** Allow yourself plenty of extra time to gather all the required documents.

All eligible applicants will be interviewed by the SCA Scholarship Selection Committee during the month of May, and scholarships will be awarded in June. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, community service, extracurricular activities and career goals. You can obtain an application from the office of your school's guidance counselor, principal or college advisor, by calling Sue Palinkos at 847-8354, or on the web at <http://www.silverminenews.com/scholarship.html>



A big Thank You to all the families who continue to support the Association's mission and have joined the SCA for the 2003 membership year. We are working hard to make this the best membership year in SCA's recent history, so please give us a hand.

If you haven't paid your 2003 dues, this is the time! Your \$25 yearly membership fee enables us to provide our community with many different events throughout the year. These events, some of which have attained legendary proportions, encourage the sense of belonging, pride and community among the families of Silvermine. I ask that you please join the Association. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to seeing you at the Association's events!

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No football on Monday nights? Don't despair, there is entertainment within your reach! SCA Board Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Please call 849-3347 for directions. The Association's board meetings are open to the public, and food and cheer are never in short supply. Come check us out, we might tell you a secret or two about our Easter Bunny...

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