



SANTA CLAUS ARRIVES ON THE Fire Engine!



DEC. 24th

3:30 pm

**SILVERMINE TAVERN
PARKING LOT**

A Silvermine Tradition Santa Claus Is Coming!

One of the oldest traditions in Silvermine is the arrival of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve at the Silvermine Tavern parking lot. This celebration has become the most popular event on our community calendar. And, having received official word from the North Pole, we are happy to report that once again, Santa will arrive on the SCA Antique Fire Truck. This year's festivities will begin promptly at 3:30 P.M. As usual, there will be lots of hot chocolate for everyone around the roaring bonfire in the Silvermine Tavern parking lot (courtesy of Frank and Marsha Whitman), while season's greetings are exchanged by all who attend.

For those who are new to the community (and for those who need a reminder for this once-a-year event), this is the way things work: 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. **Label** the gift

with **your child's name in large block letters. Tie multiple gifts together.** (Occasionally, Santa has been known to forget his spectacles and he doesn't want any child to worry about being forgotten).



Later that afternoon, at approximately 3:40 P.M., you'll hear the jolly sound of Santa ringing bells from the back of the SCA Antique Fire Truck as he rounds the corner into the Tavern parking lot. For the next hour or so, the air will be filled with the merry sound of children's excited voices as gifts are opened and admired. And yes, Santa sent a message again this year,

saying the elves will be handing out candy canes to all those youngsters waiting to hear their names called!

Don't miss this very special annual tradition. Plan to join the festivities on **Saturday, December 24th at 3:30 P.M. in the Silvermine Tavern parking lot.** Be sure to dress for the weather. In years past, Silvermine has resembled the North Pole!

SilverMiler Road Race

The 13th annual SilverMiler Road Race was held on October 8 for the benefit of the Silvermine Community Association Scholarship Fund. It was raining cats and dogs at 8:30 a.m., but spirits were high and runners came from as far away as Trumbull. Thirty-two children participated in this year's Kids-K Race during a brief dry period. Runners and walkers never had the opportunity to "break a sweat" as rain continued to fall the rest of the morning. Friends and family in a sea of colored umbrellas were outside in the rain cheering on participants as they crossed the finish line. Participants all received certificates and a SilverMiler T-shirt featuring the Silver Swan mascot. A drawing of over 25 prizes followed the event—everyone went home a winner!

Silvermine Holiday Gifts

Looking for that perfect gift for a family member, friend, or neighbor? Think of the Silvermine Swan! You can buy T-shirts, mugs, aprons, clocks, baby clothes—even a journal—all featuring the Silvermine Swan! If you order by December 6, you'll even receive free shipping on orders over \$30. Visit www.silverminenews.com to see the Silvermine Online store. Put the swan under the tree this year!

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SCA Scholarship Awards 2006 Applications Now Being Accepted

The Silvermine Community Association has been awarding scholarships to community residents for 51 years. More than 283 young students have been helped on their way to higher education through this very unique neighborhood program.

In past years, the individual scholarship awards have ranged from \$250 to \$3,000. Each year, based on the number of applicants and their qualifications, the number of scholarship recipients varies. Generally there are between three and six recipients.

Application Requirements

To be eligible for the SCA Scholarship:

1. The applicant must be a recent graduate from high school/technical/post graduate school, or anticipate graduating in the spring of 2006.
2. The applicant must have been accepted (or anticipate receiving acceptance) by an accredited college or post-secondary school/conservatory (art, music, or technical).
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). (If you receive this newsletter, anyone who lives with you and meets the above criteria is eligible to apply for the SCA Scholarship.)

Applications will be available in January at all local high school guidance offices. Applications also can be obtained by calling 972-3486. Completed applications with

supporting documentation must be submitted by no later than **Friday, April 21** to:

The Scholarship Selection Committee
c/o the Silvermine Tavern
194 Perry Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06850

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

The 2006 SCA Scholarship awards presentation ceremony will be held in June in the gardens of the Silvermine Guild. The date will be announced in the spring newsletter.



Community Support

The Silvermine Community Scholarship Awards relies entirely on the support of the Silvermine neighborhood for its funding. Over the past several years, we have made awards which have totaled between \$3,500 and \$8,000. Accordingly, the Silvermine Community Association must raise at least \$3,500 if we want to continue the long running tradition of helping our young neighborhood students.

Please join with those neighbors who have already committed to support this worthy endeavor. Become a member of the SCA, support our functions, and make a donation to the Scholarship Fund. Remember, many small donations result in many well deserved awards! Fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and return it to the Silvermine Tavern.

Help Welcome Newcomers to Silvermine!

The Silvermine Community Association's Outreach Committee needs help welcoming newcomers to our community. If you are willing to host a "Newcomer Coffee Break" and/or take "Welcome to Silvermine" packets to new residents, please contact Sue Cruikshank (834-1251 or suecruik@yahoo.com).



Call to Artists

by Nancy Lloyd

The second annual "Artists in Residence" Art Show will be held at the Silvermine Tavern from Sunday, February 26 (receiving 10 a.m. to 12 noon) through March 11. The show is open to all Silvermine artists in any media. Sponsored by the Silvermine Community Association, the two-week show will coincide with the Association's winter "Meet and Mingle" cocktail party to be held on Friday, March 3 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

An artist's reception, which is open to the public, will be held on Sunday, March 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. and artists are encouraged to invite their out-of-town guests. Teardown will be on Sunday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The show is starting to shape up! Some prominent neighborhood artists have signed on. I am now contacting participants to get photographs of their work to be



used in publicity. If you have not been contacted regarding photographs, please contact me to make sure that you are on my contact list.

This is my last chance to communicate with you through the newsletter before the sign-up cut-off. If you have not yet signed up to participate, **please sign up now!** To be included on the invitation you must sign up by January 1. The sign-up deadline to participate

in the show is February 1. Contact me by phone (972-9030), by e-mail (nmkloyd@yahoo.com), use "SCA Art Show" as the subject, or fill out the entry form below and send it to:

**Nancy Lloyd
275 Mill Road
New Canaan, CT 06840**

SCA "Artists in Residence" Art Show



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Medium: _____

Neighborhood Open House at Silver Hill

Last year's neighborhood open house at Silver Hill was a wonderful experience! This year, Silver Hill is again having an open house for neighbors on Sunday, December 11. This is a great way to see our neighbors at Silver Hill, find out a little about them, and get together with other neighbors in the holiday season. There are many activities specifically for kids. This is a free event, with no solicitations or donations expected. It's just part of Silver Hill's "good neighbor" effort—and a lot of fun!



Volunteering for the Silvermine Community Association

Mail to: The Silvermine Community Association
c/o The Silvermine Tavern, 194 Perry Ave., Norwalk, CT 06850

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

- Help with:
- | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Web site or e-mail lists | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulb Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Drive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake Breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash Walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Silvermiler Road Race |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautifying area through planting/maintaining common areas | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Procuring funding for new signs to mark Silvermine gateways | | | |

- Help organize: Children's events Periodic cultural events Social events

- Work on: Civics activities such as fighting expansion of roads/bridges, corporate construction, etc.
 Environmental issues

- Contribute: Goods or service to Association (List contribution.) _____
 Xeroxing or duplication Typing, using Word or Excel Display own art in Art Show

- Serve on Board Work with Scholarship Committee Welcome newcomers to Silvermine

- Preserve Silvermine's history thru special events, printed materials, & creation of historic zone

- Share a skill or area of expertise with others (Please describe.) _____

- Other contributions: _____

*Crafts * Santa * Tree Trimming * Goodies * Window Decorating*



Join us for

an old-fashioned neighborhood open house

Silver Hill Hospital, East Campus

Sunday, December 11th

at the John G. Martin Center

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy the holiday season with your neighbors

Holiday activities especially for children

*Santa * Tree Trimming * Goodies * Window Decorating * and much more **

Please RSVP to Rose Mettlen, Community Outreach at 203-801-2509

A New Membership Year It's Time to Pay Your 2006 SCA Dues!

October was the official kick-off for the 2006 Membership Drive, since our membership year runs from January 1 through December. This year's ambitious goal is to increase our numbers to 450 members.

Paying SCA's nominal dues of \$25.00 is the best bargain in town, since 2006 membership incentives offer you the following:

- A "buy 1, get 1 free entrée" coupon for use at the Silvermine Tavern (donated by Frank Whitman)
- Entry into a raffle for 100 or 150 gallons of FREE heating oil, compliments of Joe & Roy Rumore (the amount is dependent on the number of members and the winner is drawn at our spring Pancake Breakfast)
- Two 2006 Silvermine decals
- Eligibility for annual scholarships given to outstanding Silvermine students attending institutions of higher learning
- Future issues of this newsletter

The Silvermine Association is extremely active. Some of the exciting 2005 SCA events included:

- Our annual spring **Pancake Breakfast**
- A **Scholarship Fund** that awarded two young Silvermine college-bound students \$2,000 each for their exceptional achievements
- A "standing room only" **informational meeting** on the Perry Avenue bridge issue that included Norwalk's mayor, head of DPW, and many area politicians
- 10 monthly **Silvermine History Dinners** that highlighted the history of important people, places, and events in Silvermine
- The first annual **Artists in Residence Art Show**, an incredibly successful one-week art show that included works of 24 Silvermine artists

- The arrival of **Santa Claus on Christmas Eve** in the antique fire engine
- Spring and Fall **Trash Walks** to help keep Silvermine clean
- Our 13th annual **SilverMiler Road Race** for area runners (and walkers)
- A **Bulb Sale** that featured 8 spring-blooming, deer-resistant bulbs
- Two **Meet and Mingle** evenings, when you could see old friends and meet new neighbors



Your monetary support is critical! It allows us to continue to offer events that meet our community's varied interests and needs. Most of the preceding events are again planned for next year, but we welcome your new ideas! Please e-mail or call Jeff Turner, Membership Chairman, at jeffturner@coldwellbanker.com or 762-7337 with additional suggestions.

Although we make every effort to keep our mailing list updated, it's always possible to miss someone. If you know of anyone in Silvermine who is *not* receiving this newsletter or who does not know about the Silvermine Community Association, please let us know!

Silvermine—comprised of sections of Norwalk, New Canaan, and Wilton—is a beautiful area with great history and a rare sense of community.

We look forward to making 2006 the very best year this community has ever had!

Are You a Member?

To find out if you are a member, check your mailing label.



Mailing label displays the year through which you have paid dues.

Up to 150 Gallons of Home Heating Oil—FREE!

The Reliable Oil and Heat Co, Inc. & Steve's Fuel Oil, Inc will be providing oil to a paid SCA member randomly drawn at the Pancake Breakfast. If the total 2006 membership is 350 or more than 150 gallons will be awarded! Otherwise, 100 gallons will be awarded. Join now!



2006 Executive Board

Co-Presidents: Sue Cruikshank, Pat Duncan,
David McMahon

Vice President: Jeff Turner

Secretaries: Ed McNamara, Dave Muessel

Treasurers: Sue Palinkos, Mark Ryan

Monthly Board Meetings

Monthly Board Meetings are held at 7:30 P.M. on the first Wednesday of the month at the Silvermine Tavern. They are open to all and—thanks to Frank Whitman, proprietor of the Silvermine Tavern—coffee and cookies are often provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/7** Open Monthly Board Meeting, 7:30
- 12/24** Santa in Silvermine, 3:30
- 1/4** Open Monthly Board Meeting, 7:30
- 1/25** Silvermine History Dinner, 6:30
- 2/1** Open Monthly Board Meeting, 7:30
- 2/22** Silvermine History Dinner, 6:30
- 2/26** Artists in Residence Art Show Opens, 12:00
- 3/1** Open Monthly Board Meeting, 7:30
- 3/3** Meet and Mingle Cocktail Party, 6:30
- 3/5** Artists in Residence Artists' Reception, 5:00
- 3/11** Artists in Residence Art Show Closes
- 3/15** Silvermine History Dinner, 6:30

2006 Members (as of 11/17/05)

Norwalk

Granville and Martha Ackermann
Leslie and Phyllis Asher
Nathan and Camille Bailey
Albert and Ann Marie Bassett Jr.
Myriam Bossuyt
Jeannette Buffa
Anne Carbone
Scott and Wendy Carter
Cibas Family
Michel and Judy Cornier
Alberto and Adriana Cota
James and Clare Cox
Dr. Joseph and Peggy Cramer
Gerard and Patricia Cranston
Frank and Lee DeMilo
Ralph DePanfilis
Jerome and Betty Eisenberg
Tony Doumlele and Leigh Grant
Daniel and Vivian Grundman
Mark and Susan Hastings
Bill Papier-Meister & Karin Hillmer
Trip and Julie Hunter
Kurt and Jean Jacob
David and Yolanda Kappel
John and Pam Kearns
Robert and Henrietta Lachman
Phillip and Rosemarie Lanard
Fred and Mary Lavins
Linda Lee-Jacobson
Lee and Mona Levey

Norma Lewis
John and Ellen McNamara
Dennis and Nancy Meany
Richard and Barbara Mintz
Jean Mitchell
Patrick and Patricia Morris, Jr.
Nicholas and Emma Nardi
Eric and Donna Nelson
Jonathan Orndorff
Virginia Perry
Neil and Ilana Plain
Paul and Beth Raaen
Ray Schmidt and Connie Raffa
Jerry Gleason and Pam Ross
Jeanatte Mirizio and Joy Sabato
Tracy Schvenadel
Hans and Karen Schwartz
Norman and Carol Siegel
Craig and Nan Sinclair
John and Barbara Thompson
Mary Toppo
Jane Trehubenko Jr.
Rick and Lily Viera
Millerdeen Braggiotti and Webster
Family
Peggy White
Trudy Yff

Wilton

Elizabeth Baker
Jaff and Andrea Bates
William and Mary Bendix

Francis and Irene Corsaro
Bruce and Susan Cruikshank
Timothy and Tara Cummins
Wanda Hamilton-Schmitt
Chauncey and Patricia Johnstone
Alex and Susan Leschinski
J. David and Kerry McMahon
Tim and Jodi Meyer
Ed and Nita Nordgaard Jr.
John and Anne Oliver
Richard and Norma Perkins
Paul and Judith Rodriguez
Bill and Danielle Tripp
James and Cynthia Ward
Tom and Karen Watson
Douglas and Holly Wells
Daniel and Elizabeth Wilson
William and Janice Zoeller

New Canaan

Michael and Linda Avgerinos
Ken and Cathy Doyle
Laura Einstein
Harold and Mare Herzog
Leo and Katherine Karl Jr.
Charles and Karen Lauckhardt
Brian and Joan Reilly
Jeff and Liz Schmidt
Gary and Frances Stevens
Bret and Pat Wilson
Diane Wodey



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Silvermine Community Association Membership

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Send this form and your membership dues to:

The Silvermine Community Association
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Norwalk, CT 06850



2006 Membership Dues per family \$ 25.00
Scholarship Fund \$ _____
Antique Fire Truck Fund \$ _____
General Contribution \$ _____
Total enclosed \$ _____

Family Name: _____
Address: _____
Town: _____
Telephone: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

- Yes, I'd like to receive the Newsletter via e-mail.
- No, I'd rather receive the Newsletter via regular mail.

This information is not shared with any other organization.

- Please contact me, I'd like to join the Board.

Please contact me, I'd like to work with this committee:

- Membership Drive Fundraisers
- Newsletter Social Events
- Pancake Breakfast Beautification Program
- Website History of Silvermine
- Road Race Publicity
- Please contact me, I'd like to discuss _____

For membership matters, contact **Pat Duncan**, PDuncan190@aol.com
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Sue Cruikshank, suecruik@yahoo.com (834-1251).