

FLEISCHMANN'S Flyer

Fleischmanns First Flyer 10th Anniversary

Highlights of the Fleischmanns First January Meeting

Due to Covid restrictions, Fleischmanns First meetings are currently being held every other month via Zoom.

- Financial Report by Treasurer Alan Sidrane- Financial status is good. Expenses are low as FF events have been cancelled. Membership dues have been steady; the use of PayPal has been successful. If you have not sent in your FY 2021 donation, please do so by sending a check to Fleischmanns First, PO Box 111, Fleischmanns, NY 12430 or you can use PayPal, using the following link (please be sure to use the Friends and Family option so that no fee is accessed): paypal.me/FleischmannsFirst
- President Jon Frank announced that FF has begun the process of incorporating as a not-for-profit corporation in New York State, after which we will apply for tax exempt status with the IRS. FF has retained a lawyer to assist in this effort.

Next meeting of Fleischmanns First is Sat., March 6th



Village Election Day March 16th



February 2nd marks the first day that petitions for Mayoral/Trustee candidacy can be filed at the Village office. There are three seats up for election/reelection; Mayor and 2 trustees. Anyone who is a village resident and registered voter in the village may run by filing a petition with signatures equal to 10% of the registered voters in the village. The final date for filing a petition for candidacy is Tuesday, February 9th. See Village clerk for applications and more information.

Elections for Mayor and two board seats will take place on Tuesday, March 17th at Skene Memorial Library from noon until 9pm.

How Floodplain Mitigation is Working in the Village

In the early morning hours of December 25th over 7" of rain per hour pounded our environment. The heavy downpour and the Northeaster winds resulted in an avalanche at Belleayre but our Village saw very little flooding. In past years this type of fast and furious storm would have resulted in flooding of our low lying streets and areas, also known as floodplain. Following the severe flooding of Hurricane Irene in fall 2011, the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District and Delaware County Department of Public Works combined forces to provide floodplain mitigation. The goal was to remove years of debris build up and "re-connect" the stream to its floodplain thereby reducing the risk of flooding to the surrounding environment, infrastructure and property.



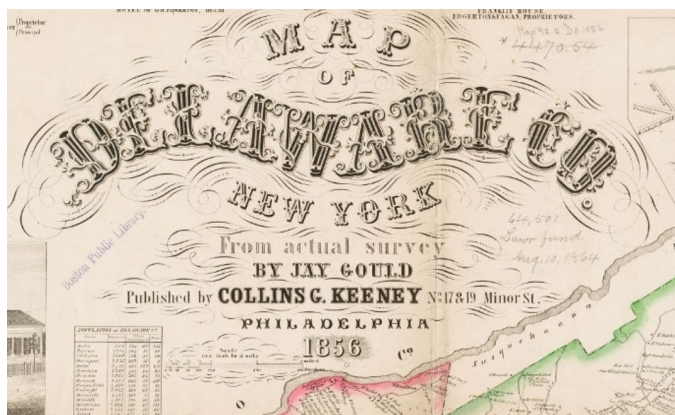
Vly Creek underwent floodplain restoration in summer of 2018. In the fall of 2019, volunteers from the Village and our local Boy Scouts helped to plant trees in the floodplain, as an effort to stabilize the floodplain. All of this work was to reduce severe flooding such as we saw in fall 2011 when we were hit by Hurricane Irene.

Flash forward to December 25th. It is clear that the planning, expense and effort of Delaware County departments has paid off. There was some minor flooding of the playground and the Fleischmanns Park but the pictures here show how the floodplain gave the surging river a place to go without causing damage to the Village infrastructure or properties. The photos of the Vly Creek floodplain, the park and Upper Wagner Avenue were taken by Deputy Mayor Larry Reilly. Larry stated that when the Bridge Street bridge and its buttresses are redone, flooding control will be even better.



So what is happening with the bridge? Discussions with the Commissioner of Delaware Public Works reveal that meetings are underway regarding final stages of bridge planning. Property negotiations for easements and purchases have been completed and we are hopeful that work will begin shortly; it is anticipated that the bridge will be completed in fall 2021.

MUSEUM OF MEMORIES COLLECTION



For 2021, this column will feature a look at efforts to map Fleischmanns and the surrounding region over the last 165 years. Many of the things we take for granted today--GPS, Mapquest, etc., are of course recent developments.

In the mid-1850's, Roxbury native Jay Gould, then a surveyor and long before his career as the most feared tycoon on Wall Street, spent months WALKING all through Delaware County to gain the data he needed. The map he published in 1856 is a classic--a copy is in the Library of Congress. This detail of the Griffins Corners area identifies many land-owners. You, today's reader, will realize that folks with quite a few of these names still reside in the area today. The large format of the map, almost five feet by five feet, allows for great detail.



Skene Memorial Library New Acquisitions



Fiction:

- 📖 Daylight by David Baldacci
- 📖 Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict
- 📖 The Sentinel by Lee Child
- 📖 The Law of Innocence by Michael Connelly
- 📖 Magic Lessons by Alice Hoffman
- 📖 Moonflower Murders by Anthony Horowitz
- 📖 The Margot Affair by Sanae Lemoine
- 📖 The Kingdom by Jo Nesbo
- 📖 The Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult
- 📖 Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart
- 📖 The Cold Millions by Jess Walter

Nonfiction:

- 📖 Vesper Flights by Helen Macdonald
- 📖 A Promised Land by Barack Obama
- 📖 Joe Biden: The Life, the Run, and What Matters Now by Evan Osnos
- 📖 The Dead Are Rising: The Life of Malcolm X by Les Payne & Tamara Payne
- 📖 Saving Freedom by Joe Scarborough
- 📖 Levon: From Down in the Delta to the Birth of the Band and Beyond by Sandra B. Tooze

Young Adult:

- 📖 Midnight Sun by Stephanie Meyer



Skene Memorial Library is one of Fleischmanns Village treasures. It has a terrific collection of newly published titles as well as a superb collection of classics. The library offers children's books as well as the adult selections, access to wifi and a collection of videos. We urge you to read the fundraising letter on the next page and respond with a donation. Thank you.



Skene Memorial Library

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Serving the Fleischmanns, Halcott, Red Kill and Griffin Corners communities since 1904

Dear Friends and Patrons of Skene Library

We hope that this message finds you and yours in good health as we all try to navigate this pandemic. We have tried here at Skene to maintain the library services that you have come to expect and to do so in a safe and responsible manner.

In addition to the challenges of Covid, the library has also been mandated by the State of New York to become fully automated. It means that every item in our collection—every book and audiobook, every DVD, every "artifact"—must be affixed with a barcode and entered into the Four County Library System web-based catalog. It means that you will be able to access that catalog from any internet-capable device at any time. You will be able to see what items are available, put a hold on an item and manage your own Skene account. You'll get an email when the item has arrived at Skene.

But we need your help. Our volunteers are making good progress and have already bar-coded about 75% of Skene's collection. The automation process comes with costs. Barcode labels and new patron cards will cost around \$600 and our yearly automation fee will rise to at least \$3500. Can you help us with a donation?

Small-town rural libraries like ours are a local treasure. Automation will let Skene serve a 21st century readership without leaving home. Any and every donation to the library speaks volumes about public support, and that in turn, helps keep Skene vital. We thank you in advance for your support, and request also that you please provide your current information on the form below.

With best wishes for a peaceful and healthy new year.

The Trustees of Skene Memorial Library

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FEBRUARY - MARCH CALENDAR

Fleischmanns' Events ~ Save the Date!

Feb. 8th Monday, Village Board Meeting, 6:00pm, Skene Library

Feb. 15th Monday, Village office closed-Presidents Day

March 6th Saturday, Fleischmanns First Monthly Meeting at 9:30 am

March 8th Monday, Village Board Meeting, 6:00pm, Skene Library

March 16th Thursday, Village Board of Trustees Elections, Skene, 12-9pm

The Village Planning Board meets as needed, (1st Monday), of each month at 5:30pm, Skene Memorial Library.

Check with the Village Clerk regarding meeting status & agenda.

Zoning Board Meeting, meets as needed, (3rd Thursday) at 5:30 pm at the Skene Memorial Library
Check with the Village Clerk regarding meeting status & agenda.

For Village Info, please contact the Village Clerk, Stacie Skelley, at 845.254.5514

To have your activity posted here, please contact the Fleischmann's Flyer.

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