

FLEISCHMANN'S

Flyer

Fleischmanns First Flyer 10th Anniversary

Highlights Village of Fleischmanns Special Meeting June 24, 2020

The meeting was held by conference call and convened at 12:35.

- New appointments:
 - Jennifer Barrow will serve out the remainder of John Granito's term, extended as Village elections have been postponed.
 - Mr. Granito to fill an open seat of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
 - Yvon Luxana to fill the unexpired seat of Skene Memorial Library Board member Suzanna Margolis.
- Pool update- construction delayed due to Covid-19. The Village board approved the cost of the pool coating and a pool cover. Pool will not be open for summer 2020.
- Road projects
 - Lake Street: Paving delayed due to NYC/CWC storm-water funding delay.
 - Wagner Ave oil and stoning: TBD 2020 Town of Middletown schedule.
 - Ellsworth Avenue grading: TBD 2020 Town of Middletown schedule.
 - Breezy Hill: Reflectors to be installed. Guardrails/paving not scheduled due to lack of funding.
- Clean energy initiatives:
 - Dan Halpren exploring a two-vehicle charging station.
- M-ark Project Kiosk:
 - Ben Fenton noted that the village has received a one-year grant extension to June 2021. Response to RFP's expected July 9, 2020.

Skene Memorial Library Re-Opens

As of June 25th our Village library is open again. New rules Covid-19 safety rules apply as follows:

- 📖 Only 6 Patrons Allowed In The Library At One Time
- 📖 All Patrons Must Wear Masks
- 📖 All Patrons Must Follow Social Distancing Rules In The Library And On The Porch
- 📖 Wifi Available Only On The Porch, Not Inside The Library
- 📖 Public Computers Are Not Available For Use

Library summer hours are:

Tuesday: 1am-2pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 1pm-5pm
Saturday: 10am-2pm
Closed Sunday and Monday

<http://www.skenelib.org/>

For More Info Call Linda 845-254-4581

Flower Barrels Blooming, Community Garden thriving



Thank you to Rob Alverson for organizing this year's Flower Barrel Campaign and Pam Grocholl for her past service and consultation this year. A dozen or so Fleischmanns First members and neighbors made fast work of the planting of flowers in the barrels that adorn Main Street and the entrance to Fleischmanns Park. A volunteer to water the flower barrels is need. Please contact Rob Alverson if you are able to help out.

Steve Greenstein has stepped forward as the point person for the Community Garden. All but one plot have been spoken for and vegetables and herbs are growing well. Those of you who have not paid up the annual fee for the use of plot, please do so. If you are interested in joining the Community Garden please contact Steve Greenstein.



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MUSEUM OF MEMORIES COLLECTION

It Happened in Fleischmanns



For the 2020 Fleischmanns Flyer, the Greater Fleischmanns Museum of Memories will highlight events that happened here over the past 11 decades. This month--the 60's & 70's.

Real Estate has always been a hot topic here in our mountains. The January 13, 1961 Catskill Mountain News reported (on the front page) that the Bishop House in Fleischmanns had been sold. The new owners now in 2020 would be amused to learn that the selling price back then was a whopping \$16,000.

The New York Times ran an article on July 27, 1976 on the rash of fires in the Catskills; Fleischmanns had had a number of suspicious blazes, and was the dateline for the story.

Long-time Fleischmanns residents Sol and Elizabeth Darling celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 1978.



In the late 60's and early 70's, Fleischmanns gained some popularity as a counter-culture refuge. Many passed through, but some put down roots here, and remain here still.

The last graduating class from Fleischmanns was 1968. The school was used for elementary-only for a few more years, but New York State was pushing for larger consolidated district schools, even though that required busing.

The last New York Central train (freight only for the final 22 years) left Fleischmanns October 6, 1976. It was the end of over 100 years of railroading here. (The photo is courtesy of John Ham.)

Sold Bishop House

Fleischmanns, Jan. 10. — Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stitham have sold their home, Bishop house, to Mrs. Helena Konitzer of Seaford, L. I. The Bishop house is a well known tourist home. Mr. and Mrs. Stitham and four children were well-liked in Fleischmanns. We are sorry to see them leave. They are residing in Newburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Konitzer will use this home as their retirement home, with income. We welcome our new neighbors. The purchase price of \$16,000 was paid in cash. Hans Martens of Fleischmanns was the broker.

Village Stores and Restaurants Re-open

Delaware County has entered Phase 3 of the re-opening along with the rest of the Southern Tier.

All retail stores are open, restaurants are now able to serve customers both outdoors and indoors, at a reduced capacity with 6 foot distancing between tables.

- Bebert's Café is open Thursday - Sunday 11am-4pm for outdoor dining and take out.
- Goatie White's is open Wednesday - Friday, 4-9pm and Saturday and Sunday, 12-9pm for indoor and outdoor dining.
- La Cabana is open Friday-Tuesday, 4-10pm for indoor dining and take out
- At all three restaurants masks are required until seated.
- Fleischmanns Supermarket, Monday-Saturday, 7:30am-8pm, Sunday, 8am-7pm
- Sam's Country Store, 5:30am-8pm, and Sunday, 6am-6pm for take-out and groceries
- Two Stones Farm. Is open Friday-Sunday, 1-4:30pm
- Tinderbox Stoves and Fireplaces, Tuesday-Saturday, 9-4pm

At retail stores masks are still recommended and staff at both stores and restaurants are required to wear masks.

Wearing a mask is protection for you and those around you. It is important that we keep the Covid infection rate down. As of the writing of this piece, infection rate in NY State is under 2 percent. Wearing masks and being socially distant has achieved this result. Let's do everything we can to keep it that way.



Time to Renew Fleischmanns First Membership

Our offer to send a reprint of the beautiful watercolor of the Gazebo still stands.

We have sent out three to date to those who donated \$25 or more. If you are one of the many who renewed after receiving the Fleischmanns Flyer in May, thank you for your support and generosity.

Please keep in mind that the Memorial Day Street Fair, cancelled this year, is when many of you give in your donations. We are very much behind on membership renewals and urge you to respond quickly.

Send your membership and/or renewal dues to Fleischmanns First, PO Box 111, Fleischmanns, NY 12430.

FLEISCHMANN'S MOUNTAIN ATHLETIC CLUB GROUNDS RECOMMENDED TO STATE & NATIONAL REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES

WATERFORD, NY - Last week, the New York State Board for Historic Preservation recommended 28 sites for listing on the State and National Registers for Historic Places. Among them was the Mountain Athletic Club Grounds at Fleischmanns Park, where millionaire brothers Julius and Max Fleischmann built a state-of-the-art baseball park in 1895 and played alongside many future and former major league baseball players. The grounds were donated to the community in 1914 to be used as a park in perpetuity at which time the Village, formerly called Griffin Corners, was changed to Fleischmanns.

The M.A.C. Grounds joins three other sites in the Village of Fleischmanns that are listed on the historic register (Skene Memorial Library, Congregation B'Nai Israel Synagogue and Maxbitt Theater). However, it is the first listing to honor the community's connection to the Fleischmann family – founders of the Fleischmann's Yeast Company in Cincinnati, OH.

"We're over the moon about it!" stated Collin Miller, current organizer of the vintage baseball team fashioned after the original M.A.C. Since the Club was revived in 2007, the M.A.C. has played their home games on the historic ballfield in Fleischmanns. Miller started learning more about the origins of the Club and the famous men who played here with the help of many baseball historians and the historic preservation office over the last several months. "The more (information) we uncovered, the more I believed that our field warranted the special recognition," Miller added. "With our 125th anniversary this year, the timing was just right."

In a letter of support for the listing, the Town of Middletown Historian, Diane Galusha offered her appraisal of the site, "The grandstand may be gone and cars have replaced the horse drawn buggies, but today's vintage baseball that attracts scores of fans to Fleischmanns Park can be traced directly to the Fleischmann family that brought America's game to this classic Catskill Mountain Village in 1895."

Miller says the next phase of the process includes a forwarding of the nomination to the National Park Service where it will receive a final vote sometime later this year. For more information on the Mountain Athletic Club visit, www.macvintagebaseball.org.

Link to official NYS press release: <https://parks.ny.gov/newsroom/press-releases/release.aspx?r=1585>

Link to draft nomination and photos: <https://parks.ny.gov/shpo/national-register/documents/nominations/MountainAthleticClubGroundsFleishmannsDelawareCounty.pdf>



MOUNTAIN ATHLETIC CLUB VINTAGE BASE BALL FLEISCHMANN'S, NY 125TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

2020 SCHEDULE Revised 6/23

Sunday, July 12	Mountain Tourists v Bovina Dairymen - Crawford Field, Hamden, NY 195 th Anniversary of "Edward B. Chace Bass Ball" Challenge: July 12, 1825
Sunday, July 26	Bovina Dairymen @ M.A.C. - Fleischmanns, NY
Saturday, Aug 1	@ Bovina Dairymen - Calico Flats, Bovina Center, NY
Saturday, Aug 22	Gloversville A.J.&Gs @ Mountain A.C. Fleischmanns Museum of Memories Benefit
Saturday, Aug 29	@ Westfield Wheelmen - Westfield, MA
Saturday, Sept 19	Westfield Wheelmen @ M.A.C. "Doc" Adams for the Hall of Fame Campaign Awareness
Saturday, Sept 20	★★★ Third Annual John P. Martin Memorial All-Star Series ★★★ Muzzy Field, Bristol, CT (1864/1865)
Saturday, October 3	M.A.C. v Brooklyn Atlantics - Cowtown Scramble, Bovina Center, NY
Saturday, October 10	M.A.C. v Bovina Dairymen (1864) Taste of the Catskills Festival, Delhi, NY (will move to Fleischmanns in event of festival cancellation)

NOTE: Home games shown in bold and begin at 12pm...No concessions will be offered, and public restrooms may be closed. Games are played by 1895 rules unless otherwise noted.
Actual date/time subject to change. Admission is always free and donations are always appreciated.
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WWW.MACVINTAGEBASEBALL.ORG



JULY / AUGUST CALENDAR

Fleischmanns' Events ~ Save the Date!

July 4th Happy Independence Day!

July 11th **Saturday, Fleischmanns First Monthly Meeting** at Goatie Whites (picnic tables), 9:30 am

Aug. 1st **Saturday, Fleischmanns First Monthly Meeting**, location TBD, 9:30 am

The Village Planning Board meets as needed, (1st Monday), of each month at 5:00 pm, 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.



If you have something you'd like to submit to be included in the Fleischmanns Flyer please write to:

fleischmannsfirst@gmail.com or
PO Box 111, Fleischmanns, NY 12430

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