

FLEISCHMANN'S Flyer

Fleischmanns First Flyer 10th Anniversary

Highlights of the March 2020 Fleischmanns First Meeting

The meeting was called to order By President Jon Frank at 9:40am

- Memorial Day Street Fair, Sunday May 24th, Update was presented by Yvonne Reuter. Plans are in process. As the Street performer, new last year, was so successful, more performers will be added. Egal is organizing parking and signage. He needs a volunteer to help with ordering the signs. Larry has requested permits for parking at the old VW property. Volunteers are also needed on the day of the event. The decorating committee needs volunteers to help with the flower barrels and the flags. Flower barrels will be planted the weekend before Memorial Day. Sponsorship was discussed and Gloria Malloy agreed to help contact potential sponsors in exchange for advertising before and during the event. Marketing will begin May 1st. A Silent Auction will be organized by Marilyn Ringel and Deb Avery. A request for volunteers will be sent via email with a list of jobs and responsibilities. Please sign up with Yvonne. All are welcome to participate even for an hour or two.
- Pool Amenities Project: Jon relayed from Michelle Sidrane that she has contacted several contractors and expects bids on the project from two contractors. Per Winifred, the pool is about 50% complete, the delays being weather related. The village still expects the pool to be completed for this summer season.
- The Community Garden: Cookie will be leaving the area so a new garden manager is needed to check on the plots, and the surrounding areas. Cookie will approach current plot owners to find a volunteer.
- Gazebo Clean-up: Rob Alverson proposed April 18th as the date to do Spring Pruning in the garden. He will contact Mel Bellar regarding his availability and will confirm the date at the next meeting. The gazebo needs some repairs and painting. Volunteers are needed. More information will follow.

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Protect yourself from COVID-19 and stop the spread of germs.

Simple steps help stop the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses:



Wash your hands often with soap and water for **at least 20 seconds**, especially before eating.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Stay home when you are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Stay up to date by visiting
www.ny.gov/coronavirus



A Message from the Mayor....

Dear Neighbors,

We are experiencing a serious health emergency. Please stay calm. Follow common sense rules, wash hands, refrain from close contact & shaking hands, and overcrowded venues. If you have an elderly neighbor get their phone # and check on them. We get through times like this by working together.

The Village Office will remain open, but closed to the public. Please call for more info. 845-254-5514

Fred Woller
Mayor

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MUSEUM OF MEMORIES COLLECTION

It Happened in Fleischmanns--1910's

For the 2020 Fleischmanns Flyer, the Greater Fleischmanns Museum of Memories will highlight events that happened here over the past 11 decades, starting with the year the Village was incorporated.



Even after the Fleischmann family had gone, baseball continued to be a popular pastime here. The high school fielded a team; accounts of the games featuring prominently in the Catskill Mountain News.

Various hotels also fielded teams, as reported in the Catskill Mountain News in July 1937.

At a different level, the ballfield here was so well-known that teams would come from far away to play on it. In August 1934, The Kingston All-Stars came here to play the Zulu Cannibal Giants. (Reawakening for some, memories of the famous MAC game in 1903 against the Cuban Giants.)

In the mid-30's, Camp Tarigo, sleep away camp, opened its doors for youngsters -- both boys and girls. It remained a Fleischmanns fixture for almost 40 years.

The Kingston All-Stars will play the Zulu Cannibal Giants on Saturday at the Fleischmanns baseball park.

Hotels vied with each other to provide lavish entertainment--orchestras were the norm. See the 1937 ad for a multi-orchestra event.

Gala Show

Tendered for the
Bell Hops
of Fleischmanns

**10 Orchestras 10
Silk Leg and Dance
CONTEST**

PRIZES TO BE GIVEN
Murray and Allan, Well
Diamond & Well, Charles
Mann, Al Lynn, Nyaray,
Sziget and Peter, Sid Lon-
don-Larry Rich, Joey
Abrams, Harry Cooper,
Lloyd and Ardell, Thaller

Guests stars to appear.
Dancing from 9 p. m.
to daylight.

Wednesday
AUGUST 22
ST. REGIS HOTEL

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- The Snow Flakes Decorations: Three of the damaged snowflakes are being replaced. Rob ordered replacements with consent of the Leadership Committee. He suggested raising the position of the Snowflakes so to avoid damage by passing box trucks. He will confer with the village. The current winter decorations will be taken down in the next few weeks.
- Clean up of the Theater. There was much enthusiasm for the idea of cleaning out the theater debris and making it more "presentable." Mayor Fred Woller and Doug Green will set some dates when the weather gets a bit warmer. The village will get the dumpster and volunteers will be notified.
- The engineering report indicated it would take half a million dollars to bring it up to code. There is no asbestos. A new roof is the first step.

The meeting ended at 11:00am

Next Meeting is April 4th at 9:30am at La Cabana

Fleischmanns
Weekend **MEMORIAL DAY** Celebration

BE A VENDOR AT THE ...
FIRST GREAT STREET FAIR OF THE SEASON!

Sunday May 24 • 10 AM - 4 PM • Bigger than Ever

FLEISCHMANN'S MAIN ST FESTIVAL
Music • Crafts • Antiques • Tag Sales
Books • Plants • BBQ & Specialty Food
Street Performers!

Spaces only \$45 ONLY \$20 for non-profits
Call 201-447-4632 or e-mail
evyg3399@verizon.net to reserve space

PUT YOUR MERCHANDISE AT THE HEART OF THE ACTION!

Skene Memorial Library New Acquisitions

- Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende
- A Minute to Midnight by David Baldacci
- The Third Daughter by Talia Carner
- American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins
- A View Across the Rooftops by Suzanne Kelman
- Agent Running in the Field by John Le Carre
- Once Night Falls by Roland Merullo
- The Secrets We Kept by Lara Prescott
- The Train to Crystal City by Jan Jarboe Russell
- Abigail by Magda Szabo

MOUNTAIN ATHLETIC CLUB: A HISTORY REVISITED 125 YEARS LATER

Collin Miller, M.A.C. player/manager

On July 26, 1899, the Delaware Gazette reported the following in a column called "Millionaire Fans": "Baseball was a go. Church deacons, farmers, country sports and summer sports all became wild over it. So, Charles Fleischmann looked about and finally found a four-acre tract that did not have more than a dozen hills and valleys on it and purchased it for his sons (Julius, 24 and Max, 18). Many thousands of dollars were spent in leveling this ground and blasting out the boulders so that in the summer of 1899 the team had a real ball ground to play upon." The Fleischmann brothers had been playing ball before then reports the New York Sun August 20, 1899. "At first, games were played on the mountainside, where a halfway good hit in the right direction would yield a home run." But within a few years, the Mountain Athletic Club would develop into a formidable ball club with a state of the art playing grounds complete with a horse track and band stand. It was as grand as the hotels of the day.



SOURCE: *Riverside Daily Press, Saturday Evening*. Riverside, California. 24 June 1899.

With the aid of John Thorn, the Official Historian of MLB - who expressed his sentiment for Fleischmanns in his 2004 award-winning essay, [Mangled Forms](#) - we know that at least eleven members of the M.A.C. played in the Major Leagues. They are: Nick Altrock, Andy Coakley, Tom Colcolough, "Peekskill" Pete Cregan, Red Dooiin, Miller Huggins (HOF '64), Bug Holliday, Black Jack Keenan, Barney McFadden, Whitey Rohe, and G. Harris "Doc" White along with several prominent minor leaguers. One of the greatest players ever, Honus Wagner (HOF '36) is rumored to have played with the M.A.C., perhaps while on an off-season hunting trip with the Fleischmanns. However, Wagner's existence in the M.A.C. story continues to be more legend than fact.

The M.A.C. of 1900 was stacked with future major league stars like Nick Altrock (not pictured), Red Dooiin, Miller Huggins and Doc White. Source: *Seattle Daily Times, Friday Evening*. 17 August 1900.

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CRACK PRIVATE BASEBALL TEAM, MAINTAINED SOLELY FOR THE DIVERSION OF HIMSELF AND HIS FRIENDS BY MILLIONAIRE MAYOR JULIUS FLEISCHMANN, OF CINCINNATI.
Fortunate indeed are the members of the Mountain Athletic Club, consulting the private baseball team of Mayor Julius Fleischmann of Cincinnati. They wear a gaudy uniform of blue, with the club name in red letters across their breasts, and travel only in Pullman cars.

The M.A.C. revival will kick off the 125th anniversary season on Saturday, May 23rd and is confident that a listing in the State & National Registry of Historic Places will be achieved later this summer. See this edition of the Flyer for a complete schedule and visit www.macvintagebaseball.org for updates.

Heard at the Village Board Meeting ~ March 9, 2020

1. Village Grant Funding:

- Peg Ellsworth (Mark Project) announced that funding for the Riverwalk, applied for in 2019, had been denied. However, The Mark Project is submitting a new application for funding to hire consultants to develop a Local Watershed Revitalization Plan that would include, but not be limited to, a Riverwalk.
- She stated that state grant money could not be used to repair the roof of the Maxbilt Theater, but grant money from the O'Conner Foundation could.
- There is still available funds for Middletown home renovation for those that qualify. Interested parties can contact the Mark Project.

2. East entrance kiosk project (Ben Fenton): budget is around \$14k. It will be a four-panel structure, two of the panels will have photos, one a map, and one an aerial photo

3. Financial Report (Treasurer Winifred Zubin):

- WZ made a motion for approval of the purchase of new Flow Meters for the Waste Water Treatment Plant for \$10,669.96. Motion approved.
- WZ made a motion for approval of the purchase of upgrades to the Pump House for \$16,755. Motion approved.
- WZ presented the FY 2020-2021 proposed budget. A date for a public hearing on the proposed budget of March 23, 2020 at 6p.m. was approved.

4. Garbage: Dan Halpern proposed a "garbage workshop" to discuss the on-going problems with garbage in the Village, particularly in the summer. Idea would be to develop proposed rules and regulations and enforcement regulations more effective than what is currently in place. The board was very sympathetic to the intent, but felt that the board should have more information in hand regarding steps that other villages have taken before convening such a workshop. The motion to schedule the workshop was tabled; Dan promised to compile information for the Board on other villages' approaches.

5. Public Comments: Gloria Zola-Mulloy also addressed the garbage problem, asking why the Village could not install additional small garbage cans along Main Street. There was debate about how much help those cans would be.

6. Bridge Street Pedestrian Bridge: Delaware County Department of Public Works has advised the Village that the pedestrian bridge on Bridge Street will not be completed this season because of the county's inability to negotiate easement agreements with several property owners.

APRIL CALENDAR

Fleischmanns' Events ~ Save the Date!

April 4th **Saturday, Fleischmanns First Monthly Meeting** at La Cabana, 9:30 am
Come & meet your neighbors and support your village

April 13th **Monday, Village Board Meeting** at Skene Memorial Library, 6:00 pm

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.

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