

FLEISCHMANN'S Flyer

Fleischmanns First Flyer 10th Anniversary

Highlights of the Fleischmanns First September and November Meeting

- Financial Report -Alan Sidrane- Membership renewals are down due to Covid and the cancellation of the Memorial Day Street Fair and the Cauliflower Festival, traditionally strong membership and renewal outreach events. Following the suggestion made at the July meeting, Fleischmanns First now has a PayPal account and significant donations/membership are accumulating. **Renew your membership for Fiscal Year 2021, minimum donation of \$10, by sending a check to Fleischmanns First, PO Box 111, Fleischmanns, NY 12430 or for PayPal, please request the link by emailing fleischmannsfirst@gmail.com.**
- Pool Project -Michelle Sidrane- Renovations of the pool amenities began just after Labor Day. As of this writing the project is completed. See inside story.
- Ice Skating Project -Francia Miles- The rink has been put on hold for 2020/2021 due to the uncertainty caused by Covid. Preliminary work is done and can be revised for the future.
- Pollinator Garden Project-Yvonne Reuter-Originally started with a grant from DEC, this garden is now part of the Route 28 Scenic Byway pollinator garden project. Plants have been weeded, mulched and are tagged for identification; paths to the stream are in place. Anyone interested in the garden tour should contact Yvonne for a tour.
- Community Bank- Sadly the bank closed on November 13th. Disposition of the bank building is as yet unknown.
- Fleischmanns First is considering an organizational change from operating under the auspices of Mark Project to an independent 501©3. Fleischmanns First is grateful to Peg Ellsworth and Mark Project for their support over the last 15 years. Peg and the staff are enormously helpful to our operations, administratively and with guidance. While the Leadership Committee explores this new pathway, we will continue to work under the umbrella of Mark Project.
- Fleischmanns First Leadership Committee wishes all a Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Next Meeting: January 9, 2021

*A very big Thank You to the
Maxbilt Renovation
Volunteers!*

Theater update and photos on page 3

Fleischmanns Pool Readied for Summer 2021

Work on the pool and the bathrooms and changing room building are now complete. The pool will be filled with water and tested in the spring in anticipation of a summer of pool swimming. You can peek over the fence and see the new ladders and lifeguard tower in place. The pool has beautiful cement surround walkways and the grounds have been seeded; grass is already growing.



The NYS Dormitory grant secured with the help of then Village Trustee Harriet Gross and then Mayor Don

Kearney did not include the renovation of the pool amenities. Fleischmanns First agreed to take on the challenge of raising funds for this project. With generous funds from AB Mauri, owner of Fleischmann's Yeast, and Fleischmanns Alliance for Business/ Great Catskill Mountains BBQ Festival, Fleischmanns First, with approval from the Village Trustees, hired John Mulloy of Skillcats to execute the plan to renovate the bathrooms and changing rooms. The results are terrific and Fleischmanns First is proud of the completed project.



See you pool side for a ribbon cutting ceremony in June 2021!





It Happened in Fleischmanns--2000's & 2010's



For the 2020 Fleischmanns Flyer, the Greater Fleischmanns Museum of Memories will highlight events that happened here over the past 11 decades.

In 2003, the dam which was in need of repair and which had created Lake Switzerland for decades was removed by the DEC. The Lake, which had graced our Village for almost 100 years, was no more.

The Greater Fleischmanns Museum of Memories celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2008.

Filmmaker Jessica Vecchione created a documentary film about the Mexican community here in Fleischmanns; it was shown to high acclaim, including several showings here in Fleischmanns in 2009.



August 2011 brought a 500-year flood to the Catskills, thanks to Tropical Storm Irene. Fleischmanns was particularly hard-hit.

The only remaining mansion of the original Fleischmann family estate was bought by Leigh Melander and Mark Somerfield; they quickly began work to convert it to a small retreat and conference center called Spillan. Our Fleischmanns Flyer of October 2012 heralded this event. (They are in the process of seeking Historic Site designation as of this printing in 2020.)

In December 2019, voters in the Village of Fleischmanns rejected a referendum to dissolve the Village.



New on the Bookshelves at Skene Memorial Library

Fiction:

- 📖 Homeland Elegies by Ayad Akhtar
- 📖 Leave the World Behind by Rumaan Alam
- 📖 Anxious People by Fredrik Backman
- 📖 A Private Cathedral by Jon Lee Burke
- 📖 The Pull of the Stars by Emma Donohue
- 📖 The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante
- 📖 The Searcher by Tana French
- 📖 The Evening and the Morning by Ken Follett
- 📖 A Time For Mercy by John Grisham
- 📖 The Stationary Shop by Marjan Kamali
- 📖 All the Devils Are Here by Louise Penny
- 📖 The Order by Daniel Silva
- 📖 One By One by Ruth Ware

Nonfiction:

- 📖 American Crisis by Andrew Cuomo
- 📖 Caste by Isabel Wilkerson
- 📖 RAGE by Bob Woodward



Congregation Bnai Israel Update



Although the synagogue building is closed for the season, Congregation Bnai Israel in Fleischmanns is sponsoring a number of ZOOM events. On Friday, Dec 4 at 7:30pm, Leon Rosenberg is hosting "A Taste of Shabbat in Song"

Services will subsequently be held on the first Friday of every month.

Contact Bnai Israel at (845) 254-9945 or email: bnaiisraelfleischmannsny@gmail.com to pre-register for invitation to ZOOM links

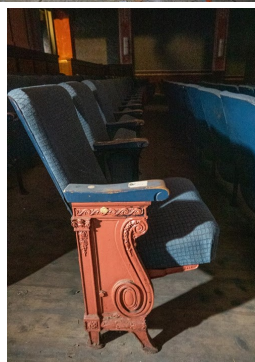
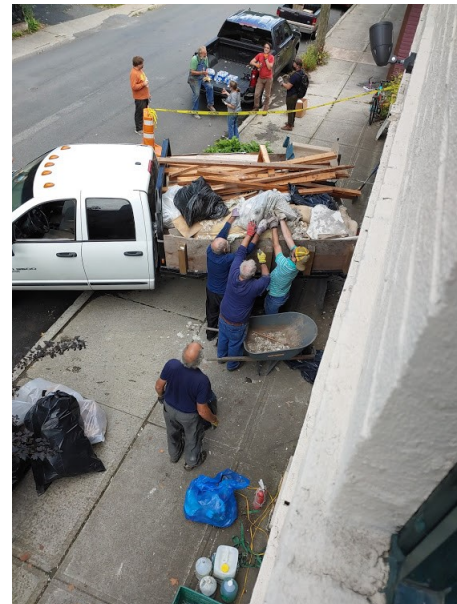
For information about our congregation and other upcoming ZOOM events including: trivia night, book club, baking class, and film night go to bnai-israel-fleischmanns.ny.org.

Facebook and Instagram @BnaiIsraelCatskills

Maxbilt Theater Update

On a beautiful warm Catskill Saturday afternoon in September, Fleischmann's first volunteers and Village Trustees gathered at the Maxbilt Theater to clear out the theater. Dumpsters and pickup trucks were filled to the brim with years of accumulated debris. Thank you to all who participated and to Doug Green and Fred Woller for organizing the effort.

Next step for the theater is roof repair/replacement. A grant application to the O'Connor Foundation awaits approval. Thanks to Winifred Zubin and Alan Powell for the photos below.



MAC Grounds Listed in National Registry of Historic Places

The NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has officially notified Collin Miller, Captain of the Mountain Athletic Club, that the MAC Grounds at Fleischmann's Park will receive a listing in the National Registry of Historic Places. In June the NYS Registry officially listed it on its Registry of Historic Places.

Collin Miller is in the process of securing a historical marker to erect at the park in spring on opening day, tentatively schedules for May 29, 2021

Look for Collin's article on the MAC's unique history in the upcoming Fall 2020 issue of Tri-County Historical Views due out shortly.



NOVEMBER - DECEMBER CALENDAR

Fleischmann's' Events ~ Save the Date!

- Nov. 26th Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 29th Sunday, Gazebo Holiday Decorating, meet at the Gazebo at 10am
- Dec. 7th Monday, Planning Board Meeting, 5:30pm, Skene Memorial Library
- Dec. 10th Happy Hanukkah!
- Dec. 14th Monday, Village Board Meeting, 6:00pm, Skene Memorial Library
- Dec. 25th Merry Christmas!
- Jan. 1st Happy New Year!
- Jan. 9th Fleischmann's First meeting via Zoom, 9:30am

The Village Planning Board meets as needed, (1st Tuesday), of each month at 5:30 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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