

# FLEISCHMANN'S

## Flyer

\*\*\*Fleischmanns First Flyer 15th Anniversary\*\*\*

### Highlights of Fleischmanns First Community Meeting, Dec. 4, 2021 Skene Memorial Library

The meeting was commenced at 9am by President Jon Frank who welcomed the attendees to the new meeting venue.

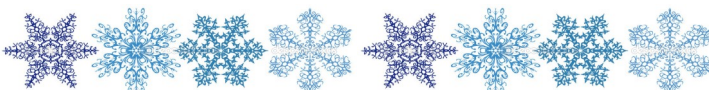
- Financial Report: Alan Sidrane reported that FF now has a healthy bank account with a gain of \$6,000 during the year. The fiscal year is now the calendar year, January to December.
- Event Planning: Yvonne Reuter reported that the bonfire is still scheduled for January 1st. (See inside story for details.) There was discussion regarding fire and Covid safety enforcement. Volunteer organizers will wear yellow vests. Decisions about fire safety, clean up, and the need for masks were not finalized, and are subject to new state regulations that may be promulgated. Plans may be cancelled or postponed due to weather.
- Food Bank Donations: Yvonne presented a suggestion from Isabelle Vazquez that FF do something to help local families who need food. After much discussion, a motion passed to donate \$500 to the food pantry in Arkville, as it serves the Fleischmanns community, as well as other local communities. Names of specific families in need can be directed to the food pantry to get on the delivery list.
- Fundraising: Marilyn Ringel will reach out to supporters seeking their financial support, using a letter approved by Jon and Alan.
- An Arts Grant Proposal: Alan Powell reached out to Yvonne and Amy Masters, Curator/Director of the 1053 Main Street Gallery, has been in touch with Michelle Sidrane. Amy requested that Fleischmanns First be a Fiscal Sponsor for a grant from the Delaware County Arts Council to support artist talks and provide free arts activities at the gallery. Alan's memo seemed to be somewhat broader in scope. The consensus was that this would bring people to the village in line with the goals of FF. Some questions were raised about legal and contract issues as this is the first such request to FF. Jon and Alan will investigate the details with the hope that FF can help promote this and other arts programs in the village.

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### A New Year's Message

by Jon Frank,  
President, Fleischmanns First

Greetings Earthlings, and Happy Holidays! As 2021 draws to a close we welcome... a resurgent pandemic! Nonetheless, Fleischmanns First is optimistic and inspired for the coming year. We'll kick things off with a New Year's Day bonfire in the Fleischmanns Park (see article in this flyer for details), and we plan (fingers crossed) to hold the Fleischmanns Street Fair at its traditional Memorial Day weekend time. Plans are in the works for a food drive for needy households in the spring, and beautification, gardening and other activities will continue. Moreover, in addition to our established focus on uplifting the environment and fostering community connectedness, Fleischmanns First has expanded its mission to include working to further the economic development of the village. This has been a long-standing aspiration of many of Fleischmanns First's supporters. Now that Fleischmanns First is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, we have the ability to act independently and pursue a more ambitious mission. Helping to modernize the village's zoning code, supporting arts activities, and working to bring vacant properties back into use are among the many possibilities. I look forward to an exciting year.



## MUSEUM OF MEMORIES COLLECTION

### Bonfires, a Fleischmanns Traditional Celebration

#### Carnival Drew Many Students To Belleayre

The Fleischmanns winter carnival ski meet was held at Belleayre mountain ski center Tuesday. Sponsored by the Fleischmanns recreation commission, the ski events were conducted by the Belleayre ski school staff, under the direction of Mrs. Dot Nebel. Fleischmanns, Roxbury, Margaretville and Grand Gorge participated. Other schools in the county were deterred by adverse road conditions.

*CMN Winter Carnival*

Over the years, Fleischmanns has hosted many events to celebrate winter, and has held many bonfires. Of course, not all bonfires were in the winter. There were some in the fall combined with hayrides to celebrate the harvest. But the bonfires were a long-standing tradition, both for events hosted by Fleischmanns school and its students, as well as other community businesses and organizations. Bonfires were so prevalent that in 1935, the Village government even felt it had to regulate them. Safety first!

Some of the winter carnival events were also sponsored by the school administration and football team boosters, as we learn from one of the Catskill Mountain News clippings below. Others were led by leaders of the lodging industry--hosting a ski festival would, it was hoped, fill hotel rooms. This was part of the lodging community's effort to evolve from just a SUMMER destination to a Four-season vacation resort. The growing popularity of skiing provided a huge push. In 1958 there was even a small ski slope right here in Fleischmanns, at DePitt's. And the proximity of Highmount provided many heads to fill the lodging beds in the winter. Why not celebrate with a bonfire and festival!

#### Margaretville vs. Fleischmanns

Friday afternoon brought about an exciting feature -- the annual football game between MCS and Fleischmanns high on the local field. There was a lot of speculation all week as to the outcome of this game. Thursday night a rally was held with the students of MCS playing host to the Fleischmanns student body. The coaches and players of both teams were introduced before the bonfire. With both schools participating, a snake dance was started up through town and back down to the school. Friday afternoon, school was recessed early, and before a large crowd the game was begun. For

*CMN Rally Oct. 11, 1946*

#### Senior Class Will Build Christmas Tree Bonfire

Fleischmanns, Dec. 19.—The Senior class will have a Christmas tree bonfire the night of January 3 with songs, dances and refreshments around the fire. Please bring your trees to the ball park before 8 p. m. This will be a safe and happy way to dispose of them.

*CMN Bonfire Dec. 21, 1951*

### New Acquisitions on the Shelves at Skene Memorial Library

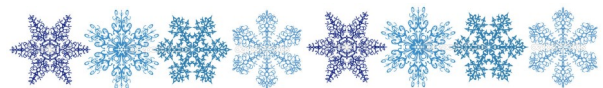
Your donations to Skene Memorial Library mean more new acquisitions for your reading pleasure. Donate generously!

#### Fiction

- 📖 The Keeper of Happy Endings by Barbara Davis
- 📖 The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles
- 📖 Better Off Dead by Lee Child
- 📖 State of Terror by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny
- 📖 The Dark Hours by Michael Connell
- 📖 Cloud Cuckooland by Anthony Doerr
- 📖 Taking Paris by Martin Dugard
- 📖 The Sentence by Louise Erdrich
- 📖 A Calling for Charlie Barnes by Joshua Ferris
- 📖 Crossroads by Jonathan Franzen
- 📖 The Judge's List by John Grisham
- 📖 The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris
- 📖 Book of Magic by Alice Hoffman
- 📖 The Love Songs of W.E.B. DuBois by Honoree Fanonne Jeffers
- 📖 My Monticello by Jocelyn Nicole Johnson
- 📖 Silver View by John LeCarre
- 📖 Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty
- 📖 The Book of Form and Emptiness by Ruth Ozeki
- 📖 Gone To the Woods by Gary Paulsen
- 📖 Fresh Water For Flowers by Valerie Perrin
- 📖 Fuzz by Mary Roach
- 📖 Our Country Friends by Gary Shteyngart
- 📖 The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles
- 📖 The Kaepernick Effect by Dave Zirin

#### Non-Fiction

- 📖 Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty by Anderson Cooper & Katherine Howe
- 📖 Baggage by Alan Cumming
- 📖 Read Until You Understand by Farah Jasmine Griffin
- 📖 Eva and Eve by Julie Metz
- 📖 Travels With George by Nathaniel Philbrick
- 📖 Graceland, At Last by Margaret Renkl



### Village of Fleischmanns and Fleischmanns First invite you to ring in the New Year at a bonfire on January 1st, 2022



Following an old-time tradition of bonfires in the park as discussed in this issue's Museum of Memories piece, we will celebrate the New Year with an old fashioned bonfire. The Fleischmanns Fire Department will be on hand to keep everything safe, and Sam's Country Store is hoping to have hot chocolate for sipping while watching the flames dance. Event organizers, Jennifer Barrows, Trustee of the Village of Fleischmanns, and Yvonne Reuter, Fleischmanns First Event Chair welcome you to the celebration and extend thanks to Wadler Bros. for donating the wood, Sam's Country Store for refreshments and the Fleischmanns Fire Department for their vigilance on our behalf.

Continue the tradition and make wishes for a Happy New Year at the Fleischmanns' Bonfire at Fleischmanns Park on January 1st beginning at 4:30pm.



### FF Meeting Highlights Continued...

- Economic Development: Elizabeth Hughes-Belzil reported that the Economic Development Committee has been looking into vacant properties that could be developed and will try to reach out to the owners. The committee has also been actively looking at the village zoning laws and how they impact potential new businesses. The committee made recommendations to the village board, and two committee members, Elizabeth and Francia Miles, have been appointed to the village's newly formed zoning review committee. Elizabeth would like to create a FF web page that, among other things, would provide information to potential business owners about local resources available to aid new businesses and regarding the processes involved in obtaining the necessary approvals to open a new business in the village.
- Marketing: Michelle has invited several individuals, including Elizabeth, to work with her on the Marketing Committee. Marketing resources currently in use include the Fleischmann's Flyer which is in its 15th year, a Facebook page and email notices to all members. How to promote the new identity of FF as a not-for-profit is a question that needs to be explored. There was some discussion regarding the desirability of creating a website for FF at this time. There was broad support for the idea, but also some concern raised about what the focus would be and whether there would be and how to avoid duplication of the village website.
- Beautification: Rob Alverson was not present, but it was noted that seasonal decorations have been put up. The village arranged to have the snowflakes hang over the sidewalks, so they are not hit by passing trucks. And the community garden has been readied for the winter. The new water barrel is in the FF storage shed for the winter.
- Village Report: Mayor Winifred Zubin reported:
  - Progress is being made on the renovations to the old pizza parlor to get it ready for a Greek restaurant in the spring, though a contract with the restaurateur has not been finalized.
  - A few dead trees in the park will be replaced in the spring.
  - There has been no movement from the contractor retained by the Mark Project to repair the theater roof to start the job (after two years) even though the grant money is available.
  - The village has reached an agreement with the county sheriff's department to have a substation in the front area of the theater where the code enforcement officer has his office.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

The next Fleischmann's First Community meeting will take place on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Skene Memorial Library.

### Some Among Us May Be in Need

The holiday season is upon us, with family and friends gathering for food and good cheer. It is worthwhile to remember, however, that we may have neighbors for whom it is an ongoing struggle to put food on the table, let alone celebrate in any special way at this time.

The **Community Pantry** in Arkville has, for many years, provided food assistance to hundreds of families in the area, including special holiday deliveries. To support this effort, Fleischmann's First has recently made a \$500 donation to the pantry. We encourage everyone to consider donating money, food, or toiletry items to the pantry, or volunteering to assist the pantry's small staff. Donations are accepted Mondays, 10 am to noon, and Fridays, 4 pm to 6 pm. For more information, call (845) 586-2233 or visit <https://www.community-pantry.org/>

Your generosity will be thanked and appreciated. Happy Holidays!

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### 1053 Main Street Gallery News

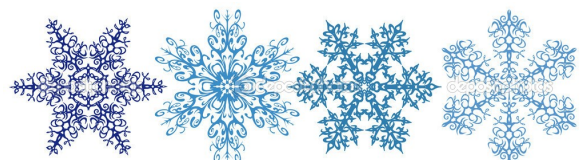
The former telephone building on Main Street across from the supermarket has been transformed into a stylish art gallery. The grand opening took place in late summer with the debut of works by Claire Gilliam. Christie Scheele's paintings followed, and then Bea Ortiz's Counterpoint show. Most recently Lisbeth Firmin's lovely evocative paintings have been on display. All the artists work in the Catskills or close by and in most cases, they are showcasing works that feature the beauty of our region.

Owner Mark Birman has always wanted a gallery in the space. Curator/Director Amy Masters says they are "trying to bring new energy and quality work to the Catskills by providing a serious space for artists to show their art."

Coming up in the next two months is a retrospective of Peter Yamaoka's work, December 21 -January 2<sup>nd</sup>. And then Gary Mayer's exhibit, Falling Forward, January 8-February 13<sup>th</sup>. Both shows will begin with an opening reception from 3pm-6pm on the first day of the show. For more information about all of the aforementioned artists visit [1053maingallery.com](http://1053maingallery.com).

One of the already established trademarks of 1053 is the artists talks which along with the opening receptions have brought art lovers to Fleischmann's and Fleischmann's art lovers to the gallery as well.

The shows are approximately six weeks in duration. Watch for news of an Adhoc group show in February/March.



## **DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022 CALENDAR**

### **Fleischmann's' Events ~ Save the Date!**

- Dec. 25th **Saturday, Merry Christmas**
- Dec. 31st **Friday, Happy New Year's Eve**
- Jan. 1st **Saturday, Happy New Year-Fleischmann's Bonfire at 4:30pm, Fleischmann's Park**
- Jan. 10th **Monday, Village Board Meeting** at 6:00pm at Skene Memorial Library
- Feb. 5th **Saturday, Fleischmann's First Community Meeting** at 9:00 am, Skene  
Come & meet your neighbors and support your village.
- Feb. 14th **Monday, Village Board Meeting** at 6:00 pm at the Skene Memorial Library
- Feb. 14th **Monday, Happy Valentine's Day!**

**Village Board** meets 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00pm, Skene Memorial Library  
**Village Planning Board** meets as needed, (1st Monday), of each month at 6:00pm, Skene Memorial Library.  
**Zoning Board** meets as needed, (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) at 5:30 pm at the Skene Memorial Library  
**Library Board** meets 4th Thursday of the month at 3:30pm, Skene Memorial Library  
**Fire Department** meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm  
Check with the Village Clerk regarding meeting status & agenda.

**For Village Info, please contact the Village Clerk's Office at 845.254.5514**

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#### **LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE/**

##### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Rob Alverson  
VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION  
Elizabeth Hughes-Belzil  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
Yvonne Reuter

##### **EVENTS**

Alan Sidrane/Jon Frank  
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MARKETING/COMMUNICATION  
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