

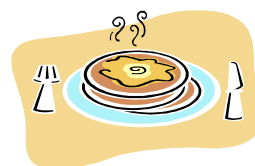
FLEISCHMANN'S

Flyer

Fleischmanns First March Meeting Notes

- Treasurer reported the budget is in order.
- Retreat Report- On February 26th, 15 people attended a retreat facilitated by Alan White, ED of Catskill Center. Successes and weaknesses of the organization were identified. Recommendations to address weaknesses were identified ie. two committees, one to develop and implement a fund raising component and one to launch a Fleischmanns Forum series were established. A detailed report is on file with the Leadership Committee.
- Events Report-
 - >Memorial Day-Vendor solicitations are under way with a goal of 80 vendors. New this year will be a 50/50 raffle. Mountain Athletic Club is planning a vintage base ball marathon with all local teams participating with the goal of making the Guinness Book of Records.
 - >Pancake Breakfast- March 27th - FF and Fleischmanns Community Church will co-host the breakfast. The committee is seeking food donations and asks for volunteers to assist in set up, hosting, cooking, clean up and other activities. Please contact event chair Winifred Zubin.
- Gardening and Beautification- A grant for plantings at Depot Street and Main Streets has been awarded and awaits DEC for implementation.
- Market on Main (see below) Fleischmanns own farmers' market will begin on May 29th and continue Sundays from July 3rd –September 4th. Paula DeSimone has been hired by the MARK Project with funding from the O'Connor Foundation.
- The Catskill Cup will take place the weekend of August 5-7th.
- Mark Birman has agreed to set up and maintain an ice skating rink in Fleischmanns for Winter 2011-12.
- Next FF meeting will be Saturday, April 2nd at LaCabana 9:30am.

Fleischmanns Pancake & Maple Syrup Breakfast



Sunday March 27, 2011
8:00 am - 11:00 am

Fleischmanns Community Church
Dining Hall – Downstairs
rear entrance
904 Main Street, Fleischmanns

\$5 for adults, \$3 for children
and under age 6 are free

Pancakes, local maple syrup, bacon, sausage,
fruit, juice, coffee, tea, hot chocolate

Maple sugaring demonstration and
coloring/activity books for children

Sponsored by
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Market on Main Coming to Fleischmanns

Starting on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, a new farmers market called Market on Main, will open at 10:00 in the Village parking lot on Main Street. The Market will include several local vendors and growers selling their wares of fruits, vegetables, crafts, baked goods, and other regional specialties.

After the Memorial Day weekend opening, the Market will start again July 3rd and continue every Sunday through Sept 4th and then again on Columbus Day Weekend, Sunday, October 9th. Along with the Market will be music, entertainment, children's activities and Happenings at Skene Library.

So look for the schedule of events and all the new information to be announced in the coming months in the Fleischmanns Flyer. And, be sure to come and join your neighbors for fun and let's all join in to help develop Fleischmanns Main Street.

88 and Still Going Strong

Milton Valk, one of the old-time Fleischmanns residents, is 88 years old and a 3d generation resident who recalls the old days vividly and stays young by being active. He owns the Valkyrian Motel on Main Street and manages his 12 motel rooms daily without help and walks to the Post Office every day. When the Fleischmanns flyer comes, he's able to keep informed about what's happening around town.

Milton was born on Hubbell Hill and stayed on the family farm until age 18 when he went into the US Army and was stationed in the South Pacific. "We were afraid that the Japanese would use chemical weapons so we had to have them too. I was assigned to a chemical company". When discharged, he married June Close and they had three children. He's close to his daughter in Kelly Corners and her husband. His wife and two sons are deceased.

Milton Valk has served Fleischmanns well: He worked for NYSEG for 37 years and now has a decent pension, was a member of the Village Board for 15 years, the Fire Department for 30 years, and was a Rotarian for about 50 years.

He points with pride to the village's purchase of land from the old Park Terrace Hotel in order to build the swimming pool during the tenure of Mayor Murray Mayes. "We're the only village in the region with a swimming pool and a great ballfield", he says.

Milton remembers when it was so crowded on Main Street that one could hardly walk down the street. "We had two pharmacies, four grocery stores and about 50 hotels and boarding houses".

Asked about the Village today, he said "taxes are high, as well as water and sewer taxes, and some houses that are tax-exempt shouldn't be." He notices that the ball field is used more lately and was pleased it will be improved and upgraded using state money.

"It's good that houses are being painted and it's good that the Main Street grant will fix up nine houses and the library. The place looks better", he said.

"And don't forget, I read the Fleischmanns Flyer every month so I keep up with what's going on".



Come Join the Movement!

There is a movement underway to provide community and public access to the eastern branch of the Delaware River and those streams (tributaries) that feed it. For Fleischmanns this means more public use of the Bush Kill and many of the smaller streams that pass through our village.

In an effort to improve recreational opportunities on our waterways and provide sustainable and safe destination points for tourists, The Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce has been selected by the NYS DEP and The Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation to solicit community input for public access points. If selected, our suggestions could be eligible for funding from these organizations.

Chamber Executive Director Carol O'Beirne, a member of Fleischmanns First, recently presented at a FF monthly meeting an outline of work other areas of the county, Andes, Roxbury, Arkville and Margaretville have been promoting for their localities. Carol encourages all residents to identify a wish list of possible access points for Village Fleischmanns and to take advantage now of the offers being presented and available funding. This offer may not come again.

The Village of Fleischmanns is wonderfully situated to provide community access to stream frontage at multiple points. Ideas already proffered include a safe beach head as part of our overall Fleischmanns park improvements and Adirondack style bridges spanning the Bushkill to connect upper Main Street to Fleischmanns park thereby promoting a walking community concept and alternate park access. There is also a wonderful section of possible public access to the Bush Kill that borders the rear of our Village parking lot that could provide a good fishing base and the restoration of Lake Switzerland continuing the enjoyment and historic impact of the Lake on our village for so many years.

Join in with your own ideas and/or help the Village establish one of the ideas proposed by contacting Carol O'Beirne of the Central Catskills Chamber or Fleischmanns First folks John Granito or Yvonne Rueter.

Maple Sugaring in the Catskills

Native American legends indicate that long before the Mayflower, inhabitants of North America had discovered the sweet properties of maple sap. By the late 1600's, early colonists had learned about maple sap. Early settlers of the Catskills region, many of whom came west from "over-crowded" New England, found their new environment rich in sugar maples. In the early days, each household had to be largely self-sufficient, and so everyone devoted a part of the late winter season to this endeavor. In the days before commercially produced cane sugar, maple sugar was the main sweetener used at home.



There is a wonderful passage in Donald Bouton's [By the Light of the Kerosene Lantern](#), in which he describes his grandfather's maple sugaring in days of long ago in Halcott. Although most other agricultural aspects of life in the Catskills have faded, victims of "progress", industrial-scale farms in the mid-west, the fall of the local railroads, and changes in diets and life-styles, maple sugaring still endures here. Every winter (the timing varies, as the sap needs just the right mix of warmer days and colder nights to run well) folks still tap the sugar maples and produce their sweet elixir. Statistics show that New York State is 2nd to Vermont in the amount of syrup produced, but all New Yorkers will swear that ours is BETTER.

One of the beauties of the maple syrup process is it can be done on any scale--there are local specialists who produce it commercially, but it can also be done by anyone with a couple of trees to tap. Modern set-ups can be seen all over the Catskills, with plastic tubing connecting hundreds of trees all feeding into a large sap house. But individuals can still hammer an old-fashioned spile into a tree, collect the sap in a bucket, and cook it down at home. All it takes are a few maple trees, and LOTS of work.



Maple Syrup Farm Tour

Want to learn how maple syrup, maple cream and maple sugar are made from sap? Visit Vly Creek Maple Farm, 2470 County Hwy 37 on the way to Halcott Center. Ron Morse, proprietor, will have an open house, 10-4 March 19, 20 and 26, 27. Do a self walk in the woods and learn about tapping, when and how the sap flows and watch the sap boil. Refreshments, maple syrup based, of course, will be served!

MARCH / APRIL CALENDAR

- Mar 21 **Monday, Village Board Meeting** at 6:00 pm at the Skene Memorial Library
- Mar 27 **Sunday, First Annual Maple Festival – Village Pancake Breakfast.** All proceeds to benefit Village projects
- Apr 2 **Saturday, Fleischmanns First Monthly Meeting** at 9:30 AM, LaCabana. Come and hear what's being planned in your Village for 2011. Come and be part of the process.

Village Board Meeting—(3rd Monday) @ 6:00 pm, Skene Library.

Planning Board Meeting, as needed, (1st Tuesday) @ 5:30 pm, as needed Skene Library

Zoning Board Meeting, as needed, (3rd Thurs.) @ 5:30 pm, Skene Library

For Info, please contact the Village Clerk, Lorraine DeMarfio, at 845.254.5514

Skene Memorial Library Winter Hours Tues-Friday 1PM—5PM, Saturday 10AM-2PM

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lorraine, our village clerk, for all that she does. She constantly proves to be one of our village's best assets as well as a fine person.

Respectfully,

David Morrell
Mayor

Fleischmanns First Meetings

First Saturday of each month, 9:30am
at La Cabana

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