

The McKownville Improvement Association

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THE CASE OF THE MISSING TRAFFIC LIGHT

The traffic light on Western Avenue at McKown Road and Norwood Street was removed by the State Department of Transportation on Friday June 8th 1979 at about 10:00 AM. Mr. Bill Logan, Region I, NYSDOT, Traffic and Safety, 474-6377 informed me that due to a car hitting the pole and a truck hitting the signals, the signals were removed. Though a traffic count has been made of the intersection's traffic, it has not yet been analysed, but NYSDOT does not expect the traffic light to be re-installed. Guilderland Town Hall, 356-1501, is registering complaints about the missing light as is NYSDOT, 474-6377. You may wish to call one of these numbers and complain about the missing light.

It took many years of effort by the Association to get that light installed. Four people were killed at that intersection before the light was installed. It is the only four-corner intersection in McKownville and the only place that pedestrians can cross with some safety. With no sidewalk on the south side, residents from the south side of Western Avenue cross at McKown Road to walk along Western Avenue. With 1450 Western Avenue again being filled with tenants, with the racquetball club being built on McKown Road, with the bus stop and the mail box at the intersection, with persons living on Glenwood and Waverly depending on the stop-and-go traffic to provide them access to Western Avenue, as well as the residents of Brookwood, Weslyn Place, Westlyn Court, Ayre Drive, Short Street, East Dillenbeck Drive, and West Dillenbeck Drive, and of course the persons turning onto Western from Norwood Street or from McKown Road. **McKOWNVILLE NEEDS THAT TRAFFIC LIGHT.**

Please telephone one of the above numbers and let them know that you want your traffic light back.