

**McKownville Improvement Association**  
**Online Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

Dear McKownville Neighbors:

Many apologies for the glitches that prevented us from holding our October 15th Zoom meeting. I am confident that the November meeting will go off without a hitch. All of the guests who were scheduled to speak in October have agreed to return this month, and there will be one additional speaker.

Probably most of you are aware that a surge in Covid-19 cases has forced UAlbany to shut down in-person classes for the remainder of the fall semester. Jordan Carleo-Evangelist and Luke Rumsey will speak to us about how the campus community is continuing to function during the pandemic, and about matters that might affect McKownville neighbors. Next, Michael DiAcetis, representing National Grid, will update us on the gas line installation project, now expected to commence in mid-December.

We will also have an update from Delaware Engineering on the drainage improvement project, and Town Supervisor Peter Barber will speak to us on a variety of topics. The evening will end with an open discussion period. I hope you will join us.

***Join the meeting by computer:***

No passcode is required for this meeting.

Beginning shortly before 7:00 p.m., you may join the meeting from your computer by carefully typing in the following address in your web browser address bar:\*

Next, enter Meeting ID: \*

***Join the meeting by cell phone:***

If you are joining the meeting from your cell phone, dial \*

Then enter Meeting ID: \*

When prompted, please be sure to click where indicated to join the meeting via both audio and video.

Again, no passcode is required for this meeting.

\*The necessary numbers and web address have been provided on the flyer distributed to households in the neighborhood, and will be made available on the day of the meeting in a separate pdf file accessible through a link on the Meetings page of this website.

***Other News:***

Halloween at the McKownville Firehouse

Despite Covid-19 the outdoor party sponsored by the McKownville Fire Department was a great success again this year. Many of our neighborhood children attended with their parents, and perhaps invigorated by a noticeable chill in the air they stayed through the evening, enjoying the games, treats, and movies in the parking lot. Thanks to the volunteers who so creatively and energetically provided a safe and memorable evening!

### 1230 Western Avenue

As mentioned previously, at our September meeting Collegiate Development Group, represented by Hershberg & Hershberg, presented a proposal to develop a five-story structure at 1230 Western Avenue.

The site is currently occupied by the Days Inn, and was formerly occupied by Travelodge and Dunkin' Donuts. The primary use of the new building would be for student housing, with 420 bedrooms, 172 below-grade parking spaces, and some retail space.

Information provided by the developers about the proposed project is posted on our website at:

[https://mckownville.org/1meetings/Presentation\\_McKownville\\_Final.pdf](https://mckownville.org/1meetings/Presentation_McKownville_Final.pdf)

I have not had any update on this project since our September meeting.

### National Grid gas line replacement

National Grid now has the required permits from NYS DOT, and replacement of gas lines on streets off the north side of Western Avenue should begin in December. Weather permitting, construction will continue through the winter and all of the gas lines should be installed by spring 2021. AGI will be the subcontractor.

### Website: [www.McKownville.org](http://www.McKownville.org)

Our website is updated promptly when new information becomes available. The News page, and the Announcements page linked there, are the places to look for this. The website now has an RSS feed, an update notification service which you can use independently, available in or by add-on to some of the common web browsers, or in a separate RSS reader program on your device. An explanation of this is provided on our website through a link on the Announcements page.

### Subscription to the Association email list

A reminder: if you don't already subscribe to our email list but would like to receive occasional updates from us, please take the following simple steps:

- 1). Go to the webpage <https://mckownville.org/MIAallsubunsub.html> (or use the link to this form on the Contacts and Meetings page of the website).
- 2). Fill out the form and submit the information by clicking on the labelled green button. A request confirmation page will appear.
- 3). An email message with a link will be sent to your address. If you do not receive this message, look for it in your spam/junk mail folder. You must follow the link to verify and activate your subscription. If you do not submit this verification your email address will not be added to our list.

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