

McKownville Improvement Association
Online Meeting
Thursday, November 18, 2021
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dear McKownville Neighbors:

At our last meeting of 2021, our neighbor and County Legislator Mickey Cleary will tell us about what the Legislature is doing these days, and what is planned for 2022. Also, Biagio DelVillano, representing Delaware Engineering, will update us on the status of the McKownville drainage improvement project. Delaware Engineering is hosting our meeting again this month.

Our next meeting will take place in March on a date yet to be determined. When scheduled, the dates of the spring 2022 meetings will be posted on our website. We hope that we will be able to meet in person next year!

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:*

Next, enter Meeting ID: *

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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.

Email subscribers will receive a live link either evening before or the morning of the meeting.

Other News:

At our October meeting, Town Supervisor Peter Barber made several announcements. Notably, the Town Board voted against allowing cannabis dispensaries to locate in Guilderland; among other things, funds from the American Rescue plan will be allocated for a new EMS response vehicle, and to upgrade the department's dispatch system. Four of the five candidates for Town Board positions introduced themselves and answered questions from the audience. Tim Wiles, Executive Director of the Guilderland Public Library, described the amenities of the newly opened building. The library is now open for browsing every day. Over time, trees and shrubs will be planted that should eventually provide some cover for the expanded parking lot along the Western Avenue frontage. Difficulties with the supply chain have delayed delivery of computers, and furniture that will provide the space with a more intimate feel. The pandemic spurred a significant increase in digital use through the library's website, and 4,000 new library cards have been issued since March 2020. The expansion project has resulted in a 20% increase in building area, and a 20% decrease in the cost of utilities. Free WIFI service is available in the library parking lot 24 hours a day.

The annual Halloween Party hosted by the McKownville Fire Department was well attended and provided much enjoyment for neighborhood children (and adults).

Historic District - On December 9, the NYS Board for Historic Preservation will meet to consider nominations submitted by the State Historic Preservation Office for listing on the NYS Register of Historic Places. The McKownville - Country Club Highlands Historic District will be among those nominations. If approved, the district will be listed on the New York State Register of Historic Places, and the nomination will be forwarded to the National Parks Service where it will be considered for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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