

McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2017—7 pm-9 pm

Hampton Inn, 1442 Western Avenue

The April meeting will have McKownville's County legislator Paul Miller as the guest speaker. County government is more important to McKownville than might be obvious. Fuller Road as well as Schoolhouse Road is a County road. Other County provided services include the airport, the sheriff's office, the hockey rink, the nursing home, Lawson Lake, the Helderberg-Hudson rail trail and much more. Come and join the discussion with our County legislator **Paul Miller**.

In March, the guest speaker was **Town Supervisor Peter Barber**. That the storm water drainage project is moving forward was the welcome news he brought to the meeting. The project is going to take multiple years, as any "make-over" project should, but it is progressing. Recently the Town Highway Department (**Superintendent Steve Oliver**) repaired an erupting storm water pipe in the Elmwood/Parkwood alley (thanks to resident Steve Campbell's spotting the flooding and making timely calls). Another storm water-flooding problem—between Waverly and Knowles—was addressed by the Town (thanks to Josh Merlis's calls).

The guest speaker for the May meeting—May 18—will be **New York State Assembly Member Patricia Fahy**. Our assembly member has been supportive of McKownville and Guilderland. Do plan to attend. She always gives a very informative talk.

Neighbors have sent the McKownville Improvement Association their email address so that they can be notified by email of events such as re-zoning proposals and other events. You can add your email address to the list--by sending an email to donreeb@gmail.com. **There is always an open invitation for neighbors to be added to the list.**

The budget of the Association is \$350-\$450 a year—to pay for the printing of meeting announcements and the ice cream. The bank balance is getting low. Our treasurer is Martha Haraus, 1445 Western, 12203. Donations would be welcome.

UAlbany graciously provided 16 tickets for neighbors to attend a lecture by U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor—it was a special and rewarding event. (The tickets were arranged by SUNY Albany's **Jordan Carleo Evangelista**).

The Holt-Harris property, owned by the UAlbany Foundation, continues to be undeveloped (thankfully). SUNY Poly has re-started its regular meetings with a committee from the Association (Ellen Manning, our secretary, Janet Reilly and Dennis Mason). Loughlin Street/Sandidge Way rezoning by the City of Albany is still being opposed—a dozen or so residents (many of whom live on Warren Street but joined by **Town Supervisor Peter Barber, County Legislator Paul Miller** and others) have been very active. The re-development of four properties on Western (the vacant house near City Line Inn, the McKownville fire house, the Best Western motel and the former Getty station site) have not yet begun their planned re-construction.

Do come to the April meeting—visit with neighbors—enjoy an ice cream sundae—your neighborhood needs your support.

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