

McKownville Improvement Association

Public Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Hampton Inn, 1442 Western Avenue

We will be back at the Hampton Inn for our April meeting. Town Supervisor Peter Barber will begin the meeting with announcements on a variety of topics, including Drug Take Back Day, and the biannual Recycling Extravaganza at Farnsworth Middle School. Then, Kate Brittenham will tell us about the importance of native plantings in our ecosystem, and plans for the garden that will be installed on the grounds of Unity Lutheran Church beginning this spring. Kate is a landscape designer and owner of Front Stoop Gardens in Troy, and she was hired by Wild Ones to design this important project. Additionally, Pastor Jim Dorner will say a few words about the project. Also speaking will be Kathy Burbank, who will tell us about a town-wide clean up day that is scheduled for April 27th. See below for further details. Our last speaker of the evening will be Highway Superintendent Bob Haver. He will speak to us about the work and responsibilities of his department, and in particular how the department will interact with the newly formed Tree Preservation Committee. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 15.

ANNOUNCEMENT: 2024 marks 100 years since the founding of the McKownville Improvement Association and we will celebrate this benchmark with two events that will take place on Saturday, May 18th. The first will be the dedication of a roadside marker honoring William McKown, for whom our neighborhood is named. Following the dedication we'll move on to a cookout and potluck meal. Both events will take place in McKownville Park, adjacent to Stuyvesant Plaza. Further details will follow in the coming weeks, but in the meantime please plan to join us on May 18th!

Reminders:

McKownville Fire Department Neighborhood Cleanup Day: On Saturday, April 13, the Fire Department will be hosting another spring neighborhood cleanup. Volunteers wanting to help pick up trash and debris along the side of the roadways and the sidewalks of McKownville should meet at the firehouse at 1250 Western Avenue at 9:00 a.m. Trash bags, trash grabbers, coffee and roadside assignments will be provided.

McKownville Fire Department Referendum: Voting on the bond referendum for the proposed new firehouse will take place on April 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the firehouse. Additional information about the proposed project may be found here: <https://www.mckfd.org>

Other news:

Native Plant Demonstration Garden volunteer workdays: Volunteers are welcome to help out at the site of the future demonstration garden at Unity Lutheran Church (formerly Christ Lutheran) on the third Sunday of each month. The next workday is April 21st and will include a potluck lunch beginning at 11:00 a.m.. Full details may be found here: <https://capitalregionny.wildones.org/events-calendar/>

Saturday, April 27, is going to be a busy day with three separate opportunities for Guilderland residents to clean up and clean out:

Guilderland Town-wide Cleanup Day 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Guilderland residents will have a second opportunity to help beautify our town. For some time now, Guilderland resident Kathy Burbank has been organizing groups of volunteers to pick up trash where most needed. All are invited to take part in the April 27 event. For further information please email Kathy Burbank at kburbank01@gmail.com, or give her a call at (518) 461-8032.

DEA National Drug Take Back Day, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Prescription drugs may be dropped off in the Guilderland Public Library auxiliary parking lot. **Please, no sharps or syringes.**

GCSD Biannual Recycling Extravaganza, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Farnsworth Middle School, front parking lot. Full details about all of these events may be found here: <https://www.townofguilderland.org/calendar.aspx?view=list&year=2024&month=4&day=27&CID=14,25,27>

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