

McKownville Improvement Association
Public Meeting
Thursday, March 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
McKownville Firehouse
1250 Western Avenue

Our March 14 meeting will be held at the McKownville Firehouse, located at 1250 Western Avenue. We have a full agenda, starting with announcements from Town Supervisor Peter Barber. Then, Melissa Hale-Spencer will tell us about her experiences as editor of the Altamont Enterprise and the importance of local journalism, and Mickey Cleary will fill us in on activities and accomplishments at the Albany County Legislature. Our April 11 and May 15 meetings will take place at the Hampton Inn, as has been the custom for many years. We thank the McKownville Fire Department for graciously hosting the March meeting!

Other news:

McKownville Fire Department: Please try to attend the public meeting regarding the proposed new firehouse on Tuesday, March 19, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The referendum will be held on Tuesday, March 26, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Both events will take place at the firehouse. All registered voters in the McKownville Fire District are urged to participate in this important process. Further information on the proposed project and how you can contact the Fire Department with questions may be found here:

<https://www.mckfd.org/public-info-meeting-1-wrapup/>

Meeting announcements: Many of our volunteers faithfully deliver our meeting announcements to your homes six times a year, year after year, and we very much appreciate all of their efforts. That has been the case with Maureen and Alyssa O'Connor, who for many years dropped flyers off at homes on Mercer Street and Fuller Road. Now they are 'retiring' from that activity, and we thank them for helping out for so many years. We will welcome anyone who would like to get some exercise and deliver the flyers to Mercer Street (51) and/or Fuller Road (18) residents. We could also use help with delivering the announcements to the 44 homes on E. Highland Drive. If you are interested, please send an email to mailbox@mckownville.org or call Ellen Manning at (518) 482-3779.

Native plant demonstration garden: We are excited to announce that the local chapter of Wild Ones, an organization that promotes the use of native plants as a means of building a more sustainable environment, has chosen McKownville as the location for a native plant demonstration garden, to be located on the grounds of Christ Lutheran Church. With visibility from Western Avenue and E. Highland Drive, the location is ideal for bringing attention to the project from both walkers and drivers. We extend our thanks to Reverend Jim Donner and all at Christ Lutheran who made the site available for this important project, and to MIA volunteer Laura Barry for her creativity and hard work. Additional information about Wild Ones, and the demonstration garden, may be found here: <https://capitalregionny.wildones.org>

Subscribing to our email list:

If you don't yet subscribe to our email list but would like to receive occasional updates from us, please go to the webpage <https://mckownville.org/MIAallsubunsub.html> (or use the link to this form on the Meetings page of the website) and submit your request. Be sure also to respond to the confirmation email message; if this does not appear in your inbox soon after making your request, please check your spam/junk folder.

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