

**McKownville Improvement Association**  
***Public Meeting***  
***Thursday May 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.***  
***Hampton Inn, 1442 Western Avenue***

Our May meeting will be our last before we break for the summer. In addition to Supervisor Barber's updates, Biagio DelVillano from Delaware Engineering will again update us on the status of the storm water drainage improvement project. Additionally, Luke Rumsey, Interim Director for Community Relations of the University at Albany, will tell us about ongoing and upcoming construction projects on campus, and we may have a speaker from CDTA. Finally, we will hold an election of all officers and three board members whose terms are expiring.

**For now, we continue to encourage you to wear a mask to our meetings. Our fall meeting dates will be announced on our website.**

**UPDATE:** In our April meeting announcement we asked for donations so that we can continue to print these flyers, pay for our website, and cover other expenses related to running the McKownville Improvement Association. We are very pleased that over the past few weeks we have received donations totaling \$852, and we will go into the fall solvent for the next few months. Many thanks to all who have supported us with these donations!

***Other news:***

**Caring Closet donations:** Please note that the date for collecting donated items for The Caring Closet Guilderland has been moved to Saturday, May 21, with a rain date of Sunday, May 22. If you have already contacted Amanda Beedle with the intention of leaving items outside your home for pickup on May 14, be assured that Amanda will pick those items up on that date. Other McKownville residents may leave items outside for pickup on May 21 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Donated items will be used to supply Guilderland school students in need with personal grooming and hygiene supplies. The volunteers have a lot of ground to cover. If you would like to coordinate with neighbors on your street and let Amanda know which houses the volunteers may collect items from that will be very helpful. For a full list of items that are needed, please send an email to: [TheCaringClosetGuilderland@gmail.com](mailto:TheCaringClosetGuilderland@gmail.com) Information is also available on the group's Facebook page at The Caring Closet - Guilderland.

**Election on May 17:** Please remember to vote in the upcoming election of candidates for the Guilderland Board of Education as well as the proposed budgets for the Guilderland Central School District and the Guilderland Public Library. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm.

The outcome of the election is important to all Guilderland residents, and voter participation is essential to the functioning of these vital institutions in our community. Five of the ten school board candidates, who are running for four open seats, introduced themselves at our April meeting and answered questions from the audience. This article in the Altamont Enterprise provides coverage of the McKownville event, along with candidate profiles and additional information about the election:

<https://altamontenterprise.com/04272022/ten-vie-four-seats-guilderland-school-board>

**Reminder:** If you are disturbed by excessive noise from neighboring properties or if you witness any illegal activity in our neighborhood please call 911. For non-emergencies you can reach the Guilderland Police Department at (518) 356-1501.

**Trees:** Volunteers are continuing to work with the Town toward formation of a committee that will set forth a policy for the maintenance of trees throughout Guilderland, and for the replacement and addition of trees that are appropriate to specific sites.

**Plant McKownville:** At our April meeting, Laura Barry gave an excellent presentation on the beneficial effects of adding native plants to our landscapes. Please check out the Projects page on our website for additional information. The lists of recommended trees and shrubs may be found starting here: <https://mckownville.org/2projects/1trees/McK-trees-intro.html>

**Website:** Our website (<https://mckownville.org>) contains a wealth of information about McKownville, the Association and ongoing projects, and links that may be useful to residents.

**Subscribing to our email list:**

A reminder: if you don't already 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.

**McKownville Improvement Association Officers and Board Members**

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