

McKownville Improvement Association

Public Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Hampton Inn, 1442 Western Avenue

At our May meeting, Town Supervisor Peter Barber will make some announcements about the Comprehensive Plan Update, the work of the Tree Preservation Committee and the 250th American Revolution Anniversary Committee, and improvements that are planned in our parks this year. We will also be joined by Assemblymember Gabriella Romero, who will tell us about priorities that she worked on during her first legislative session as our representative in the NYS Assembly. NYS Senator Patricia Fahy will also join us if her schedule allows. Additionally, an officer from the Guilderland Police Department will speak to us about issues affecting our community and answer questions from the audience, and representatives from the McKownville Fire Department will update us what we may expect as preparations are made to move out of the current building prior to commencement of construction of the new firehouse. Finally, the Association will hold an election of officers, and those board members whose terms are expiring.

When scheduled, our fall 2025 meeting dates will be announced on our McKownville.org website.

Other news:

Upcoming election: At our April meeting we were pleased to hear from candidates for the school and library boards, and from Superintendent of Schools Marie Wiles and Library Director Peter Petruska, who reviewed the proposed budgets for 2025-2026. Please be sure to vote on May 20th. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at your local elementary school.

McKownville Fire Department: The McKownville Fire Department provided us with the following update on the results of the April 25 opening of bids related to the construction of the new firehouse. We congratulate all who were involved and are looking forward to the next phase of the project!

“The McKownville Fire District recently awarded contracts for the construction of the new firehouse at 1250 Western Avenue. Five bids were received for the general contractor and multiple bids for each trade. The total for the selected contractors and other fees are all well within the \$10.03 million project budget approved by residents last year.

Abatement and demolition will begin in the coming weeks and all environmental safety standards and best practices for air quality monitoring will be enforced. The Department will remain "in-service" for emergency responses for the duration of the project.

We are on schedule and construction of the new building is expected to begin in June. Regular updates throughout the project will be posted to McKFD.org/building as well as at future Improvement Association meetings.”

Proposed parking lot near the western end of Mercer Street: As mentioned in the announcement for our April 19 meeting, the proposed parking lot project is on hold until a full environmental review is completed and concerns raised by involved agencies are addressed. However, we still expect that NY-CREATES will be back with a revised or completely new proposal for the site and we will do our best to keep you informed.

In the meantime, if you are concerned about the future of this property, we encourage you to make your voice heard by contacting your elected officials and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, and keep in mind that written communications are the most effective. Contact information is provided here:

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NYS Assemblymember Gabriella Romero: (518) 455-4178, or romerog@nyassembly.gov
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