

**McKownville Improvement Association**  
***Public Meeting***  
***Wednesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m.***  
***Hampton Inn, 1442 Western Avenue***

We are excited to be able to meet in-person for the first in more than two years, and we have a full agenda for the evening! Despite the COVID pandemic, quite a lot has been happening in McKownville since our last meeting at the Hampton Inn, and a number of speakers will be on hand to fill us in on some of those activities. Town Supervisor Peter Barber will make announcements regarding recent activities in the town, and answer questions from the audience. Biagio DelVillano from Delaware Engineering will update us on the status of the storm water drainage improvement project. As you know, the State Historic Preservation Office has approved the 'Country Club Highlands' section of McKownville for listing on the NYS Register of Historic Places, and we anticipate that listing on the National Register is now only a formality. With that in mind, Bill Kidd has been looking into plaques that residents might purchase and place on their houses, and he will speak to us about the various options. And, Amanda Beedle is one of our newly serving Town Board members, but she will speak to us about a program that she has initiated in her private life called The Caring Closet Guilderland. Donation boxes are being placed around town to collect items for Guilderland students in need. Amanda's original idea was to collect personal hygiene and toiletry items, but her ideas and enthusiasm are growing and she is looking forward to sharing them with you.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 20.

**NOTE:** Some months ago we decided that our decision whether to hold meetings in-person or online would follow the Town's policy at the time that our meeting notice is completed, and as of March 16, the Town of Guilderland has returned to in-person meetings. ***However, for the time being we strongly encourage all attendees to wear a mask.*** We understand that our speakers will probably be more comfortable giving their presentations without a mask. Although we would like to offer you the additional option of joining the meeting online we have determined that the logistics, and difficulties in achieving an acceptable quality of sound, preclude us from doing so.

***Other News:***

**Hazardous Waste Collection Day:** Materials may be dropped off at the Guilderland Highway Department on French's Mill Road from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 16. Please remember that there is no need to arrive early, and it is best not to cause a backup of traffic on the roadway. Anyone who cannot participate on the scheduled day due to religious reasons may call the Town Highway Department at (518) 861-6776 to arrange an alternate drop-off time. Further details may be found here: <https://www.townofguilderland.org/highway-department>

**Programmable digital signs:** At the March 15 Town Board meeting, the moratorium on applications for programmable digital signs was extended to May 24, 2022. In anticipation of amendments to the Town Code, this subject will be discussed at the April 5 meeting of the Town Board. *Please note that as of March 16, the state of emergency in New York is no longer in effect, and the public may now attend meetings at Town Hall. You may also join and participate in all public meetings online via the Town's website.*

**Trees:** Many of us are saddened by the loss of a growing number of mature trees that have added so much to the beauty and comfort of our neighborhood. Let's think about what our commitment should be to replacing and increasing our tree population. In the meantime, Laura Barry has compiled a list of trees and shrubs that would be suitable for planting along our streets and in our yards:

<https://mckownville.org/2projects/1trees/McK-trees-intro.html>

**Website:** Our website is continually updated, and now contains a wealth of information about McKownville history, ongoing projects, and links that may be useful to residents. Visitors are welcome to drop by anytime at: <https://mckownville.org>

**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 follow the prompts. Be sure to submit your information by clicking on the labelled green button, and to confirm your request when prompted by email. If this email message does not appear in your inbox please check your spam/junk folder.

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