

# **Public Meeting**

## ***Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.***

### ***Hampton Inn, 1442 Western Avenue***

At our April meeting, Town Supervisor Peter Barber will lead off with announcements about the Town's Comprehensive Plan Update and a number of upcoming events, including an Arbor Day tree seedling giveaway, a cleanup day in the Town's parks, opening of registration for 2025 Summer Camp, and the Recycling Extravaganza at Farnsworth Middle School. Information on these events and more may be found below, and on the Town's website at <https://www.townofguilderland.org>

We will then hear from candidates for positions on the school and library boards. Additionally, outgoing Guilderland School Superintendent Marie Wiles will speak to us for the last time about the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year, and representatives from the McKownville Fire Department will update us on the new firehouse.

**Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 22, 2025.**

#### ***Other news:***

Spring brings a plethora of activities and volunteer opportunities for Guilderland residents to accomplish tasks at home and to beautify our town. A few of these, including four on April 26 alone, are described here:

***Arbor Day:*** On Friday, April 25, the Department of Parks & Recreation and the Tree Preservation Committee will celebrate Arbor Day by giving away approximately 120 tree seedlings on a first come, first served basis. Come to the Main Circle parking lot in Tawasentha Park between 1:00 and 4:00 to pick up your new tree and enjoy the beautiful spring landscape.

***Town Park Clean Up Day:*** On Saturday, April 26, from 11:00 to 1:00, pick any of our Town's parks and volunteer to pick up trash and litter. Trash bags will be provided.

***Clean Up Guilderland Day:*** On Saturday, April 26, from 11:00 to 1:00, volunteer to pick up litter along Western Avenue and other streets. You can do it alone or gather a group. Supplies will be provided. Please call Kathy Burbank at (518) 461-8032, or email her at [kburbank01@gmail.com](mailto:kburbank01@gmail.com).

***Recycling Extravaganza:*** Also on April 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., bring your recyclables to the Farnsworth Middle School. Please follow these important guidelines: <https://www.townofguilderland.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=2162&month=4&year=2025&day=26&calType=0>

***DEA National RX Take Back Day:*** From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on April 26, prescription drugs may be dropped off at the Guilderland Public Library in the auxiliary parking lot.

***Caring for Your Cemetery Day:*** Saturday, April 26 from Noon to 2:00 p.m., learn the process of cleaning and restoring gravestones at Guilderland Cemetery, Osborne Rd., Guilderland Center.

***I Love My Park Day:*** On Saturday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Tawasentha Park, Guilderland residents are invited to help remove invasive species and beautify garden beds, and a scavenger hunt will be a fun way to acquaint children with the park.

***Proposed parking lot near the western end of Mercer Street:*** In response to the Full Environmental Assessment Form for NY-CREATES' proposed parking lot, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation raised concerns similar to those submitted by the Town of Guilderland. For now, the project is on hold until a full environmental review is completed and concerns raised by involved agencies are addressed. However, we 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. We would like to again thank our Town and NYS officials for all of their efforts in preventing the project from going forward as proposed.

**MIA website:** New information is continually added to our website, especially to our Local History page.. If you haven't checked it out recently, here is the link: <https://mckownville.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.

#### **McKownville Improvement Association Officers and Board Members**

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