

McKownville Improvement Association
Public Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Hampton Inn, 1442 Western Avenue

We have a full agenda for our April meeting. Town Supervisor Peter Barber will start off with some announcements on a variety of topics. Assemblymember Patricia Fahy will speak to us about the 2023 legislative session and other matters affecting McKownville residents, and Superintendent of Schools Marie Wiles will provide details about the proposed 2023-2024 school budget and answer questions from the audience. We may also be joined by candidates running for seats on the Board of Education. Finally, Biagio DelVillano and Dale Nunamann from Delaware Engineering will update us on the remaining work needed to complete the storm water drainage improvement project and, to celebrate the end of the project, Delaware Engineering will provide refreshments. Please plan to attend the meeting, and stay to mingle with neighbors while enjoying some delicious treats! Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25th.

Other news:

McKownville Spring Cleanup & Open House at Firehouse on Sunday, April 23rd: In conjunction with Earth week, the McKownville Fire Department and the McKownville Improvement Association are coordinating a cleanup day this Sunday, April 23, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Efforts will be focused on the sidewalks and roadsides along Western Avenue and Fuller, Schoolhouse, and McKown Roads. If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to mikewren@gmail.com.

Volunteers should report to the Firehouse to collect equipment and receive street assignments. Crews will leave the Firehouse at about 9:30. Then, beginning at 11:00 a.m., the Fire Department will welcome the community back to the Firehouse for an Open House. Hotdogs, burgers, drinks and hands-on demonstrations will be provided by the Fire Department. You may find further information about these events and other Fire Department activities here:
<https://www.mckfd.org>

Paving projects: As final steps toward completion of the stormwater drainage improvement project, Delaware Engineering has let us know that, weather permitting, work at intersections will take place on the following dates:

Monday, April 24: Milling at intersections of Parkwood, Glenwood, and Norwood Streets
Tuesday, April 25: Replacement of traffic signal loops at Parkwood and Norwood Streets
Wednesday, April 25: Paving at intersections of Glenwood and Norwood Streets

It will be helpful if, as much as possible, residents keep travel in those areas to a minimum so that the work to restore the intersections can be performed safely and efficiently.

Additionally, later this year the Town Highway Department plans to repave the following McKownville streets: Elmwood, Glenwood, Norwood, Parkwood, Country, Dillenbeck, E. Highland, Oak, Shady & Valley. Supervisor Barber will provide more information on this subject at our meeting.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will take place on Saturday, April 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Guilderland Public Library auxiliary parking lot. This is an opportunity to safely dispose of prescription medications. Research shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from home medicine cabinets. The event will be free and anonymous. No needles will be accepted.

McKownville-Country Club Highlands Historic District: Our roadside marker, provided through a grant from the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, is now installed in front of 1443 Western Avenue. We extend our thanks to the homeowner for allowing the sign to be placed there. This location is especially significant because the original owners of the “Benjamin and Caroline Witbeck House” were the people mainly responsible for the development of Country Club Highlands, now a national historic district. The Witbecks lived in the house beginning in 1914. Benjamin died in 1942, but Caroline continued to live there until 1960.

Further information about the historic district and our house plaque program may be found on this webpage: <https://mckownville.org/2projects/2nrhplaces/MIA-CCHighlandsNRHP-ix1.html>

Now that the sign is up we will plan an event to mark the successful completion of the project, and all will be invited join the celebration.

Upcoming election: Tuesday, May 16, is the day to cast your vote on the 2023-2024 library and school budgets, and for candidates running for positions on the Board of Education and the library Board of Trustees. Please be sure to vote.

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