

# *McKownville Improvement Association*

100th Anniversary 1924 - 2024

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3 NORWOOD STREET, ALBANY NY 12203

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To the Editor:

On Saturday, May 18, the McKownville Improvement Association will host two events celebrating the history of our neighborhood. At noon, a dedication of the newly installed roadside commemorative marker for William McKown will take place in McKownville Park on Western Avenue adjacent to Stuyvesant Plaza. William McKown was a businessman, a tavern owner, and from 1813-1824 served as Guilderland Town Supervisor.

Speakers will include Guilderland Town Supervisor Peter Barber, Guilderland Town Historian Mary Ellen Johnson, and Albany County Historian Jack McEneny. The dedication will take place in the park rain or shine.

Following the dedication ceremony, there be a potluck lunch and barbecue, with hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the McKownville Fire Department. Attendees are asked to bring a chair and a dish to share. In the event of rain, the lunch will be moved to the McKownville Firehouse, located at 1250 Western Avenue.

We would like to thank all of those who have supported these events, including the McKownville Fire Department; John Haluska and the Guilderland Historical Society; Stuyvesant Plaza and all who made donations that provided the funds to purchase the sign; and the many volunteers who have worked on both events.

Sincerely,

Ellen Manning  
President  
McKownville Improvement Association