

McKownville Improvement Association

Annual Meeting

May 21, 2002, 7-9 pm Holiday Inn Express

The annual meeting of the McKownville Improvement Association is at 7 pm at the Holiday Inn Express on Tuesday May 21, 2002. All residents are invited. The agenda includes the collection of the **Needs Survey** which is included with this announcement, a vote on **The Proposal for Western Avenue** prepared by the McKownville Improvement Association Planning Group, and, the election of Association officers for the coming year.

The McKownville Improvement Association is asking each household to complete the **Needs Survey** and bring it to the meeting. Or you may return it to the **Association Secretary, Kathy LeRoux, 106 Arcadia Avenue, 12203**. Or you may submit it to **dreeb@albany.edu**. Extra copies of the survey can be obtained by sending a request to the email address. The results of the **Needs Survey** will guide the work of the McKownville Improvement Association Planning Group, for example McKown Road improvements.

The Proposal for Western Avenue Study completed by the Planning Group of the McKownville Improvement Association since our December meeting, recommends curbs, new sidewalks, wider green strips, and trees along both sides of Western Avenue from Church Road to the Albany city line. The space is to come from reducing the seven foot width of the present bike lanes to three or four feet. Not one inch is to come from our front lawns. It also recommends improved walk lights at the traffic light controlled intersections, adding a pedestrian controlled walk light at Brookwood/Knowles Terrace, several bus shelters along the south side of western Avenue, improved street drainage, a reduced speed limit (30 mph) and other changes, including several pedestrian islands, to make Western Avenue more pedestrian friendly. Copies of **The Proposal for Western Avenue Study** can be obtained by requesting a copy from **dreeb@albany.edu**, or from the web site **http://www.atmos.albany.edu/mckownville/** or by calling **Kathy LeRoux at 438-1947** and telling her your name and address and a copy will be delivered to you by foot power. We will be asking all members to approve and sign **The Proposal for Western Avenue**. Copies of our **Proposal** will be delivered to all Town officers.

Thirdly, the nominating committee will present a list of candidates for the election of officers at the May 21 meeting. Additional nominations by those in attendance will be welcomed.

The Needs Survey

After each question indicate Y for Yes, N for No, or X for I Do Not Know/ I Do Not Care/I Have No Opinion. Use as much space as you need—including extra pages--for your answers.

Do you want:

1. A branch public library to be located in McKownville Y N X
2. A senior citizen's outpost/branch to be located in McKownville Y N X
3. Sidewalks and curbs along the four more important cross streets
Church Y N X Both sides Y N X Which Side _____
Schoolhouse Y N X Both sides Y N X Which Side _____
Fuller Y N X Both sides Y N X Which Side _____
McKown Y N X Both sides Y N X Which Side _____
4. A Town park/playground for the residents of Providence/Warren/Mercer streets (because it is the one area that is cut off from both Abele Park and the university, the latter often used as a park) Y N X
5. CDTA to provide express nonstop buses from Stuyvesant during rush hour Y N X
6. The reinstatement by CDTA of the Four Mall bus Y N X

7. In addition to improvements proposed for Western Avenue (see The Proposal for Western Avenue) do you want

Better drains for road drainage at the these locations _____

Trees to be planted by the Town along these streets _____

More streetlights installed along these streets Arcadia

Stop signs at the these intersections _____

Walk lights at these locations _____

Improved surfaces for the following alleys of McKownville _____

Improved sidewalks for the following side streets Western (Best Western area)

8. Existing walking paths in McKownville (between Abele Park and McKown Road, between Parkwood and Elmwood, etc) to be clearly marked Y N X

9. The McKownville pond at Stuyvesant to be made into an attractive park for strolling, picnicking and winter ice-skating and necessary changes made to reduce the flooding of Western Avenue Y N X

10. More trees and shrubbery to be planted along the Northway, Thruway, and University drives to eliminate the sight of traffic and reduce traffic noise Y N X

11. The Town to investigate violations in zoning and building regulations at these addresses Hillcrest
Western Ave Blue House

12. A walking path created along our stream in McKownville (the stream, a branch of the Krumkill, runs from the pond near Stuyvesant southeast behind Burger King and becomes an open stream behind the Holiday Inn and then passes under McKown Road near Short Street and is at the end of Brookwood, Arcadia and Hillcrest and near Ayre Drive and Dillenbeck) Y N X

13. Walking paths to be created from
Highland/Country/Oak/Shady to Abele Park (without having to use Schoolhouse Road) Y N X
Mercer/Providence/Warren to Stuyvesant Plaza (without having to use Fuller Road) Y N X
McKown Road to Highland/Country/Oak/Shady (without having to use Western) Y N X

14. The open space (the fields and hills) between the Northway entrance and exit, and between Schoolhouse Road and the Thruway, to be made more attractive with flowering bushes, trees and other plantings Y N X

15. The McKownville Improvement Association to sponsor additional activities including _____

16. Other suggestions _____

Please give the name of the street you reside on Arcadia

The Planning Group is voluntary and any resident may join. Please send a message to dreeb@albany.edu if you wish to become a member of the Planning Group. If you want to be kept informed about the Association via email please send a message to the above email address.

N.B. On May 16 at 7 pm there will be at the McKownville Methodist Church a lecture on the history of McKownville presented by Mary Ellen Johnson. All are invited.