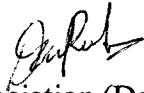


To: Supervisor Kenneth R. Runion
Town of Guilderland
From: McKownville Improvement Association (Don Reeb contact)
Subject: Meeting of December 5, 2002
Date: January 22, 2003



As the Association gets ready for yet another meeting, Thursday, January 30, 7pm at the Holiday Inn and of course you are invited, you and the other Guilderland Town Board members are overdue in receiving the Association's most sincere thanks for your presentations at the December meeting. The time each of you took from your other commitments tells all of McKownville about your interest in our neighborhood. And each of the improvements you announced was greeted with very loud applause, as you may remember.

To provide McKownville with sidewalks on Western Avenue, an improvement that we have worked hard to obtain but that the Town has worked harder to provide, is sensational. The tree planting program, the development of the pond/reservoir as a park, and the vest pocket park near Mercer are long sought for improvements which will be built only because of the Town Boards commitment. We are more than grateful.

The McKownville Western Avenue Corridor Report is about to be completed. Every neighborhood in Guilderland should be as fortunate as McKownville in being the object of such a study. To fulfill the plans will take many years. Development of the report required leadership by the Town Board and it is leadership by the Town Board that will ensure that the ideas are translated into improvements. The Association intends to be work with you to make McKownville a better community.

Your gracious offer to request "Do Not Block Side Roads" signs for Providence, Mercer and Warren will certainly be welcomed by the residents using those streets. Park and ride services, if they can be provided somewhere along Western, will benefit everyone using Western Avenue and the nearby roads. And the instructions about how to obtain more street lighting and sidewalks on the smaller streets in McKownville will certainly be followed in the coming months by the Association in its efforts.

The Association and the McKownville Fire Department are organizing a bicentennial event, which we would like you to attend, to honor our residents. McKownville has many who have been residents for 50 years or more. And among our newer residents there are some who were raised in McKownville and chose to move back into the neighborhood after they were married and began to families of their own. To honor both the older and newer residents seems appropriate for a 200th anniversary. Formal invitations will be sent as soon as they are available.

Thank you again for your interest in our neighborhood and your help in making it a better place to live.

cc: David Bosworth, Michael Ricard, Bruce Sherwin