

The McKownville Improvement Association
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To: Assemblyman Jack McEneny
From: McKownville Improvement Association (contact Don Reeb, president, 489-3909)
Subject: Association Meeting September 23, 2004
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First of all the Association wants to thank you for being our guest speaker at our monthly neighborhood meeting. The attendance was unusually large on Thursday—I can only conclude that it was because they wanted to hear you. I should have arranged for a microphone to be provided, but we all heard what you had to say and we were delighted.

Joe Galu, your staff member, telephoned me. He explained why the Albany Landfill is emitting such powerful odors and he explained that this is likely to be only a temporary problem.

As for the carcinogenic and other air pollution substances that may be coming from the NanoTech buildings, Joe indicated he would look through his file and fax me whatever he finds that might help us. Someone at the University told me that the most dangerous pollution from NanoTech is to be found in their waste water. The pollution from the Central Avenue uranium shell plant into Lake Rensselaer is well discussed in the neighborhood but the air and water pollution from NanoTech is still a mystery.

You discussed our other problems—in no particular order they are:

- the Western Avenue flyover
- rumble strips, which have been eliminated (but the desire for sound barriers along the Thruway has been a community priority. In an earlier conversation you mentioned that your office could finance a study of the noise along the McKownville section of the Thruway—it would seem that the Thruway has to do such a study also but the Thruway has not been very forthcoming)
- removal of the guard railings along Fuller Road to allow a safer walking path
- and, the floods of Western Avenue by the over flow of the pond.

Freedom Quad, the expansion of the University onto the Harriman campus, and the Shabbos House were discussed---I sent you a copy of the letter that I sent to President Ryan concerning the Shabbos House--and you and I talked about the \$100,000 Multi Modal grant.

Anyone reading this list would know why we applauded you so loudly—you may not be able to solve all of our problems but that you have done so much and continue to be interested in doing more gives McKownville residents great hope.

We will continue to keep you informed of what the Association is doing-----but again, thank you for being our guest speaker.