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Dear Neighbor,

One of our neighbors needs your help. As some of you may already know, the owner of the Across the street pub, Michael Arduini, is looking to put a small deck off the west side of his building. It would be a small 16 x 20 wooden deck, which will seat 15 to 20 people. He plans on putting flower boxes around the deck to make it esthetically pleasing to the eyes. There will be no music played in the outside area at all and the deck will be closed at 11 pm. This deck is designed to allow Mr. Adruini's customers the pleasure of enjoying a meal outside while also accommodating his customers that smoke, eliminating people standing on the stairs in front of the main entrance.

This proposal was brought in front of the Town of Guilderland planning board on August 10th. In attendance was Don Reeb, chairman of the McKownville Improvement Association. Mr.Reeb stated he represented the neighbors who oppose this project. Mr.Reeb has never contacted me about this issue, and I am one of the closest neighbors to the Pub. He stated the neighbors were vehemently opposed and was down right nasty about it. Mr.Reeb does not live on either Arcadia or Hillcrest Aves.

As a neighbor of the Pub for 9 years, the only complaint I have had is with its patrons parking in the fire lane at the top of Hillcrest Ave. Since 1999 when the parking lot on the west side went into service the problem has occurred only at certain times of the year and has been minimal. A simple call to the Pub or the Guilderland police resolves this problem quickly.

In short The Across the Street pub has always been a great neighbor, always keeping his property to the highest standards of the neighborhood and has plans to do many more esthetically pleasing improvements in the future. I feel there is no good reason for this small project not to move forward.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have with the project. Unlike the Improvement association, I would like to hear your input. Your feedback is essential. I will also pen a letter to both the zoning and planning boards stating our position. Even if you oppose this project please let me know.

Thank you,

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