

August 28, 2006

Town of Guilderland
Town Hall, McCormack's Corners
Guilderland, NY 12203

To Whom It May Concern: *Ken Runion* :

This is to request that you consider this in support of a need to make McKownville's neighborhood sidewalks a Neighborhood Sidewalk Zone subject to repair by the Town of Guilderland. The public sidewalk in front of my property at 9 Elmwood Street in McKownville is in serious disrepair. The upheaval of the individual stones is so great (and was so when I purchased the property in January, 2005), that I am fearful that someone will injure themselves by tripping on the uneven surface.

I feel that the block on which I reside, Elmwood Street, is a prime candidate for inclusion in a network of public walkways and bikeways to encourage neighborhood residents to walk and bicycle more readily than taking their cars as we are so proximate to Stuyvesant Plaza, the Farmer's Market at Passanno Paints, the University facilities, and the restaurants and small businesses in McKownville. Surely, the encouragement of neighbors walking and biking rather than driving should be given greater attention, and I strongly feel that it would be more commonplace if the sidewalks were more carefully maintained both in terms of good repair and maintenance during the snowy wintry months.

McKownville is a unique little enclave in the midst of burgeoning suburbia, and anything we can do to preserve this unique character of our village is very important—it is why we choose to live here. This character can be enhanced with the implementation of measures to encourage our neighbors to move locally from place to place without reliance upon vehicles to the extent that it is comfortable and practical to do so.

Is this something within the authority of the Town to repair? Please advise as to what steps can be taken by me as a homeowner and a member of the McKownville Homeowner's Association to have the stretch of public sidewalk in front of my home repaired by the Town as soon as possible before the cold weather sets in.

Sincerely,
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