

To: Residents of McKownville

From: The McKownville Improvement Association ( Don Reeb, president, 489-3909)

Subject: Storm Water

Date: August 7, 2008

Much of the McKownville community has experienced storm water problems—water in the basement and/or flooded gardens, driveways, alleyways and sidewalks.

The Town of Guilderland has developed the enclosed questionnaire to gather more precise information about our storm water problems. The Town has begun work in the Knowles Terrace area to alleviate their storm water problems. The State of New York, Department of Transportation, has done some preliminary work on the storm sewer line under Western Avenue along which several cave-ins have developed. And, as most of you know, a family on Providence Street, during a July storm, had their basement wall cave-in. Therefore, this questionnaire is timely.

This letter is to encourage you to complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it, by September 3, 2008, to the Town—an envelope is provided. Do it today, please?

These storm water problems will not be lessened unless we all take some action. To this end the Association wants to encourage you to consider taking the following steps to alleviate storm water problems you may be having. Each resident, when experiencing storm water flooding on or near your property, should consider: (1) construction of a sump area in the basement and installation of a sump pump; (2) installation of gutters and downspouts on your home to move the storm water away from the foundation; (3) check to make sure your garden area slopes away from your home as much as is possible; (4) consider whether your basement floor and walls need be looked-at by a professional; (5) make sure your driveway, alleyways and sidewalks are moving the storm water away from your home; and (6) if you notice that roadway drains on your street are blocked please remove the surface debris. You might also want to check with your homeowner's insurance company about what protection you have for storm water damage.

Do complete the questionnaire immediately and return it in the envelope provided.

We must not pass up this unique opportunity to alleviate storm water problems in McKownville. The Town is being pro-active and it is now time for us to help.