

To: The Editor, Spotlight News
From: Don Reeb, president, McKownville Improvement Association
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At the recent fund raiser for the Plant family, many people told me of their appreciation for the work of the Town in reducing our storm water problems. As a messenger, my words are certainly inadequate to express how deeply we in McKownville appreciate the work of Guilderland public officials Ken Runion and Todd Gifford, our Town Supervisor and our Town Highway Superintendent. Even our votes are inadequate in expressing our appreciation, though we are proud of the large majority we gave to these wonderful public officials in the most recent Town elections.

Not everyone realizes that the "to do" list of public officials is "a mile wide and ten miles deep". The demands for their attention are enormous. Each demand that is not met with an immediate response often subjects the officials to criticism, sometimes very harsh criticism. How terribly unfair.

But inadequate or not, it is still important that our Guilderland public officials know how deeply we appreciate their hard work, not only on behalf of McKownville but for all of Guilderland.

For those who are impatient, let me give you this advice---be patient. Not all problems can be solved today and the problems of others are often more important than your own problems.

Thank you Ken Runion and Todd Gifford for your hard work. Without you, Guilderland would be a much less pleasant place to work and to live.