

NW 2009

***McKownville Improvement Association Accomplishments,
Aided and/or Promoted, Since 2000***

1. McKownville Corridor Study completed, 2003
2. Flyover proposed by the New York State Thruway was stopped
3. McKownville Zoning Study completed
4. Storm water engineering study underway
5. New park under construction at the former McKownville Reservoir next to Stuyvesant Plaza
6. 1257 "Blue House" on Western torn down and land leased to McKownville Fire Department
7. Cooperation on the annual Halloween parties held with the McKownville Fire Department
8. Cooperation with the McKownville Fire Department for neighborhood events, like that honoring long term McKownville residents
9. Formed an Association committee to sell and plant street trees
10. Completed a survey of sidewalk needs and preferences
11. Survey completed on future needs of McKownville
12. Sidewalk completed along the west side of McKown Road from Western Avenue to the entrance of Woodscape
13. Sidewalk completed along Western Avenue from Schoolhouse Road to McKown Road
14. Sidewalk completed on Schoolhouse Road from Western Avenue to the entrance to Abele Park
15. Sidewalk construction to begin along both sides of Fuller Road
16. "Blue House" at 1257 Western has five storm drains on or near the property that were clogged and prevented storm water from crossing under Western to the Krumkill—these were reopened by the Town highway department
17. Bus patron shelter installed at 1450 Western near Parkwood Street
18. Bus patron shelter installed at McKown Road and Western Avenue
19. Pedestrian crosswalk lights installed at Parkwood Street and Western Avenue
20. Pedestrian crosswalk lights installed at McKown Road, Norwood Street and Western Avenue

21. Improved traffic signals installed at Fuller Road and Western Avenue
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23. Snow plowing improved along Western, McKown Road and Fuller Road
24. Trash receptacles obtained for the two new bus patron shelters
25. Improved traffic signal lights installed at McKown Road, Norwood Street and Western Avenue
26. Western Avenue stripping changed to provide a turning lane for west bound BurgerKing patrons
27. "Don't block the Side Road" signs installed along Fuller Road
28. Cooperation with Eagle Hill neighborhood association in Albany on opposing the proposed site of the 550 student University dormitory
29. Reconstruction of storm sewers near Fuller Road and Western Avenue is in process to reduce Western Avenue flooding
30. "Don't drive on the shoulder" signs along the south side of Western Avenue installed
31. Lighting district extended along Providence Street
32. Carriageway behind Norwood/Waverly streets cleared of brush
33. New storm sewers installed along Westlyn Place to accommodate new and older homes nearby
34. A new sidewalk installed by Stuyvesant Plaza from Western Avenue into the Plaza
35. Agreement reached with the University at Albany to stop the construction of a faculty-student building at 1257 Western
36. Reconstruction of the old Capital Lodge motel and its rebirth as a "Days Inn"
37. The construction of a Starbucks across from the University entrance was transferred to the old Taco Pronto site
38. A farm stand operated by Jim and Cindy Barber, first located in Stuyvesant and now behind Passonno's on McKown Road, was accomplished
39. The painting and reuse of the old McKownville Reservoir pump house near Stuyvesant Plaza and its reuse as a Town record storage site
40. Former Tusang-Barhydt property, 1424 Western Avenue, was refurbished into two businesses and an apartment
41. Former Hannon drugstore site refurbished

42. Awards given to two local businesses, Holiday Inn Express and Passonno Paints, for being “good neighbors”
43. Several businesses stopped piling snow on the sidewalks after they were reported and ticketed
44. Various abandoned cars reported to the Town and hauled away
45. Got information out to neighbors about a burglar and neighbors spied another break-in and they called the police that led to the capture of the burglar
46. Town Highway department repaired storm sewer cave-ins near several homes on Knowles Terrace
47. Reached agreement with The University at Albany and the NanoTech College to provide financing for a sidewalk along Fuller and to maintain it even in the winter
48. Town Highway department cleaned storm sewers near Glenwood Street and near Norwood Street
49. Town authorized household storm sewer survey was completed and tabulated
50. Association cooperated with Save the PineBush to try and stop the expansion of the Albany City landfill in the PineBush
51. Association reached out to representatives from Town government, County government, State Assembly and State Senate, Harriman campus, Nano campus, Stuyvesant Plaza, library, school board, and University at Albany, to make presentations at general monthly meetings
52. Sound barriers approved by the New York State Thruway for property near McKown Road
53. Got sidewalks cleared of overgrowth along Western Avenue
54. New sidewalks along Western Avenue, at Germano’s and Days Inn, were installed
55. Sign post on McKown Road for Abele Park erected and path cleared and improved
56. New storm sewer on Providence Street constructed
57. Reached out to Laughlin Street residents and included them in the Association flyer distribution
58. Met with representatives from NanoTech campus concerning its impact on McKownville
59. Stop signs on Valley Lane installed
60. Got National Grid to repair holes at the intersection of Highland and Western Avenue
61. Met with representatives from the Harriman campus concerning its impact on McKownville

These were accomplished with the help of many different people--- Assemblyman Jack McEneny, Senator Neil Breslin, Town Supervisor Ken Runion, the Guilderland Town Board members, and the McKownville Fire Department---the help of various businesses including Stuyvesant Plaza, Passonno Paints, Holiday Inn Express, Hansen Flooring, Starbucks Coffee and Barber's Farm---the support of various State agencies such as the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of Transportation, the University at Albany and the Thruway Authority---and the help of the good neighbors of McKownville.

Working together, we have made McKownville a better place to live.