

**To the Residents of Three Hills Terrace**  
**Some Information from the McKownville Improvement Association**  
**March 2, 2011**

The Town of Guilderland is preparing revisions to its zoning ordinance. Recently Ken Runion, Guilderland Town Supervisor, proposed that the zoning ordinance revisions include “hamlets” to better meet the needs of a few smaller areas in Guilderland.

Hamlets are a zoning entity with described boundaries. **They involve no new government officers, no additional taxes, and no new buildings.** The North Bethlehem Fire Department will still be your fire department, the Guilderland schools will still be your schools and other Guilderland Town services will continue.

Within a hamlet, zoning laws can be adjusted to meet needs that are unique to that area. Because our two neighborhoods share a boundary and are older (homes are close together, the streets are narrow, the storm sewer and water delivery systems are old and much of the area was developed prior to zoning) a hamlet designation might be helpful for both.

The McKownville Improvement Association wants hamlet status for its area (the McKownville Fire District area) to better protect Western Avenue, McKown Road, Schoolhouse Road and Fuller Road from additional commercial development

What is the benefit to the Three Hills Terrace properties to be designated a hamlet. **More recognition by Town Hall.** More recognition by Town Hall might lead to desirable public improvements. The McKownville Association area has, in the past decade, benefited from better sidewalks, improved street lighting, sidewalk snowplowing, more and improved traffic lights, more stop signs, a park, improved pedestrian crosswalk lights, several bus patron shelters as well as more recognition when neighbors protested against business development that was unwanted.

Without Three Hills Terrace being designated as a hamlet, the McKownville hamlet boundaries would be identical to those for the McKownville Fire Department and the McKownville Improvement Association—the Northway, the Thruway, the University, the Three Hills Terrace western boundary line and the Albany City line.

If you have questions, you can contact Don Reeb, president, McKownville Improvement Association, 489-3909, [dreeb@Albany.edu](mailto:dreeb@Albany.edu) or Jan Weston, Town Planner, 356-1980, [westonj@townofguilderland.org](mailto:westonj@townofguilderland.org)

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