

McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting
Wednesday September 14, 2011—7 pm-9 pm
Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

The University at Albany is threatening to buy residential land in McKownville and tear down two of our homes. **This must be stopped.** The representatives of the McKownville Improvement Association met with University President George Philip and showed him the 1962 promise that the University made to stay out of McKownville—we showed him literature about the historic home on the Holt-Harris parcel—we showed him by our presence that the neighborhood was strongly opposed to the University's buying our homes—he replied that the University would continue to look at buying the nearly 10 acre Holt-Harris property, its two homes and barn.

The letters to the editor have been written---the 100 lawn signs are up—McKownville will picket the University---Saturday September 17, 2011, 4:30-6:30 pm, at the Western Avenue University entrance. Bring your signs and march----- to save McKownville.

The **Barber's farm** in Middleburgh was hard hit by the flood but they re-opened the farm stand in McKownville on Friday September 9 and plan to be open through the end of September. Yeh.

Thank heavens for the **McKownville Fire Department**—they pumped out dozens and dozens of basements. The help received from other fire departments and the Guilderland Highway Department was wonderful—good people helping good people. The Irene hurricane floodwaters made obvious to all that urgent help is needed to clean, repair, and rebuild the McKownville storm sewers.

Now for some good news---McKownville needs to thank **Supervisor Ken Runion** and Park Superintendent **Dennis Moore** for efforts to improve **McKownville Park**—there are benches and picnic tables there—and the Association promised to recruit neighbors to help to cut weeds, spread rock dust on the paths, and make donations to buy park benches, they cost \$200 each. McKownville needs to thank Highway Superintendent **Steve Oliver** and his crew for repairs on the Parkwood/Elmwood storm sewer.

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