

## McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 2017—7 pm-9 pm

Hampton Inn, 1442 Western Avenue

**Assembly Member Patricia A. Fahy will be our first guest speaker.** Pat was elected in 2012 to represent the 109<sup>th</sup> Assembly district. Her web pages indicate her interests, her responsibilities and her accomplishments. Pat is a member of six Assembly committees including that for Children and Families, Higher Education, Environmental Conservation, Tourism and Parks, a member of the Task Force on Women's Issues and the Legislative Women's Caucus and chair of the Sub-Committee on Oversight of the Department of Environmental Conservation. Pat has served on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Albany and presently serves on the Board of Directors of Center for Women in Government and Civil Society at the University at Albany

**Dr. Marie Wiles, Guilderland School Superintendent, is our second guest speaker.** While Assembly Member Fahy develops and votes on State legislation, some of which is focused on education, Dr. Wiles provides the day-to-day administration for the 5000 students attending the seven Guilderland schools. The budget, about \$98 million, is often the focus for discussion but it is the care and development of the children—their fears and hopes, their education and their future that is the goal for the very best of our educators like Dr. Wiles.

Many of you have provided your email address so that the McKownville Improvement Association can notify you quickly of events and situations affecting our neighborhood. If you want to be added to the list, please send an email to [donreeb@gmail.com](mailto:donreeb@gmail.com). **There is always an open invitation for neighbors to be added to the list.**

Thank you for the many donations that were received by the Association's treasurer Martha Harausz. With about \$500 in our bank account the Association has sufficient funds for another year. The support and generosity of the neighborhood is delightful.

**News---**The decayed house at 1210 Western (a/k/a the palm reader's house) was removed to be replaced by a two unit commercial building. The Albany Common Council may vote on rezoning the property on Sandidge Way/Loughlin Street on May 15. The IDA vote concerning tax forgiveness for the proposed Crossgates hotel may occur late in May, while the IDA vote on tax exemptions for the residential facility to replace the Best Western Hotel is scheduled for May 18. The environmental review form for the McKownville storm sewer makeover has been filed and is available for review.

The election of officers of the Association takes place each year at our May meeting. The nominees this year are: President, Ellen Manning; Vice President, Doug Smith; Secretary, Laura Barry; and Treasurer, Martha Harausz. Tom Robert, Alice Torda, and Debra Trees are nominated for three-year Board positions, along with Don Reeb to fill out Laura Barry's unexpired term. Les Craigue is chairing the nominations committee. You may contact him (446-9344) to make additional nominations. ***Bill Meehan has asked to leave the Board. Bill has been president and held other positions with the Association since 1986. McKownville is a much improved community because of Bill's 31 years of work. Thank you Bill.***

**Come have some ice cream and hear two of our extraordinary public officials.**

### Officers

Don Reeb, President, 5 Norwood St. 489-3909  
Doug Smith, Vice President, 5 McKown Rd. 482-6081  
Ellen Manning, Secretary, 3 Norwood St. 482-3779  
Martha Harausz, Treasurer, 1445 Western 489-3855

Debra Trees  
8 Ayre Drive  
489-1519

Bill Meehan  
7 Country Rd.  
456-4564

Alice Torda  
2 Knowles Terrace  
489-3613

### Members of the Board

Richard Goldstein  
24 Warren St  
482-3142

Laura Barry  
3 Waverly  
813-9694

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8 Brookwood  
459-9176

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136 Arcadia  
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214 Woodscape  
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