

***McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting  
Thursday, March 15, 2018, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Hampton Inn, 1442 Western Avenue***

Please join us on March 15, have some ice cream, catch up on news of the neighborhood, and hear from our two speakers for the evening. NYS Senator George Amedore will tell us about bills that have passed, and other initiatives under consideration, during the current legislative session. Next, Jim White, Commissioner of the McKownville Fire Department, will describe events planned to celebrate the department's history as it marks 100 years of service to our neighborhood.

***Neighborhood Updates:***

1211 Western Avenue, Albany: GSX Ventures has withdrawn its application to the Albany City Planning Board to demolish the Sage Engineering building and replace it with a multi-story dormitory, parking garage and retail structure.

Sandidge Way: In December, the Albany County Planning Board disapproved the latest proposal from Dawn Homes Management to build 7, five-story multifamily buildings with 252 units on the site of the currently unoccupied eleven single story homes. In 2016, the ACPB disapproved Dawn Homes' proposal to construct 173 units on the site. The County Planning Board's decision can be overridden by a super majority (four out of five) of the Albany City Planning Board.

1228 Western Avenue: The sale of the Best Western hotel to Promenade Senior Living has been completed and work is underway to convert the building to 200 assisted living units.

***McKownville trivia question:***

Albany City Historian Tony Opalka recently asked me why there are no 1300 addresses on Western Avenue. I had to admit that I had never noticed this oddity. Does anyone know why? Explanations and hypotheses will be announced in a future newsletter.

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