

McKownville Improvement Association
Public Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2019
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Hampton Inn, 1442 Western Avenue

Starting off our first meeting of the year will be John Brust and Travis Smigel, representing Delaware Engineering. They will update us on the current status of the stormwater drainage project and tell us what we can expect once the spring construction season gets underway. Next, Guilderland Town Supervisor Peter Barber will speak on a number of topics concerning McKownville residents, including the revaluation process, sidewalk and road construction, land use projects, and other items of interest. Last up, our neighbor Bill Kidd will speak with us about the underlying conditions contributing to drainage issues in our area. Bill is a geologist, and his presentation “Groundwater in McKownville, in the Colonie Sand, and in your basement” should be both interesting and illuminating to us all.

Other News:

Progress on construction of the CoreLife restaurant building on Western Avenue to the west of the University entrance is progressing slowly, and I have not heard when it is expected to open for business. News of the outbreak of Legionnaires’ disease at the Promenade senior living facility was sad and shocking. As far as we know the building is vacant for now. The Passonno Paints store on Western Avenue closed its doors in December and the property is for sale. We are sorry to have lost a local business and good neighbor. The Barbers are hoping to return to McKownville this summer with their wonderful produce, and we are working to identify a place that will accommodate the farm stand.

Just over the Town line in Albany, the proposed demolition of the Sage Engineering building at 1211 Western Avenue was approved by the Albany City Planning Board on February 26, as was the site plan submitted by GSX Ventures. calling for construction of a 6 story apartment building comprising 151,00 +/- sq. ft. and 136 apartments. To read more about the Planning Board’s decisions and conditions, please visit this link:
https://www.albanyny.gov/Libraries/Planning_Board/2019-02_PB_Decisions.sflb.ashx

Maggie’s Sports Bar on Western Avenue has been sold to Ted’s Fish Fry. The owners of Barcelona Restaurant have purchased the properties immediately to the east of their building with the intention of expanding their parking lot.

Please try to join us on Thursday, and mark your calendars for the other two spring meetings scheduled for April 11 and May 16.

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