

McKownville Improvement Association
Online Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Dear McKownville Neighbors:

Our October meeting agenda is not as crowded as in recent months, and I expect it will end in plenty of time for participants who are so inclined to tune in to the presidential debate, should there be one. First, Jordan Carleo-Evangelist and Luke Rumsey, both representatives of UAlbany, will speak to us on a variety of topics, including how the campus community is adjusting to life during the time of Covid-19, as well as matters that might affect McKownville neighbors. We will then have an update on the drainage improvement project. The evening will end with an open discussion period. I hope you will join us.

Join the meeting by computer:

Beginning shortly before 7:00 p.m., you may join the meeting from your computer by carefully typing in the following address in your web browser address bar:*

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When prompted, please be sure to click where indicated to join the meeting via both audio and video.

*The *necessary numbers and web address* have been provided on the flyer distributed to households in the neighborhood, and will be made available on the day of the meeting in a separate pdf file accessible through a *link on the Meetings page* of this website.

Other News:

1230 Western Avenue

At our September meeting Collegiate Development Group, represented by Hershberg & Hershberg, presented a proposal to develop a five-story structure at 1230 Western Avenue. The site is currently occupied by the Days Inn, and was formerly occupied by TraveLodge and Dunkin' Donuts. The primary use of the new building would be for student housing, with 420 bedrooms, 172 below-grade parking spaces, and some retail space.

Information provided by the developers about the proposed project is posted on our website at:

https://mckownville.org/1meetings/Presentation_McKownville_Final.pdf

I urge you to check it out.

National Grid gas line replacement

National Grid now has the required permits from NYS DOT, and replacement of gas lines on streets off the north side of Western Avenue should begin in early to mid-November. Weather permitting, construction will continue through the winter and all of the gas lines should be installed by spring 2021. AGI will be the subcontractor.

Halloween at the McKownville Firehouse

Covid-19 need not prevent our neighborhood children from enjoying Halloween this year. Instead of the customary indoor party at the firehouse, the McKownville Fire Department will host a parking lot Trick-or-Treat event from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. This will offer a safe and socially distanced alternative to door to door trick-or-treating. Additional details will follow.

Voting

If you plan to vote by mail in the November 3rd election, you have until October 27 to request an absentee ballot. You can do so by following this link:

<https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/Home/Search>

The earlier you receive, complete, and return your ballot the better. Alternatively, early voting begins on Saturday, October 24, at the **Guilderland Fire Department, 2303 Western Avenue**, and runs through Sunday, November 1. Hours are Sat & Sun, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm; Mon & Wed, noon to 8:00 pm; and Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Absentee ballots may be dropped off at any of the early voting polling sites in Albany County during open hours. However you choose to cast your vote, please be sure that you do!

Further information about voting in Albany County this year can be found here:

<https://www.albanycounty.com/departments/board-of-elections>

Website: www.mckownville.org

Our website is updated promptly when new information becomes available. The News page, and the Announcements page linked there, are the places to look for this.

Subscription to the Association email list

A reminder: if you don't already subscribe to our email list but would like to receive occasional updates from us, please take the following simple steps:

- 1). Go to the webpage <https://mckownville.org/MIAallsubunsub.html> (or use the link to this form on the Contacts and Meetings page of the website).
- 2). Fill out the form and submit the information by clicking on the labelled green button. A request confirmation page will appear.
- 3). An email message with a link will be sent to your address. If you do not receive this message, look for it in your spam/junk mail folder. You must follow the link to verify and activate your subscription. If you do not submit this verification your email address will not be added to our list.

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