

The McKownville Improvement Association
McKownville
Albany 3, New York

14 Glenwood Street, McKownville, N. Y.

November 21, 1966

Mr. Charles E. Cahill
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Albany, New York

Dear Mr. Cahill:


At a recent meeting of our Executive Committee, I was requested to write you about the poor lighting on Fuller Road, between Western Ave. and the Albany City line. Our association believes that modern street lighting should be installed here, because of highway accident hazards to pedestrians walking to their homes, doctors' offices, stores and restaurants in the vicinity.

School children from about 100 homes on Providence, Mercer and Warren Streets and large numbers of State University students, walk along Fuller Road to and from the bus stop at Stuyvesant. In view of the fact that sidewalks were placed on Fuller Road by a private citizen at no expense to the County, it seems only fair that the County should act to prevent highway injuries.

If the County is not willing to install adequate lighting, will you please issue the necessary permit for this construction to the Town of Guilderland. It is my understanding the Town government is prepared to act immediately. The McKownville Lighting District, established some years ago at the request of this association, will bear the cost if necessary.

Albany County should be proud of the new State University and recognize the many visitors the university brings. Progressive county and city governments should cooperate in improving the highway entrances from the Thruway and Northway.

Sincerely yours,


President, McKownville
Improvement Association

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The Executive Committee of the McKownville Improvement Association met November 17th and heard reports from Secretary Beatrice Hamme of 30 Norwood Street and Treasurer Thomas F. Keenan of 36 Parkwood Street. Councilman Michael J. Hannan of the Guilderland Town Board spoke on proposed plans for a sewage disposal system to comply with New York State's anti-pollution order. He indicated that it was desirable to provide sewers along Western Avenue for some distance West of McKownville; also that costs per family would be considerably less if adjacent localities agreed to build a consolidated or regional system.

Mr. Hannan discussed the new law banning overnight parking during winter months, to facilitate snow removal. In referring to the new burning regulations, Mr. Hannan pointed out that leaves could no longer be burned on town highways, because of damage to the blacktop.

The Committee voted to support a proposed change in boundary lines of the McKownville Lighting Districts in order that street lights may be installed on Ayre Drive and Dillenbeck Drive. Residents of that Area have petitioned the Town Board, which will hold a hearing on December 13th.

The Association will request Albany County to install adequate street lighting on Fuller Road, between Western Avenue and the Albany City line. In addition to children living on Providence, Mercer and Warren Streets, many university students walk along this poorly lighted road, enroute to stores and restaurants. Fuller Road is a county road, not under Town jurisdiction.