

TOWN OF GUILDERLAND

GUILDERLAND, N. Y.

April 22, 1977

Dear Property Owner:

On March 8th a Public Hearing was held on the proposition of the Consolidation of McKownville and Westmere Water Districts as a result of the unanimous recommendation of the McKownville Water Advisory Board and to which the Townwide Water Advisory Board agreed. The Town Board at that time adopted a resolution authorizing this consolidation subject to a permissive referendum. Residents of the McKownville area have filed petitions requesting that a formal election be held on this proposition. Therefore, elections will be held in the following locations in the McKownville and Westmere Water Districts:

May 3, 1977 from 2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

McKownville Fire House, Western Ave., McKownville, Albany, N.Y.

Westmere Fire House, Western Ave., Westmere, Albany, N.Y.

on the following proposition:

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According to Section 206, Article 12, paragraph 7, anyone who is an "elector of the town (eligible voter), and is the owner of taxable property situate within one of the districts assessed upon the last preceding town assessment roll" is eligible to vote. "Every person entitled to vote upon such a proposition shall vote at the voting place designated by the town board for the district in which he shall reside and at none other."

The basic facts concerning this consolidation are as follows:

1. Westmere Water District has been selling McKownville Water District water for the last three years due to the fact that the water from the McKownville Reservoir is potable but not palatable because of the construction of the Northway and Thruway and Washington Ave. Extension since the original reservoir was built.
2. The cost of refurbishing the McKownville Filter Plant to operable condition is estimated at \$50,000.00.
3. Water usage rates will remain the same for both water districts... \$12.00 every six months for 30,000 gallons.
4. Estimated comparisons for taxes in the two districts if consolidation takes place are as follows: Taxes are paid with your January tax bill.

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It is most important for all concerned citizens to vote on this issue since a vote against the consolidation by either McKownville or Westmere Water District would defeat the merger.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Carl J. Walters, Supervisor at 356-1980 or Durward Brewer, Superintendent of Water and Sanitation at 456-6474 any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Carl J. Walters
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for the Town Board