

The McKownville Improvement Association

IMPORTANT NOTICE

BY THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A second hearing requested by the Albany Savings Bank to permit the bank to build a new free standing building at 1450 Western Avenue (opposite Parkwood and Elmwood Streets) will be held Friday, August 15 at 8:15 p.m. by the town Zoning Board of Appeals at Guilderland Town Hall, McCormacks Corners. IT IS REQUESTED THAT EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU TURN OUT FOR THIS IMPORTANT MEETING BECAUSE IT CONCERNS YOU.

The bank's new proposal includes putting a traffic light (if DCF approves) at the intersection of Western Avenue and Parkwood Street. The proposal also includes cutting a passthrough between 1450 Western Avenue and the Tom Sawyer Motor Inn properties to provide 30 additional backup parking spaces for employees who work at 1450 Western Avenue and to provide the motel's clientele with an exit at the proposed traffic light.

Although the proposal may seem reasonable, there are problems, particularly traffic-wise. Evidently the Department of Transportation thought so too, when it turned down several requests over a period of ten years from the building's former occupant, the New York State Department of Social Services, for a traffic light at the same intersection. It has been stated that a traffic light at that intersection would hinder rather than help the flow of traffic on Western Avenue, as the light would cause more traffic tieups and would bring about the blocking of Glenwood and Elmwood Streets by backed-up cars. Even with a light, traffic would be delayed, especially at peak hours by cars making a left turn from Western Avenue into 1450 Western Avenue. The driveway across from Elmwood Street would also cause problems with traffic flow.

Since much banking occurs during the lunch hour and when people are on the way home from work, the additional traffic problems would be increased. At the present time, without the addition of another traffic problem, some residents living on the side streets off Western Avenue are afraid to make a left hand turn onto Western Avenue. Also with the increased traffic, comes the increased possibility of accidents. Do we need this?

Besides the traffic problems, another reason why the proposal should be turned down is that we have enough banks in this area already. Within less than ten minute driving time, there are approximately 20 bank locations, not including bank satellites that are at Shoprite and other stores.

THIS IS OUR TOWN. HELP PRESERVE THE QUALITY OF LIVING IN OUR AREA FROM BEING SLOWLY ERODED. PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING AND EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS!!!!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 --- 8:15 p.m.

GUILDERLAND TOWN HALL