

# The McKownville Improvement Association

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OFFICES STOP CROSSGATES NOW

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Meet the Town Election Candidates Sunday October 25, 1981, 8:00 PM Tom Sawyer Motel  
The seven(7) Town offices to be filled at this election are: Supervisor, Town Board  
(two councilmen), Town Clerk, Recorder of Taxes, and Town Justice(two judges).  
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After three and one-half years, we are still stopping Crossgates. Crossgates is now attempting to obtain three variances from the Town Zoning Board (and they may have put off their decision until after the upcoming Town election), get a Special Use Permit from the Town Zoning Board of Appeals, obtain permits from the State Department of Transportation for the (so-called) highway improvements, and fight two cases which the Concerned Citizens Against Crossgates and/or the McKownville Improvement Association have filed. Crossgates' troubles are caused by all of us--we have organized our opposition to Crossgates very effectively. All of us have made sacrifices for this, and I think I know why. The reasons have been stated dozens of times by those who spoke to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the Middle School and those who spoke to the Hearing Officer at the EIS Hearing and those who wrote to the Town, the State, and to the newspapers. And the facts -- the statistics -- prove the accuracy of these statements.

The data presented to the Hearing Officer for the EIS Hearing and to the Town Zoning Board of Appeals shows that:

- \* if Crossgates is built, it will lower the price of our homes by \$1000.00 on average for each home within one mile of the site,
- \* if Crossgates is built, it will reduce the State aid to the Guilderland School District
- \* Crossgates, if built, will cost in Town services about the same amount as the property taxes they pay, and there will be no increase in sales taxes,
- \* Crossgates, if built, will cause more traffic on Western Avenue, more air pollution, and more demand for policemen,
- \* Crossgates, if built, will increase pedestrian accidents, bike accidents, and traffic noise,
- \* the increased traffic on Western Avenue will put traffic hazards in the way of our McKownville firemen and our Western Turnpike Rescue Squad volunteers,
- \* Crossgates, if built, will aid an increase in crime, especially youth crime,
- and \* Crossgates will destroy the Krumkill, pollute the McKownville reservoir, use a precious open-space for a marginal business, and turn Washington Avenue Extension into a Wolf Road and Western Avenue into Central Avenue.

I believe that the people of Guilderland and the Capital District do not want Crossgates because I have seen the results from four opinion polls (Don Munn, Anne Gaffney, Mike Hoblock, and MAS). The people know that construction jobs are needed, but they also know that Exit 24 is about to be re-built and that the bridge over the Thruway on Western Avenue is to be re-built (both without any help from Crossgates) and that these will help the construction workers.

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The up-coming Town election is the nearest thing we have to a Referendum--remember--the petitions which we carried around and presented to the Town asking for a Referendum on Crossgates. Well, this is our chance to tell the Town what we want. Make sure you vote --and vote for the candidate who WILL STOP CROSSGATES. Only you can be the judge of which candidate that is.

The McKownville Improvement Association, for over 50 years, has been proud to be your Association--so join it and support it and pledge money to the Lawyers fund for the on-going litigation against Crossgates. More cases will be filed if we can pay for them.