

Upcoming events:

Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, PAPER DRIVE, at 1450 Western Avenue. Recycle your old newspapers and help the Association clean up the leftover legal expenses of the Crossgates suits.

Thursday, May 26 (tentative), Annual Meeting of the Association, and election of officers. If you want to become more involved with the Association, contact a board member.

Weekend of May 28 and 29, Garage Sale. Clean out your junk-- pass it on to the Association's garage sale.

Exit 24

Tuesday, March 15 (this week), 7:30 p.m., Ramada Inn,
A PUBLIC HEARING on the Exit 24/I-90/I-87 reconstruction.

The State Department of Transportation (DOT) plans to rebuild the Thruway/Northway/I-90 interchange just north of McKownville. DOT is trying to decide between two plans for the new interchange:--

--to extend the Northway south of Western Avenue to connect with the Thruway near the Schoolhouse Road bridge, and put in a new toll plaza on the Northway by Executive Park, or

--to leave the Northway alone and widen the present toll plaza at Exit 24.

You can help DOT decide on March 15.

DOT has prepared a Design Report and Environmental Assessment for the Exit 24 project. According to that Report, extending the Northway south of Western Avenue and building a new toll plaza would--

--increase air pollution at Executive Park, already high, right up to the federal legal limit;

--increase noise levels somewhat at the western end of Providence Street;

--increase slightly the pollution of the McKownville Reservoir from salt running off the roadways; and

--"present a visual effect" in the area of Western Avenue.

The Design Report is available at the SUNY library, the Albany Public Library, Guilderland Town Hall, and the DOT regional office at 84 Holland Avenue.

If you cannot make the March 15 public hearing or wish to comment in writing, you may do so by March 29 to Donald Geoffrey, Regional Director, NYS Department of Transportation, 84 Holland Avenue, Albany NY 12208.

DOT staff will be at the Ramada Inn starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15 to describe the project and answer questions.

(For more information call Lindsay Childs, 489-7771)