

McKownville Improvement Association

Guiderland, New York 12203

Wednesday December 12, 2001, 7:00 pm there will be a public meeting of the McKownville Improvement Association at the Holiday Inn Express on Western Avenue. All residents of McKownville are invited.

Mr. Ken Runion, Supervisor of the Town of Guiderland is our guest speaker. Mr. Runion has been asked to discuss the future of Guiderland and the master plan.

Two items discussed at the previous meeting--the proposed new strip mall on Western near the Best Western Motel and the RFP and its suggestion to shift the center line of Western Avenue to the south--will be discussed again.

The McKownville Improvement Association needs to make more of an effort to improve our neighborhood. But what should it do?

Ask the town to: make the Town pond at Stuyvesant more of a recreation resource; plant more trees along our streets; mark (sign) the pedestrian paths such as those between Providence and Stuyvesant Plaza and between Parkwood and Elmwood; install pedestrian controlled crosswalk lights at Parkwood and at Schoolhouse Road; enforce building regulations such as for the vacant "blue house" property across from the firehouse; improve the crosswalk at Fuller Road; put in warning signs facing Fuller Road that the Burger King parking lot emptying onto Western has a traffic signal controlling access of cars leaving the parking lot; construct a bus shelter on Western Avenue; improve storm drainage at several intersections; and/or rehabilitate and construct sidewalks.

This latter item points to a possible conflict. To put in sidewalks not only means using tax dollars but may cause strips of front lawns of residents to be taken and paved. Even rehabilitation of existing sidewalks may lead to the removal of mature trees.

Preserving wider front lawns and mature trees may be more important for our residential area than sidewalks in some areas.

Residents should call Town Hall--356-1980--whenever something in McKownville needs correction. This is by far the more effective method. These calls may not have been happening. For example, storm drains along Western. Many are subject to flooding. A call to Town Hall by nearby residents should bring forth corrective action. If the calls have been made and nothing has happened then the Association should act. But to be more effective a list of problem drains is needed and that requires some small group to make a survey, then meet with the appropriate persons at Town Hall and follow through to make sure the work was done. Likewise for new trees to be planted, and so forth.

The meeting is scheduled to end at 9:00 pm.

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