

Public Meeting McKownville Improvement Association Thursday December 5, 2002

All residents of McKownville are invited to the meeting of the Association at the Holiday Inn Express on Western Avenue on Thursday December 5, 2002, 7 to 9 pm.

Four Bits of Great News. The State University has decided not to build an office building at 1257 Western (across from the fire house). **AND** The State of New York and Assemblyman Jack McEnery made \$50,000 available to Guilderland for the construction of sidewalks. **AND** The State University planted about a dozen trees at the end of Knowles Terrace to better protect residents from the sight and noise of cars using the University ring road. **AND** Stuyvesant Plaza was required to install trees and trim the parking lot lights to better buffer the Providence Street homes from the Stuyvesant parking lots. Additional items for discussion can be brought up by anyone in attendance.

Members of the Guilderland Town Board have been asked to come to the meeting to answer questions. Suggested questions concern the improvements that residents indicated that they needed and are tabulated in the **Needs Survey** (issued August 17, 2002, additional copies available at the meeting). (1) Sidewalks, how much of the McEnery money will be used for sidewalks in McKownville and how do we get additional sidewalks built along the through streets and the smaller streets? (2) What progress is being made on changing the pond at Stuyvesant into a park? (3) Elmwood Street, what is going to be done to stop through traffic from using Elmwood? (4) Is there any progress to report on the Providence, Mercer, Warren area playground? (5) What is being done to stop the flooding problem on Western near Stuyvesant? (6) What do we need to do to get more streetlights? (7) Traffic blocks Providence and Mercer streets sometimes, how do we get DO NOT BLOCK SIDE STREET signs installed? (8) The highway drains are insufficient along Western, what is being done to solve the problem? (9) Are the new SUNY buildings, CESTM and Sematec, going to cause dangerous air pollution problems in McKownville; (10) When is the Town going to start its tree planting program along the sidewalks? How is it going to work? Questions about other improvements, such as trees to block the noise from the Northway, the CDTA buses, and improvements in the walking paths, could also be asked by the audience.

The Association's budget is about \$280 a year. (We spent more this past year because of the large reports on Western Avenue and the Needs Survey). There are about 800 homes in McKownville and we distribute 6 to 8 meetings announcements per year to each. If we got \$1.00 from each household we would be OK for two years. We have \$306.29 in the Treasury. This includes the \$110 collected at the last meeting. If you can, please send a check or give a cash donation to the Secretary, Kathy LeRoux and this will keep us financially secure for another year or so.

My email address is **dreeb@albany.edu**. If you send me yours we can keep you informed more quickly about the Association. An Association web page is being prepared.

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