

# **McKownville Improvement Association Meeting January 30,2003 Holiday Inn Express 7-9 pm**

All McKownville residents are invited to attend the upcoming Association meeting. At the most recent meeting, December 5, Guilderland Town Board members announced that \$50,000 for Western Avenue sidewalks has been secured through Assemblyman John McEneny. Construction will begin as soon as possible. The Town officers, Ken Runion, David Bosworth, Michael Ricard, and Bruce Sherwin (Patty Slavick was held up because of awful weather) gave more great news. A Town financed tree planting program will go forward in the Spring. Thirdly, a vest pocket park near Mercer Streets will be constructed. "Don't Block the Side Street" signs for Providence, Mercer and Warren are to get action from Supervisor Runion's office. The change over of McKownville reservoir/pond at Stuyvesant to a park is going to be done. And seventh, Chief Murley indicated that he will work with the Association to have the speed limit changed to 30 mph on Western Avenue from the City line to Johnson Road.

Creighton Manning Engineering (CME) issued its Report on the McKownville Corridor Study on December 5. The ideas which the McKownville Improvement Association put forth concerning Western Avenue and that many of you expressed at the public meetings with CME and the Town were generally followed. The 85 page CME Report, which includes the results of the Association's Needs Survey, will be discussed at the January 30 meeting. (The 11 pages of Comments on the Report were emailed to all residents who provided email addresses. My email address is [dreeb@albany.edu](mailto:dreeb@albany.edu) if you want a copy. The full 85 page Report will be sent when it becomes available electronically.)

With the Town promised improvements and the CME Report submission to the Town, Action Committees are needed to work with the Town on implementation. The tree planting program needs specifics for implementation as does the sidewalk on McKown Road as does the sidewalk on Western Avenue as do the sidewalks on the side streets as do the drainage basins along Western and the walk lights and the street lights on the side streets and so forth.

The work of each Action Committee is to gather more specific information on the problem (street corner flooding, for example). With information collected by the Action Committee on the location of each drain basin and its flooding problems the Action Committee members are then equipped to meet with Town officers and hear their proposals to solve the problems, pointing out where their proposals appear to need changes. With the Association officers working with each Action Committee McKownville will be able to help the Town make improvements that will solve the problems pointed out in the Needs Survey and Western Avenue reports, hopefully avoiding future problems that need yet more tax money to be spent.

Discussion of the CME Report and getting the Action Committees in place are the agenda items for the January 30, 2003 meeting.

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