

McKownville Improvement Association

Meeting Thursday March 13, 2003 Holiday Inn Express 7-9 pm

McKownville residents are invited to the March 13, 2003 meeting at the Holiday Inn Express. **Dennis Moore, Director, Parks and Recreation, Town of Guilderland will speak on "The Parks of Guilderland."** The recently purchased Western Turnpike Golf course, the new parks for McKownville, these are huge changes. Come to the meeting and find out more about Guilderland parks and recreation.

At the January 30 meeting Stephen Feeny, chair of the Planning Board, and Town Board members Dave Bosworth, Bruce Sherwin and Patricia Slavick announced that a \$735,000 grant will be awarded for the rebuilding of sidewalks, green strips, curbs, crossing lights, drainage and other improvements along both sides of Western Avenue in McKownville (from the Northway to the City line). The construction will begin in three to four years. This year CDTA will construct several bus shelters in McKownville and \$50,000 from Assemblyman McEneny will be used to build sidewalks along portions of Western Avenue in McKownville. At our December meeting Town Supervisor Runion and the Town Board members announced that the tree planting program and the Mercer Street vest pocket park had been approved with funds put into the budget for this year and plans for the pond and park at Stuyvesant are going forward. Advice was given by Mr. Runion on how to secure more street lighting and new sidewalks on the side streets. All of these improvements were requested in the Association's **Needs Survey and Western Avenue Report**. It is now McKownville's responsibility to push for the improvements and render advice as each planned improvement comes forward. The work of the Association's **Action Committees** is to become involved in these plans and improvements. **It is also your opportunity.**

The Action Committees formed at the January 30 meeting are: **1. Pond and park at Stuyvesant** (John Esler, chair); **2. Western Avenue improvements** (Don Reeb, chair); **3. McKown Road and other sidewalks and trails**(Doug Smith and Marty Gnacik, chairs); **4. Mercer Street vest pocket park** (David Knight, chair); **5. Tree planting program** (Sue Brown, chair); **6. Speed limit reduction** (Jim White, chair); **7. Securing more street lights** (no chair chosen yet); **8. Western Avenue CME final report** (Don Reeb, chair); **9. Flooding** (Martha Haraus, chair); **10. Bus shelters and crosswalks** (no chair chosen yet). Reports from the chairs of the Action Committees, and recruitment of more volunteers for the committees, will be the focus for the remainder of the March 13 meeting.

Big Big News In celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Guilderland, our Bicentennial Party for everyone will be held on **Saturday, May 3, 2003, 2pm at the McKownville Fire Department** sponsored by the Fire Department and the Association. We especially want to honor long term residents (those who have lived in McKownville for 45 years or more). Those who moved here in 1958 or earlier, please call Don Reeb at 489-3909 so that you may receive a special invitation and program. Old photos of McKownville (do you have some to share?), stories (old stories are good stories!), entertainment for the kids, ice cream and much more. Come out and hear about "olde McKownville" and enjoy.

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