

**McKownville Improvement Association
Neighborhood Meeting Thursday April 1, 2004, 7-9pm
Holiday Inn Express, Western Avenue**

A special election for County legislators is to be held Tuesday April 27, 2004. The county legislative candidates for McKownville are—Frank Commisso (possibly he does not have a challenger), Mary Lou Bartolotta Connolly, and David Reid. The format will be brief statements by each candidate and answers to questions from those in attendance. What questions--try these--(1) the Western Avenue flyover—what have you done to help us stop it?; (2)reducing the speed limits on Western Avenue and Fuller Road—can you help us get relief?; (3) as someone said McKownville is in the “cross hairs” of the Thruway Authority, the State Department of Transportation, and Crossgates development. How can you as our County legislator help us?; (4) worries are increasing about air pollution in McKownville from automobiles on Western Avenue and computer chip experiments at CESTM. What can you as our County legislator do to help us?

McKownville has made some progress—gotten the University’s to abandon its plans to construct a building on Western Avenue in McKownville and our Trees Committee has put in place a street tree program. Moreover, the Town government has helped us on more than a half dozen crucial improvements. Plans and/or finances are now in place to build bus shelters in McKownville, to construct sidewalks along McKown Road and Western Avenue, to improve Western Avenue without taking any more of our front lawns and to remove the “Blue House”. The McKownville Fire Department, the Town and the Association worked together on our May 2003 bicentennial party which gave special recognition to our long term residents. Your interest and support continues to be terribly important—never forget that.

The major part of the meeting will be given over to ongoing projects. About the Thruway proposed Western Avenue flyover, at the Beltrone Center meeting about a dozen elected officials—see the list of our public supporters on the reverse side—and about 125 of our neighbors came and spoke out against the Western Avenue flyover. What to do next? Keep up the pressure—that is why the petition is on the back of this announcement. Return it and we will forward it to Governor George A. Pataki and New York Thruway Executive Director Michael D. Fleischer.

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