

# Neighborhood Meeting McKownville Improvement Association

Tuesday May 18, 2004, 7-9pm

Holiday Inn Express, Western Avenue

Come and bring a friend to the May meeting of the McKownville Improvement Association. The agenda is first and fore-most, SIDEWALKS. The Association's Sidewalk Committee chairs, Marty Gnacik and Doug Smith, have authored the two page survey on sidewalks that is being distributed with this flyer. PLEASE fill it out and mail it back. Sidewalks are high on the agenda for many McKownville-ites. So take a moment and fill out the questionnaire and mail it back. Thank you.

The "blue house" is gone--1257 Western and the treed lot looks much better than the old derelict building. Thank you, thank you and thank you Town Board members for making this happen--Dave Bosworth, Michael Ricard, Bruce Sherwin, and Patty Slavick and especially Supervisor Ken Runion. You all did a great thing for us--and we appreciate it--every one of us.

The tree committee of the Association took delivery of the 13 ordered trees and supervised their planting in April. It was Sue Brown and committee (Sue Gutbezahl, Ellen Manning, Ricardo Lopez Torrijos) that did most of the work with help from Paul Haldeman and his volunteers from the Guilderland High School Key Club. Congratulations to the committee and to McKownville. Street trees makes our neighborhood a nicer place to live.

Other successes. The storm sewer line in the alley between Glenwood and Parkwood was unplugged by Todd Gifford and his men from the Highway Department--thank you much-ly. Board member Laura Whalen is preparing a grant proposal for the pond/reservoir--thank you very much. Other items to be discussed at the meeting--progress concerning Western Avenue speed limits, the Thruway proposed flyover (signed petitions opposing the flyover are still being collected), Western Avenue improvements, a sidewalk along McKown Road, and bus passenger shelters. And at next month's June meeting--June 24<sup>th</sup>--we will have our annual election--for three Board members and the four officers. Please send nominations to Alice Torda-489-3613 at 2 Knowles Terrace.

Sad to say but the Association's bank account is about empty again--this is another annual event, like elections. We could charge dues but that is not the way we do it. So if some of you could send us \$1, \$5 or \$10 or \$20 please do it. We spend about \$600 a year. It all goes for the printing of the flyers that the Board members and officers distribute and we do not have to pay for the use of the meeting room at the Holiday Inn Express. So if you can afford to send us a contribution it won't go to waste. Active neighborhood associations are good things and I think we have one of the best ones in the Capital District.

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