

**McKownville Improvement Association,  
Wednesday January 26, 2005, 7-9pm  
Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue**

**We will have two guest speakers this month. Mike Franchini, Commissioner, Albany County Highway Department, will talk about planned County highway construction in the McKownville area. And Tom Ellis, Citizen's Environmental Coalition and CCNL, will talk about pollution. Mike will be speaking at 7pm.**

But first there is something for you to do today---there have been parking and speeding complaints. When parking remember to leave enough space for snow plows and emergency vehicles. This just makes sense. But it is also the law that from November to April vehicles CANNOT be parked on Guilderland roads from 2am to 7am and of course "correct or regulated" side of the street parking must be followed all year long. Second, the curves and hills on some of our streets and the wintery skies and snow banks make it difficult to see pedestrians and oncoming vehicles so it makes sense to drive more slowly during the winter. Park with greater concern about safety and the law and drive with more care. Your neighbors will appreciate your consideration.

At our November meeting, John Giarrusso of SUNYA and Tom Yurkewecz of CESTM gave updates of building plans. Three changes are planned for the SUNYA campus: some new equipment and reconstruction for the heating plant on Fuller Road, a new maintenance building to be located near the pond and a new artificial turf field near the "bubble" building. For CESTM, a new building on the site of the old maintenance building on Fuller Road is planned. The Harriman State Office Building campus redevelopment may be the site for new SUNYA and CESTM buildings also.

The gas station at the corner of Western and McKown Road has requested a change in zoning from BN-RP to Local Business. A sandwich shop is being proposed for the front portion of the building. The Town Board hearing on the request will be February 1, 2005. As for the Shabbos house property on Fuller, no date for the next hearing has been scheduled. The Picotte building, 1450 Western, is being redone and a Western Avenue sidewalk is expected to be constructed, also. The Christ Lutheran Church vacant lot may be developed and then there are the other neighborhood issues---all of which bring us to the Association's **Action Committee** reports----Trees, The Pond, Sidewalks and Pathways, Western Avenue, The Thruway Flyover, Pollution-----and these will be discussed along with the Treasurer's report.

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