McKownville Improvement Association, Thursday, May 9, 2005, 7-9pm Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

Scott L. Bowman, Chief, Western Turnpike Rescue Squad, is our guest speaker for the June meeting of the Association. The community is very proud of the work of the Rescue Squad. But each of us needs to know what to do in emergencies when the Squad's help is needed desperately. And how to avoid the emergencies—that will also be what Chief Bowman will discuss-whether it is in walking or hiking, biking, swimming, boating, taking care of our children or doing repairs and other chores around the house.

It is time for another Association election. The four officers (Don Reeb, Bill Meehan, David Knight, and Paul Haldeman) ending their one year terms and the three Board members (Sue Brown, Doug Smith and Alice Torda) ending their three year terms have each agreed to be renominated.

The Thruway issued a report this week on the public meetings held to discuss the Western Avenue flyover and other options. Copies are available at the Guilderland Library as well as on the Thruway's web page. The June 2 <u>Times Union</u> article on the report said it contained no conclusions concerning the Western Avenue flyover but was once again a review of the options.

The Community Day at the McKownville Fire House was a great success—several hundred people and lots of kids and lots of good times. The Association and the Fire Department want to thank all of those who worked so hard to make the celebration a great success—and the Town for getting rid of the derelict "blue house" across from the Fire Department.

The survey crews are working on McKown Road—the sidewalk is coming as well as a bus patron shelter (in front of Passonno). The farmer's market, organized by Cindy and Jim Barber, is coming—opening day is Tuesday, July 5. It will operate five days a week, 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will be in the parking lot between the Stuyvesant Liquor store and the Executive Tower office building. Your support is essential if it is to be a success. CESTM will construct a 200,000 square foot building on Fuller Road. The repaving of Schoolhouse Road is about to begin, along with Russell and Krumkill roads. The New York State Department of Transportation turned down our request for sound barriers along the Northway near Laughlin, Warren, Mercer and Providence streets. There is no news about the proposed Starbucks on Western, the proposed medical building next to Christ Lutheran, the proposed restaurant on Fuller where L'Ecole used to be, or the proposed Shabbos House on Fuller.

Officers

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