

**McKownville Improvement Association**  
**Monthly Public Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 16, 2006, 7pm-9 pm**  
**Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue**

The third meeting of the season for the McKownville Improvement Association will be on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue. Our three guest speakers are Guilderland Police Chief James Murley, Albany Police Chief James W. Tuffey and University Police Chief J. Frank Wiley. Events in the news such as terrorism, child abduction cases, violence in schools and the consequences of teenage partying make all of us uneasy. What should we as parents be doing to help prevent these tragedies?

On Thursday night, November 16, we will be able to ask questions of three of the most knowledgeable police officers in the Capital District. What kinds of questions? Here might be a few suggestions: (1) My son will be going to college next year—what should he and I know that will make him safer while a college student? (2) My daughter drives to the high school - is there anything that I can do to make that journey safer? (3) I am worried about sexual predators contacting my children through the computer, what can I do? (4) Is there something that we can do to prevent identity theft? (5) What kind of dangers are you seeing for our children that we may not be aware of? (6) Just how dangerous is it for our children at the local malls? (7) What changes in state or local legislation should we be advocating to make our children and ourselves safer? Please come and bring your own lists of questions.

A number of people in our community are concerned about the horrendous methane odor coming from the Albany Landfill. For those who are we have some information on whom to contact. Tom Reynolds is from DEC Region 4 and his office handles the Albany Landfill. Tom indicated that he gets few complaints because many people think there is nothing that can be done. He needs and will welcome in-put from the community. Please send complaints to him at his E-mail address [trreynol@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:trreynol@gw.dec.state.ny.us) or call him at 518-357-2045. Mr. Reynolds advised us that we could also inform the landfill staff directly at 869-3651, then select #1. This will get you to the landfill manager, Joe Giebelhaus, you can then leave a message or speak directly to him. In either case please give the following; the date, time, something about the nature and magnitude of the odor, the location where it was observed.

Now for some happy news. McKownville had a marvelous Halloween Party. Jim White, Steve and Eileen Haggerty, Paul Sweeney, Martha Harauscz, Alice Torda, Marty Gnacik, Sue Brown, Paul Haldeman, and our County Legislator Mary Lou Bartolotta Connolly did a wonderful job decorating the firehouse, staffing the craft tables and operating the ingenious Halloween games. Possibly as many as 90 families with their little kids attended and had a great time. The McKownville neighborhood should be very proud. Not only do we work hard to get community improvements such as sidewalks installed and a bus patron shelter built on Western Avenue, across from Parkwood Ave, but also we know how to have a great party. Remember, it is never too early to choose your costume for next year's party.

Come, ask your questions and learn what we can do.

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