## McKownville Improvement Association Neighborhood Meeting Thursday, March 15, 2007, 7pm-9 pm Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

The March neighborhood meeting is in our usual location, the Holiday Inn Express. (Please note: the Holiday Inn provides us our meeting room without charge—thank them however you can).

Guilderland Town Supervisor **Ken Runion** is our featured speaker. Please come to show our support for his work and to discuss his views for our town and our neighborhood.

In the next few years McKownville will see many improvements. There will be improved sidewalks on both sides of Western Ave., from the City line to the Northway. Fuller Road will have sidewalks on both sides plus other improvements as well. Schoolhouse Road will have improvements similar to those on Fuller Road. McKown Road will have a new sidewalk along its western side. An additional bus patron shelter will be installed on Western, like the one recently installed. Better pedestrian crossing lights are slated for crossings on Western Ave as well as Fuller Road. A grant from the Office of Parks Recreation and Historical Preservation has been received for the development of the McKownville Reservoir as a park; this is in the design phase. Flooding of Western Avenue is being studied by NYDOT and could be eliminated soon. Sound barriers along the Thruway behind Woodscape and other nearby homes will soon be put in place. The Thruway flyover construction has been halted. The lot where "the blue house" stood should receive "fill" soon and some landscaping. The complete list of improvements to come is long and wonderful. Without the support of Ken Runion and our other elected officials, none of this would have been possible.

Neighborhood news. There has been Town zoning/planning hearings on several parcels. The Strassburg parcel on McKown road and Westlyn Place. A proposal for a home on Shady Lane to become a veterinarian home office. A proposal for the Tusang-Barhydt building on Western near McKown Road to become several retail stores. There was also a meeting of Association officers with CESTM and Frank Commisso and public meetings for the Harriman campus transportation plans and another concerning the Albany City landfill expansion.

The Tree Committee of the Association very much wants to remind you to get in your tree orders by March 30. Planting a tree is a great way to show your support for our neighborhood.

The April meeting will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the May meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Cindy Wadach, Senior Citizen Services Coordinator for the Town of Guilderland will be the guest speaker in April.

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