

McKownville Improvement Association
Monthly Meeting, Thursday March 27, 2008
Holiday Inn Express 1442 Western Avenue, 7-9 pm

Spring is here officially so come on out to our **SPRING MEETING** and bring a friend or two.

Mike Franchini, Albany County's Highway Commissioner, will be our featured speaker. The topic, of course, is **Fuller Road**, and the County's plans to rebuild it. We have been assured that new sidewalks from Western Avenue to Central Avenue are in the plans. But when will construction begin and when it will be completed? Will there be pedestrian crosswalks along Fuller and where they will be? Will the roadway be widened? Will a roundabout be constructed at Washington Avenue and Fuller and at Fuller and Railroad Avenue? Will curbs, street lamps and landscaping be part of the improvements and new storm drains? And who will plow the snow off the sidewalks since Colonie, the City of Albany, and Guilderland all share Fuller Road?

McKownville has asked for sidewalks along Fuller Road for many years and so this meeting is a magnificent event. Without the leadership of our County Legislator, Frank Commisso, the Fuller Road improvements would not have happened. McKownville has a lot to be thankful for.

The **Tree Committee**—Sue Brown is the chair and committee members are Sue Gutbezahl, Ellen Manning, and Ricardo Lopez Torrijos--did a wonderful job as usual. The trees orders are due March 30 and the order form is on the reverse side of this announcement.

The McKownville Fire Department on Saturday May 17 from noon to 4 pm will host a party to celebrate its 90th anniversary--- with ice cream and Bouncy Bounce and pony rides and lots more for the kids and their families. Please plan to attend. And bring a neighbor.

News. Plans for the new Mangia restaurant at Stuyvesant and the Strassburg property on Westlyn are up for Town approval. The remainder of the sidewalk along the south side of Western Avenue is in the early engineering stage. Plans are still being developed for solving the flooding problems on Western Avenue and for creating a park at the McKownville Reservoir. The floods in our neighborhood this season saw our McKownville Fire Department again pumping out McKownville basements---and we do thank all of our firemen for their work on our behalf.

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