

McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting

Thursday October 21, 2010—7 pm-9 pm

Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

The October meeting will focus on—storm sewers. That is right—storm sewers. Ken Johnson and Fred Grober from Delaware Engineering will lead the discussion on storm sewers in McKownville—answering your questions about where they are, what problems Delaware Engineering found in their survey, their report to the Town --- maybe you can add to the body of knowledge by telling them what you know about the storm sewers in your neighborhood.

All of this will lead to the first phase of improving storm drainage in McKownville. There are not many problems more important in McKownville than storm drainage. Eventually—not just now because there is not yet enough money on hand - but eventually the system will be rebuilt. There is \$500,000, of the \$6 million needed, to begin the work. Since the construction of these sewers was a long time ago, it is doubtful that another rebuilding will occur within the next 75 years. We want to make sure that the most accurate information available is in hand. Make sure you come, listen, and share your information.

Other topics for conversation at the meeting:

ZONING Town Supervisor Ken Runion directed the Town Zoning Revision Committee to include a “hamlet” provision in the proposal for adjustments in the zoning law. Two questions—what does it mean, and what do we want it to mean? The idea is to exempt the McKownville Hamlet—and possibly three other hamlets--- from certain provisions of the zoning law or make special provisions applicable only to the McKownville Hamlet. One example of where this might be necessary is for “mixed use developments”. These developments could result in some residences becoming businesses on the first floor and rental apartments on the second---something that could further reduce the residential character of McKownville. These zoning implications need much more discussion.

SPEED LIMITS Board members Alice Torda, Ellen Manning and I met with the members of the Traffic Study Committee of the Town to request that the speed limit on Fuller Road be reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph as soon as possible. Captain Curtis Cox and the other members of the Traffic Safety Committee of the Town pointed out that Fuller Road is a county road that includes portions of the Town of Guilderland, the City of Albany, and the Town of Colonie and that if possible it would be advisable to coordinate speed limit changes with these other governments. Therefore, sometime this winter we may see the speed limit reduced, for Guilderland and possibly for all of Fuller Road.

IN ADDITION, Election Day is Tuesday November 2. VOTE—it is important to vote—and remember, the space to be filled in on the ballot is **NEXT TO THE NAME**—not below it... We had a great turnout for the primary and we need a great turnout for November as well.

HALLOWEEN PARTY It is Sunday October 31, 3-5 pm, sponsored by the McKownville Fire Department, with a little help from the McKownville Improvement Association. So dress up, get out, have some ice cream and enjoy the children enjoying themselves. It is a wonderful neighborhood event. It costs nothing more than a few smiles...

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