

McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting
Thursday May 26, 2011—7 pm-9 pm
Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

Guilderland Town Supervisor Ken Runion is the guest speaker for the May 26, 2011 McKownville Improvement Association meeting. The annual election of Association officers and Board members is scheduled also, and once again ice cream sundaes are served both before and after the meeting. Self-nominations or nominations of friends and neighbors for the three Association Board seats and four officer positions are welcome. Angie Parsons is the chair of the nominations committee. Her phone number is provided below.

On June 1 at 11:00, those who are interested in a tour of the Albany County Landfill should meet at 525 Rapp Road at 10:50 a.m., the first building on the left. The tour will take about 1 hour and will be lead by Joe Giebelhaus, Manager of Solid Waste for the City of Albany. Please try to car pool as parking is limited.

The Guilderland Highway Department has been trying to get into the alley behind Elmwood Street and Parkwood streets to fix a broken storm sewer pipe but has not been able to because of the rain. Steve Oliver, the acting highway superintendent, indicated that it would happen just as soon as ground conditions permit.

Mr. Runion spoke to a member of the Association on Monday about the possibility of purchasing a gazebo for the park/pond near Stuyvesant Plaza. A suggested model can be seen at www.genuineamishmade.com, or at their business site, 4022 Western Ave, about a mile west of Rt. 158, on the south side of the road. It is white, octagonal, vinyl and comes in diameters such as 8, 10, 12 and 14 feet.

The University is building a new dorm—Liberty Dorm—and the sanitary sewage from it will be using the Dillenbeck pumping station. It will connect to the Guilderland sewage pipes near Knowles Terrace in McKownville. This will involve digging near the old firehouse and near Dunkin Donuts; other digging will be further east than the homes along Upper Hillcrest, Gaskell and Wood streets. Maps showing the route and places for digging will be available for viewing at the meeting.

The final four items. (1) The Association Secretary, Martha Harausz, is our person working with the New York State Department of Transportation Region I concerning the new sidewalks to be constructed along Western Avenue—both sides—from Rt. 155 to the Albany City line. The funds are in hand, the design is in process, and construction is expected to begin in McKownville in 2012. (2) To control the invasive plants at the park/pond near Stuyvesant Plaza, Association Board member Ellen Manning has secured the cooperation of specialists from Cornell Agriculture. She is also working with other McKownville volunteers who are interested in this venture. (3) The Barber Farm Stand is returning to McKownville—July 1, if the weather cooperates. (4) The date of the next Association meeting, in September, has not yet been determined. To keep informed over the summer about these and other McKownville Improvement Association efforts send your questions to dreeb@albany.ed.

Officers

Don Reeb, President, 5 Norwood Street, 489-3909
 Doug Smith, Vice President, 5 McKown Road 482-6081
 Martha Harausz, Secretary, 1445 Western, 489-3855
 Paul Haldeman, Treasurer, 5 Country Road, 456-9557

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Sue Brown 6 Westlyn Place 482-2355	Janet Reilly 18 Norwood 446-1766	Marian Hoyle 22 Glenwood 438-6544
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