

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

The major topic of this month's meeting will be the Holt-Harris property. On October 13, 2011 UAlbany President George Philip reported that the University made an offer to buy the Holt-Harris property. The offer was for a fraction of the listing price and it was rejected by the seller. President Philip then went on to say **"...and we do not anticipate making a counteroffer at this time"**. A McKownville resident, Laura Barry, was at the University meeting and will discuss the announcement. The question for McKownville is, what do we do now? One option is to ask the Town to buy the property (creating a McKownville special tax district to fund the purchase). The recent survey polling interest on this subject will be discussed.

The hurricane floodwaters made obvious to all that urgent help is needed to clean, repair, and rebuild McKownville storm sewers. We have to work with the Town to find a path to relief. The Town did repair the storm sewer near Parkwood and also the cave in from a broken storm sewer at 1449 Western as well as others. Homeowners on alleys, which are in daily use, are actively investigating whether more paving is one solution to the storm waters cascading down the alleyways. We need to intensify our effort to find answers. The solutions that some residents are using to solve their storm water issues may not be sustainable as owners attempt to sell their properties and inspection of the house is undertaken. We are not the only community with storm water problems, none-the-less we need to increase our effort to solve the problem.

The Barber's farm stand in McKownville will be closing for the season Friday, October 28.

The McKownville Tree Committee has several orders for trees again this season—thank you!

Other topics to be discussed—a safer crosswalk on Fuller near Mercer, a lowered speed limit, a report on Western Avenue sidewalks, work on McKownville Reservoir Park and the Thruway widening and installation of sound barriers near Woodscape.

The annual Halloween Party at the McKownville Firehouse is Monday, October 31, from 5:30-7:30 PM. Joey D the Magician will be performing his Halloween Safety Magic Show.

November 8 is Election Day. Please vote. It is important to you and to your neighborhood.

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