

**McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting**  
**Tuesday September 24, 2013—7 pm-9 pm**  
**Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue**

**The first guest speakers for the September meeting are Geoffrey Wood and Steve Taylor, from the New York State Department of Transportation, Region 1. They are the Director of Design and the Project Manager for the sidewalk project on Western Avenue.**

Geoff Wood and Steve Taylor will be explaining to McKownville residents the design for the new sidewalks on Western Avenue in McKownville. The tentative timetable and other information will be available, as will Geoff and Steve to answer questions. McKownville residents, especially those living on Western Avenue, and the Town financed McKownville Corridor Study have strongly supported new sidewalks. The present sidewalks, where they exist are often covered with mud, storm water, and are broken beyond repair.

**Steve Oliver, Guilderland Highway Superintendent, will be our second guest speaker. The Guilderland Highway Department not only builds and maintains our town roads but also is in charge of maintaining storm sewers—and recently the McKownville storm sewers have been added to his department’s responsibilities.**

Steve Oliver will report on the storm sewer work that has been completed and be available for questions about plans for more storm sewer work in McKownville. The storm sewers in McKownville are in need of repair and replacement. The Town financed a storm water sewer system concept study, and that report, by Delaware Engineering, is available. The town recently—May 7<sup>th</sup>-- allocated \$100,000 to the Guilderland Highway Department to be use on storm water issues. This should become a reoccurring yearly allocation, which will allow the department to have funds to address emergencies and do some limited proactive projects. The major goal still remains, to acquire grants and fundings to finance the major needs.

**NEWS** The Town of Guilderland passed a resolution to lower the speed limit on Fuller Road in McKownville to 30mph. It will now match the speed limit on the remainder of Fuller Road. McKownville residents, especially those living on Warren, Mercer, Providence and Elmwood, requested this. The lower speed limits will improve safety not only for drivers but also for pedestrians and bike riders.

The Town Highway Department is constructing a sidewalk along the west side of Elmwood Street, from Western to Fuller Road. This is a new venture by the Town and the Highway Department. The portion that is completed is very attractive and the residents have praised the work.

The recent primary election did NOT experience a large turnout—hopefully, this is will not be the case when the November election occurs. Remember—without large voter turnouts in McKownville there is no way our neighborhood can continue to convince elected officials that our requests for improvements should be given serious consideration.

The McKownville-Barber farm market on McKown Road continues to have the finest vegetables—Monday, Wednesday and Friday, noon until 5:30pm. Ice cream sundaes will be served at the Association meeting—come early—have dessert before the meeting with a friend or neighbor.

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