

McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting

Thursday November 21, 2013—7 pm-9 pm

Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

The November meeting of the McKownville Improvement Association will feature two reports from guest speakers.

Geoff Wood and Steve Taylor of the New York State Department of Transportation, Region 1 will give an update concerning the Western Avenue sidewalk construction. This is a major improvement for McKownville---when complete we will have new sidewalks on ALL of our through streets—McKown Road, Fuller Road, Schoolhouse Road, and Western Avenue---improvements that 15 years ago were unimaginable.

Richard Goldstein, a McKownville resident living at 24 Warren Street, had solar panels installed on his house roof several years ago. Residents have expressed curiosity about the costs and “profit” that can be attained by installation of panels. Richard will relate his family’s real experience with the use of solar panels.

In 2017 CDTA plans to introduce “BUSPLUS” to the Western Avenue corridor. BUSPLUS is like an express bus---it has limited stops, better bus patron shelters and other improvements. Currently there is a BUSPLUS route along Route 5 between Albany and Schenectady. The very preliminary plans for a Western Avenue route will be discussed.

The McKownville Improvement Association Board Members would greatly appreciate community feedback as to what items and areas of improvement are most important to the community. The items on the reverse side of this form will be discussed at the meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting please take a few moments and rank the items listed, “A” being the most important. Feel free to write-in an idea not listed. Please return your survey to Don Reeb, either by email, donreeb@gmail.com or by US mail, 5 Norwood St.

The parking lot near TGIF at Stuyvesant is nearly complete. The easement agreement signed by Stuyvesant provides that persons other than users of the Plaza may park in the new parking lot. It is clear that parking spaces are available for park users and since the easement is both exclusive and nonexclusive easements (p.2, 11/16/2009) there are additional option open to the public. However before the public takes advantage of this, a clear understanding with the Guilderland Police Department and Stuyvesant Plaza is necessary and that has not been finalized. We will keep you informed on this issue.

One of the defining characteristics of McKownville is the voting record of its citizens, this year was no exception. Town wide about 9,000 votes were cast. McKownville’s two election districts accounted for 735 of these votes, 225 more votes than in 2011. McKownville Election District 3 (the McKownville area north of Western) and Election District 4 (the McKownville area south of Western) each increased the number of persons voting this year. McKownville’s voting was between 40 and 50 percent of registered voters while that for Guilderland was closer to 30 percent----the Board of Elections is still tabulating the absentee ballots so final numbers are not yet available.

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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