

McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting
Thursday May 1, 2014—7 pm-9 pm
Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

With the election of school and library board members at hand, Tuesday, May 20th from 7a.m. to 9p.m., the McKownville Improvement Association is pleased to have the opportunity to give neighbors an opportunity to hear from two people in leadership positions with these organizations. We hope this will give residents a chance to become knowledgeable about the operations of each group, the property tax rates for each, and the changes proposed in their programs. And, of course, to ask questions.

To begin our informational evening, on May 1, we will hear from Dr. Marie Wiles, Guilderland School's Superintendent. On April 8 the Guilderland Board of Education unanimously adopted a \$92,132,900 budget for the 2014-15 school year. If approved by voters, on May 20, it would result in a 1.94 percent tax levy increase for the coming year.

The second speaker is Tim Wiles, director of the Guilderland Library. On March 13 the Library Board unanimously adopted a budget of \$3,541,967 for the 2014- 2015 fiscal year. If approved by voters on May 20, it would result in a 1.847 percent tax levy increase for the coming year.

In recognition of EARTH DAY, we are please to announce our very first CLEAN-UP-DAY for the McKownville Reservoir Park. It will be held on Saturday, May 3rd from 10 am to noon. Please plan to join your neighbors and help this neighborhood cause. Bring gloves, hand clippers, long handled loppers and hand saws (for thicker bushes). Sarah Jenkins and C. J. Gallup, of the Town's Parks Department, recently assisted several Board members on a walk-through to help form a plan for this clean-up. In addition to cutting back invasive species, there is of course trash to be gathered. We will meet at the TGI Friday's end of the park. Rain date Sunday May 4 at noon.

On April 22, 2014 there was a special meeting of the Association at the Holiday Inn Express. The purpose of the meeting was to hear a proposal for a mixed use complex to be built on the 2 acre lot adjoining the Christ Lutheran Church property on Western Ave. The Gordon Co., represent by Mr. Tim Gordon, would like to build a complex with 2 retail establishments on the first floor, topped by 2 additional floors containing 15-20 apartments. Most of those attending were from the streets to the south of this land. In general those present spoke of grave concerns. Some of the concerns highlighted were: the safety and feasibility of a "right only" entrance and exit on Western Ave., increased traffic on residential streets as patrons of this site search for a cut-through to allow travel to the west, the impact on already existing storm water problems, and the zoning changes required for this project.

Of course, ice cream sundaes will be served.

The June meeting will be Thursday June 5, 2014.

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