

McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting
Thursday, June 5, 2014 - 7 pm-9 pm
Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

The sidewalk construction on Western Avenue will be underway soon and the NYSDOT engineer-in-charge, **Dennis Smith**, will be a guest speaker at the June 5, 2014 meeting. His field office is at 1732 Western Ave (near Johnston Road), and the phone number is 218-9777. Construction will begin at the University end of the project and proceed to Rt 155, on the north side only. The south side sidewalk will get underway next year.

On Saturday, September 20, 2014, the Association plans to have a **McKownville Neighborhood Party** to celebrate our new Western Ave sidewalk and to enjoy the refurbished park. This will be **pot-luck-bring-a-dish picnic**. We are planning an early evening event in McKownville Park, located between Western Ave and the Plaza. Volunteers are needed to help organize the party. If you are willing to help please email Martha Harausz at mharausz@gmail.com or Ellen Manning at ellenmanning1114@verizon.net to volunteer. Please think of this as a neighborhood wide street party, so plan to come and enjoy meeting your neighbors...even walking to the party if you can! More information will follow when plans are finalized.

At a recent Association meeting, Town Supervisor Ken Runion indicated that the Town is willing to pay for "street light pole banners" for McKownville. Eighteen banners are to be placed on Western Avenue and Fuller Road street light poles, to help declare and define the neighborhood. Hopefully, artistic residents will be willing to submit a design of the banner for consideration. (One design has been submitted). The design is to feature the word "McKownville" and needs to indicate that McKownville is part of Guilderland. Lastly, a graphic should be incorporated. So here is a chance for a lucky artist to leave a lasting impression in McKownville. Please get your entry to Don Reeb by July 4th.

Other items of interest are: the work the Town Highway crew (Steve Oliver, Highway Superintendent) is doing in McKownville to improve our storm sewers. Significant work was done in the alley between Parkwood and Glenwood, on Mercer Street, and between Mercer and Providence. Secondly the Town Zoning Board is discussing apartments on Schoolhouse Road. Finally, the Barber's Farm Stand will be opening in McKownville about July 1, again next to the Passonno Paint Store.

While the by-laws of the Association provide for yearly dues, \$1.00 a year per household, the Association has relied solely on contributions. Funds collected are used for printing flyers and the ice cream served at meetings. The Holiday Inn provides the meeting room without charge and the Association has no other fixed expenses. The treasury is presently at \$140; another \$150 would supply the treasury with operating funds for the next year. The election of officers and Board members traditionally occurs at the June meeting--the slate for officers is Don Reeb, Doug Smith, Martha Harausz and Paul Haldeman (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, in that order) while the board member slate is Debra Trees, Bill Meehan and Alice Torda. Nominations can be made before hand (by calling Ellen Manning, 482-3779) and at the meeting.

Ice cream sundaes will be served, as usual.

Officers

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

Board Members

Debra Trees 8 Ayre Drive 489-1519	Janet Reilly 18 Norwood 446-1766	Laura Barry 3 Waverly 813-9694
Bill Meehan 7 Country Rd. 456-4564	Jim White 8 Brookwood 459-9176	Angie Parsons 136 Arcadia 944-7311
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