

McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting

Wednesday September 10, 2014—7 pm-9 pm

Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

The McKownville Improvement Association has planned a **SIDEWALK CELEBRATION** on Saturday September 20, from 4 to 6:30pm in the McKownville Park next to TGIF at Stuyvesant Plaza. Music, a children's dog parade and contest, and a potluck supper have been planned. As you know, McKownville in recent years has acquired several new sidewalks—Western Avenue being the most recent. Fuller Road, McKown Road, Schoolhouse Road and a portion of Elmwood Street are the others provided through our Town government. So come and celebrate what we ALL have accomplished. **See the invitation on the reverse of this flyer for more information.** And please plan to attend. Support your neighborhood organization—it needs you and you need it.

Banners. The McKownville Improvement Association suggested street banners be placed on utility poles in McKownville and the Town of Guilderland agreed to pay for them. A design competition was held, a design was selected by a committee and the banners are being printed. The banners will be located on Western Avenue and on Fuller Road. The thousands of persons who travel through our neighborhood will know the identity of the neighborhood—McKownville—and proud of it.

NanoTech. It seems certain that Nano is intent on buying all of the Loughlin Street homes. Loughlin Street is located in the City of Albany and off of Fuller Road near the cemetery. The implied intent is for NanoTech to replace the ten houses with another Nano building. Understandably, property owners on nearby Warren, Mercer and Providence streets in Guilderland and McKownville are asking questions about whether their homes will be next. Everyone should know, **first** that the Fuller Road Corporation—the development arm of Nano--cannot force anyone to sell. It does not have the power of eminent domain. **Second**, a change in zoning is necessary for construction of an office building in a residential area and the Town of Guilderland will **never** grant such a zoning change for Warren, Mercer, or Providence street homes. These streets—the area is known as The Garden Park Estates--had a street party a few weeks ago at which this topic was mentioned---while different opinions about Nano's threat to the area exists, **it is up to all of McKownville to do the work necessary to control its own future.**

Alleys. About 106 properties in McKownville border alleys (and jointly own the alleys). These 106 properties include many of the older homes on Elmwood, Parkwood, Glenwood, Norwood, Waverly and Western. Some sections of these alleys are still used for their original purpose, to access garages. It is a responsibility of the 106 properties to maintain the usefulness the alleys. The Association is now more active in contacting the property owners and working with them to maintain the alleys—something that should have been done years and years ago.

Storm Sewers.

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