

# McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2015—7 pm-9 pm

Please note location change,

McKownville United Methodist Church, 1565 Western Avenue

New York State Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy is our guest speaker this month. She has been meeting and talking with New York State, Guilderland, Albany County and City of Albany officials about SUNY Poly's expansion plans. At this time it is not known if SUNY Poly plans to expand into McKownville but we welcome the opportunity discuss this matter with our representative.

McKownville residents are very concerned about SUNY Polytechnic Institute's (SUNY Poly) recently announced dormitory construction plans. SUNY POLY requested bids to construct a dormitory for 500 students, to be built in three phases, 2016, 2017, 2018. The exact location has not been decided but the requirement is that it be near the College. The winner of the SUNY Poly dorm contract will be announced May 25. Rumors are that Loughlin Street will be the location. A very large development firm, Columbia Development Companies, bought twelve homes and vacant lots on and near Loughlin. It also purchased a home on Mercer St. The SUNY Poly College is a giant on our border, with \$20 billion in investments. Unfairly, their expansion plans are seldom disclosed until construction is nearly underway.

Additional, proposals for the construction of privately owned dorms have been rumored and or announced. The most recent one is for the corner of Railroad Avenue and Fuller Road, in the Town of Colonie. It is not clear what connection any of these privately owned dorms would have with SUNY Albany or SUNY Poly.

A letter to Governor Cuomo from the Association said---"SUNY Poly should promise that it will not expand into McKownville". SUNY Albany's promise made in the 1960's to not expand into McKownville has continued to be honored. **We hope that SUNY Poly makes that same promise.**

**NEWS.** The underground tanks have been removed from the former Getty gas station, 1229 Western Ave. At this time no announcement concerning the future use of this property has been made.

The three apartment buildings on Schoolhouse Road, across from Strawberry Lane, are nearing completion.

Guilderland approved Local Law #2. The Town and Building Department Supervisor Donald Albright have been working to get this more rigorous building enforcement program underway. This program is designed to deal with poorly maintained, foreclosed, vacant and abandoned properties. Such properties are sometimes called "ZOMBIE" properties. Several dozen ZOMBIE properties dot the town (Governor's Motor Inn 2505 Western, and a home at 634 Top Ridge are two examples).

Nominations for Association officers are Don Reeb (president), Doug Smith (vice president), Martha Harausz (secretary) and Paul Haldeman (treasurer), each for one year terms. Janet Reilly, Jim White and Ellen Manning are nominated as Board members for three years terms. Additional nominations can be made at the meeting.

The elections for library and school budget and board members take place on May 19. **Please vote.** Free ice cream sundaes are served at our neighborhood meetings.

## 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  
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