McKownville Improvement Association Online Meeting Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dear McKownville Neighbors:

As many of you know, the McKownville Fire Department is in the process of determining whether to stay in its current location and add some additional building area, or relocate to another site in McKownville. The department has been working with a Realtor to determine whether there are any suitable sites in the neighborhood. The Fire Department has every intention of including the neighborhood residents throughout this process, and members from the department will fill is in on what has been going on. Also on the agenda, representatives from National Grid will update us on the progress of the gas main replacement project; and Town Supervisor Peter Barber will update us on the summer recreation program, new hiking trails and pathways plan, and the Town's continuing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Once again, Delaware Engineering is kindly hosting the meeting via the Zoom platform.

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 20th beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Join the meeting by computer:

No passcode is required for this meeting.

Beginning shortly before 7:00 p.m., you may join the meeting from your computer by carefully typing in the following address: *

Next, enter Meeting ID: *

Join the meeting by cell phone:

If you are joining the meeting from your cell phone, dial * Then enter Meeting ID: *

When prompted, please be sure to click where indicated to join the meeting via both audio and video. Again, no passcode is required for this meeting.

*The necessary numbers and web address have been provided on the flyer distributed to households in the neighborhood, and will be made available on the day of the meeting in a separate pdf file accessible through a link on the Meetings page of this website.

Other News:

At our March 19 meeting Town Supervisor Peter Barber made several announcements. Town Hall is now open to the public. On entering the building visitors must undergo a temperature check, and face masks must be worn at all times. The Guilderland Performing Arts Center at Tawasentha Park has a full schedule of summer events.beginning on June 17, and registration for the Town's summer recreation program has opened. You can find information by following this link to Guilderland Parks & Recreation: https://guilderlandny.myrec.com/info/default.aspx

Also at our March meeting, representatives from Community Caregivers described the organization's activities and services provided during the pandemic. These include transportation to medical appointments, social gatherings on Zoom, and lunch time chats on a variety of subjects. Participants may call (518) 992-6661 to join the chats. For more information about Community Caregivers' services, or to volunteer, call (518) 456-2898, or visit the website: https://www.communitycaregivers.org

Covid-19 vaccination events

This past Monday, April 5, the Guilderland EMA Department was again able to offer Covid-19 vaccines to eligible residents. This time, 200 doses were available and appointments filled quickly. I was pleased to learn that several McKownville residents were among those vaccinated. EMS workers have also been able to administer vaccines to homebound residents. I will continue to send informational emails as I hear of other such opportunities.

Website: www.McKownville.org

Our website is updated promptly when new information becomes available. The News page, and the Announcements page linked there, are the places to look for this. The website now has an RSS feed, an update notification service which you can use independently, available in or by add-on to some of the common web browsers, or in a separate RSS reader program on your device. An explanation of this is provided on our website through a link on the Announcements page.

Subscription to the Association email list

A reminder: if you don't already subscribe to our email list but would like to receive occasional updates from us, please take the following simple steps:

- 1). Go to the webpage https://mckownville.org/MIAallsubunsub.html (or use the link to this form on the Meetings page of the website).
- 2). Fill out the form and submit the information by clicking on the labelled green button. A request confirmation page will appear.
- 3). An email message with a link will be sent to your address. If you do not receive this message, look for it in your spam/junk mail folder. You must follow the link to verify and activate your subscription. If you do not submit this verification your email address will not be added to our list.

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