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**Subject:** RE: Storm sewers and letters  
**From:** dreeb@albany.edu  
**Date:** Wed, April 1, 2009 4:08 pm  
**To:** "Burger, Jill" <Jill.Burger@blueslate.net>  
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Hi Jill:

Welllllllllllllll---my guess--the Town never required Sty to put in holding ponds for its storm water--and Sty is still not charged anything for using Town/water district land which is actually the land that the Western Avenue entrance to Sty sits on and Sty was given for very little money the Town/water district land that used to be occupied by a portion of the reservoir and Sty is permitted by the Town to park its ice/snow equipment on Town/reservoir land without charge---so---Sty says nothing because they are getting a free ride without saying anything--but that is only my guess. Low Swyre--the builder of Sty--use to be chair (or maybe co-chair) of the McKownville Water District which made all the decisions about use of reservoir land, holding ponds and so forth--that might be embarrassing and that might be another reason.

Dave Bosworth suggested that neighbors get together to encourage letter writing--not a bad idea if you have the inclination.

Thanks for the help.

Don

Hi Don,

> Great job.  
>  
> When I send my letters I am also thinking about mentioning how it  
> effects the significant amount of commerce that happens in McKownville.  
> Why isn't Styvesant Plaza screaming?  
>  
> Jill  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: [dreeb@albany.edu](mailto:dreeb@albany.edu) [mailto:[dreeb@albany.edu](mailto:dreeb@albany.edu)]  
> Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2009 12:09 PM  
> To: [dreeb@albany.edu](mailto:dreeb@albany.edu)  
> Subject: Storm sewers and letters  
>  
> Hi folks:  
>  
> We just have to make more effort to get Stimulus Funds for rebuilding  
> our  
> storm sewer system here in McKownville.  
>  
> Many have sent letters/emails to Ken Runion our Town Supervisor and he  
> has  
> forwarded them on to our state and national government elected officials  
> but we now think that even more impact would result from letters/emails  
> sent directly--one by one rather than in batches.  
>  
> So--for those who have sent letters/emails, would you send them  
> again--for  
> those who have not sent letters/emails, please do so. We are approaching  
> 100 letters/emails--with some more effort we could exceed that level.

>  
> I know there are more important things than storm sewers--but if the  
> flooding problem gets much worse it will depress home prices and then  
> people will be "trapped" in their homes--unable to sell them at the  
> expected price--and then the neighborhood becomes a different type of  
> place.  
>  
> The addresses are listed below along with a sample letter. Please  
> encourage  
> your neighbors and friends to send letters--I do not have email  
> addresses  
> for everyone in McKownville so many may not know of our community  
> effort.  
>  
> Sen. Charles Schumer  
> Use the website <http://schumer.senate.gov>, then click on the "Contact  
> Chuck" button  
>  
> Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand  
> E-mail [Kirsten Gillibrand@gillibrand.senate.gov](mailto:Kirsten.Gillibrand@gillibrand.senate.gov)  
>  
> Congressman Paul Tonko  
> Use the website [www.house.gov/tonko](http://www.house.gov/tonko), then click on the "Contact Me"  
> button  
>  
> Sen. Neil Breslin  
> E-mail [Breslin@senate.state.ny.us](mailto:Breslin@senate.state.ny.us)  
>  
> Assembly member John McEneny  
> E-mail [McEnenJ@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:McEnenJ@assembly.state.ny.us)  
>  
> The sample letter follows.  
>  
> Dear Congressman Tonko:  
>  
> McKownville, a neighborhood of about 1,000 homes, has had serious  
> flooding  
> problems for many years and it is getting worse. While we could pay for  
> new storm sewers through our property taxes it would increase our tax  
> burden to the point where many of our neighbors would have significant  
> difficulty in paying their taxes and still have enough left for their  
> other expenses. That is why we are asking you to help us get some of the  
> Stimulus Funds. Town of Guilderland Supervisor Ken Runion has applied  
> for  
> \$5 million from the Stimulus Funds for this purpose and if you can guide  
> that request through the allocation process so that we get our storm  
> sewers built I would greatly appreciate it.  
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> Thank you.  
>  
> Sincerely,  
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