

McKownville Improvement Association
Online Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Dear McKownville Neighbors:

Due to the need for continued caution while we fight COVID-19, our September meeting will again be held online, and hosted by Delaware Engineering via the Zoom platform. Our first speaker of the evening will be Michelle Hinchey, who is running for the NYS Senate seat that will be vacated by Senator George Amedore at the end of the year. She will introduce herself and answer questions from the audience. Ms. Hinchey's opponent, Rich Amedure, was invited as well, and we hope he will join us at a future meeting.

Additionally, a developer represented by Hershberg & Hershberg will present a proposal to develop a multi-story structure at 1230 Western Avenue, the site currently occupied by the Days Inn, and formerly occupied by Travelodge and Dunkin' Donuts. The primary use of the new building would be for student housing. If built, the project will bring a significant increase in population and traffic to McKownville. As such, it is important that neighbors be aware of, and involved with, the proposed plan from the outset.

As has become customary, representatives of Delaware Engineering will update us on the status of work that has taken place as part of the drainage improvement project, and what we may expect during the 2021 construction season. Also on the agenda is an election of all officers of the McKownville Improvement Association, and those board members whose terms have expired.

Join the meeting by computer:

Beginning shortly before 7:00 p.m., you may join the meeting from your computer by entering the following address in your web browser address bar: *
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: *

*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:

Hazardous waste disposal and document shredding day

A "contactless" household hazardous waste disposal and document shredding day will be held on

Saturday, September 19, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Materials for disposal or shredding may be dropped off at the Town Highway Department garage on French's Mill Road. Town employees will remove materials from the rear or trunk of your car. No passes are required this year, but if you don't have a Parks sticker on your windshield you may be asked to show your driver's license. At the September 1st Town Board meeting, Supervisor Barber strongly discouraged residents from arriving before 8:00 a.m. because that causes a backup of traffic.

Absentee ballots

If you plan to vote by mail in the November 3rd election, Town Councilwoman Laurel Bohl shared this link for you to request an absentee ballot: <https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/Home/Search>

University at Albany

Jordan Carleo-Evangelist, Director of UAlbany's Media and Community Relations Office, emailed with some campus news. Movie nights in Casey Stadium are scheduled for 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30 and 11/13. Screenings will begin at 8:30 and end at around 10:30 pm. Due to social distancing requirements admission is limited to students. Dormitories are occupied at a reduced capacity. Jordan went on to report that the vast majority of students are adhering to the COVID-19 protocols, and that those who don't follow the rules will be sent home. If you have any concerns in this area, you may contact Jordan at (518) 956-8016, or call the Off-Campus Hotline at (518) 442-5888. In the case of an emergency dial 911. You may also report COVID related concerns here: <https://albany.jotform.com/201885156499065>

Jordan and Assistant Dean of Students Luke Rumsey will speak with us at our October 15 meeting.

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.

Subscription to the Association email list

And 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 Contacts and 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). You must then use the link contained in an email message sent to your address to verify and activate your subscription. Your email address will not be added to our list unless you submit this verification.

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