Improvement group elects officers

The McKownville Improvement Association elected officers for the coming year at a recent meeting. They are: Don Reeb, president; Steve Harausz, vice president; Tom Van Buren, treasurer; and Mary Bailey, secretary. New members to the board of directors are Bill Butler and Ron Jones

Other members of the board include Gus Baglione, Chantel Connelly, John Davis, John Esler, Mike Gutzbezahl, Alice Torda and Richard Zitomer.

The association is an active neighborhood organization which represents residents on many

issues. Last year, board members served on the school district budget committee, helped repair the playground at the Westmere Elementary School, worked with town officials to provide ice skating at the McKownville Reservoir. served on a Citizens Advisory Committee on the Pine Bush, planned a possible playground for neighborhood children on Warren Street, and attended numerous town board and planning board meetings on behalf of McKownville residents.

Reed said members of the association are concerned with the increased commercialization of



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McKownville, particularly the growing number of restaurants along Western Avenue. Other areas of concern are the proposed Crossgates Mall in the Pine Bush and the reevaluation of property by the town.

He also said the Community (Halfway) House for retarded adults, which will be on Western Avenue, will probably not be occupied by new residents until late 1979 or early 1980. Reed added, anyone wanting to know more about the associa-

tion is urged to call him at 489-3909 or to contact any of the board members.