

**McKownville Improvement Association,
Wednesday March 30, 2005, 7-9pm
Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue**

Guilderland Tax Assessor Carol A. Wysomski will be our speaker this month. Please come, bring a friend, be informed, ask your questions.

Other business during the evening will include reports from the Tree Committee (Sue Brown chair), the Treasurer (Paul Haldeman), and the Farmer's Market Committee (Laura Whalen, David Knight). During the past few weeks there was another burglary in McKownville and more complaints about odors from the City land fill. The Hearing on the proposed Starbucks at 1206-1210 Western--near Sutters--is yet to be held. Generally, the Association is concerned about its appearance, parking, traffic, the safety of pedestrians, and storm water runoff from the site. The site is partly in the City of Albany and its low point at the rear is a collection spot for storm water from properties in both the City of Albany and nearby Guilderland properties. The proposal is made more complicated because part of the site is leased to Sutters for parking.

This year--in 2005--construction of the sidewalk on McKown Road and installation of bus shelters along Western Avenue in McKownville--will likely occur. These are wonderful improvements that we have worked very hard for. Give yourself--and our elected officials--a warm round of applause.

And on May 21, 2005, noon to 3pm the McKownville Volunteer Fire Department and the Association will host a party to celebrate the transfer of the 1247 Western Avenue property (the Blue House) to the Fire Department. Games and food will be provided along with a horse and buggy ride---please come and help us celebrate--and to thank the Town officers for getting rid of the infamous Blue House.

Concerning the Thruway proposed "flyover," we must keep up the pressure. Recently the Thruway indicated that noise barricades would in all likelihood be installed to protect McKownville residents in Woodscape and nearby properties. This is a GREAT victory. It pays to protest. Do call the Thruway again and ask that the Western Avenue flyover not be built.

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