McKownville Improvement Association Neighborhood Meeting Thursday, September 8, 2005, 7-9pm Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

The Farmers Market–Jim and Cindy Barber's Farm Market at Stuyvesant Plaza–is a marvelous success. Everybody loves it. This has been a great new business for our neighborhood. The market has been open Monday through Friday. After Labor Day it will be open only on **Tuesdays and Fridays**, from 11am to 5pm, until the farm no longer has produce to harvest and sell. Association Board members Laura Whalen and David Knight proposed it, Guilderland Supervisor Ken Runion found us the farmer and put us into contact with Stuyvesant Plaza Vice President Janet Kaplan who found us the space.

The Thruway flyover—the sidewalk on McKown Road—the sidewalks and improvements on Western Avenue—the rebuilding of Fuller Road—the pond—the bus patron waiting shelters on Western—the Schoolhouse Road rebuilding—these and more will be discussed at the meeting.

There are three proposals on the agenda this month.

The Across the Street Pub-1238 Western Avenue--between Arcadia and Hillcrest on Western-is proposing to add a deck. It would be located in the southeast corner of the parking lot that borders Arcadia. Parking at the Pub is inadequate at present and tight up against neighboring parcels. The added noise would be another negative effect.

A Starbucks coffee house is proposed for 1210 Western Avenue. It would have a drive-in service window as well as interior and exterior seating. Plans indicate that there would be very few spaces for the drive-in lane, required setbacks would be below standard and the parking would be up against neighbors' property.

The new Shabbos House–320 Fuller Road–would be 10,000 square feet. It would have nearly zero parking and be about seven times larger than the average residence on Fuller Road.

The October meeting of the Association will be Thursday, October 6, 2005, 7-9pm----Meet the Candidates Night. All the Town offices are up for election this year. Please put this on your calendar. Get your questions ready for the candidates--like—"How are you going to make McKownville and Guilderland better?"

But please come to the September meeting also-and bring a neighbor.

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