

**McKownville Improvement Association**  
**Thursday, October 13, 2005, 7-9pm**  
**Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue**

**Meet the Candidates Night.** Come, meet the candidates of both political parties. The election for Guilderland Town officers is this year—Tuesday November 8, 2005---and, as if McKownville residents did not already know this, who the Town officers are makes a big difference in the quality of life. Sidewalks, street paving, storm sewers, walking paths, zoning regulation enforcement, street cleaning, property taxes, police protection, parks and recreation, water, the safety of pedestrians, bike rider safety, tree trimming, snow plowing and on and on---these are important parts of our lives—and these are the issues that our elected Town officers make decisions about every day. So—ask the big question----**HOW ARE YOU—AS AN ELECTED OFFICER OF THE TOWN--GOING TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF MCKOWNVILLE AND GUILDERLAND?** And if you are not registered to vote you have until October 14 to do so—call the County Election Board 487-5060 or go to its office at 32 North Russell Road, across from Westgate, or go to [www.elections.state.ny.us](http://www.elections.state.ny.us) for a registration form. If you don't think that voting is important, then you don't understand how things work.

Yesterday, October 6, 2005, the Guilderland Town Board appointed members to the Western Avenue-McKownville Zoning Study Committee—the members are—Steve Harausz, Mark Macomber, Laura Whalen, Alice Torda, and myself, Don Reeb—all residents of McKownville. Today businesses need much more space, both for a building and for parking. Gone are the one dentist office practice and the one employee coffee shop and customers walking to the business. Most building lots in McKownville are quite small—7500 square feet or even less. The result is that neighbors find themselves with dozens of cars from neighboring businesses parked illegally—customer's cars parked in their driveways, blocking streets to fire trucks and other emergency vehicles and other obnoxious conditions (noise, smells etc.). Meanwhile attractive residences are located along Western Avenue in McKownville and in the City. The Study Committee hopes to be able to make useful recommendations to reduce the zoning problems along Western Avenue in McKownville.

The Farmer's Market is closed until next year. Everyone deserves thanks for making it a great success. The McKown Road sidewalk might still be constructed this year. No decision yet about the Western Avenue flyover. No reply from Mayor Jennings concerning our letter complaining about the City land fill. The pending zoning cases—Shabbos House, the L'Ecole site at Stuyvesant, the Across the Street Pub request for a deck, the proposed Starbucks near the City line—these are still in process. And no replies yet to the grant applications to improve the pond.

President Hall of the University of Albany hopefully will be our guest speaker at the December meeting. No meeting is planned for November.

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