

**McKownville Improvement Association**  
**Monthly Meeting, Thursday October 23, 2008**  
**Holiday Inn Express 1442 Western Avenue, 7-9 pm**

**Kathy Burbank** is our guest speaker in October. She is the director of the **Guilderland Chamber of Commerce**. You may remember that the Chamber stepped forward to help a McKownville family, the Plant family, when they had horrendous damage to their home from this year's rain storms.

The **September meeting** was very successful with a sharing of information about McKownville. Town Supervisor Ken Runion answered numerous questions about the Town's plans to reduce Western Avenue flooding and other storm water problems in McKownville. Laura Plant expressed her deep appreciation for the aid her family received from the McKownville Fire Department and the neighborhood. And, we had marvelous ice cream sundaes served up by Paul Haldeman, Doug Smith, Alice Torda and Marty Gnacik, officers and board members of the Association.

The **Halloween party** sponsored by the McKownville Fire Department and the McKownville Improvement Association will be held at the McKownville Fire House on **Friday October 31 from 6-8 pm**. All are invited for ice cream, games, entertainment provided by a wonderful clown, face painting provided by Marty Gnacik, and much more. Come, and enjoy being a kid again.

**November 4 election.** McKownville has made terrific progress (new sidewalks, repaired and new storm sewers, several bus patron shelters, and more than a dozen additional accomplishments). Reducing storm water problems is the most pressing problem for McKownville. But to complete the recommendations in the 2003 McKownville Corridor Study and to make sure our neighborhood of 1,000 homes continues to be an attractive community and a safe community for us and for future residents are longer term goals. For all of these, we need political help. **So vote!**

**News---**the Tree Committee, Sue Brown, chair, reported that five tree orders were received. The recent budget hearing at Town Hall indicated that Town finances are being well controlled, even amidst the chaos in the world economy. **November's meeting** will be on Thursday **November 13**. John Giarrusso and Tom Yurkewecz, the capital planners of The University at Albany and NanoTech, will be our guest speakers. **Come to the meeting, enjoy, bring a neighbor, and meet a new friend.** And do forward your email address to [dreeb@albany.edu](mailto:dreeb@albany.edu). It really helps.

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