

McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting

Thursday April 28, 2011—7 pm-9 pm

Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

The April 28 meeting of the McKownville Improvement Association features **Guilderland School Superintendent Marie Wiles, Ph.D. and School Board members Judy Slack, Denise Eisele and Emilio Genzano**—the topics, of course, are school budgets, school quality and school taxes. Education--there is hardly anything more important to the future of McKownville than the Guilderland schools. Many of our neighbors chose to live in McKownville because of the high quality of Guilderland schools. Hard decisions about the future of the school program, school management and costs are put before the voters every year; this year is certainly a very important year. Before you vote on the school budget this year, come to the meeting and become more informed.

Martha Harausz, a McKownville Improvement Association Officer, has been in contact with Joe Giebelhaus from the Albany City Landfill concerning appropriate reporting procedures should odors from the landfill become a problem. If at any time you smell odors from the landfill please call 518 453-8288 and report the incident. You will need to leave a message recording the date and time of the odor where it was noticed and also some reference to its strength. There is an informative news letter concerning the landfill that can be accessed by email. If you would like to have your name added to the email list please contact Mr. Giebelhaus at giebej@ci.albany.ny.us and ask to be added to the list. In early June a tour of the facility is being schedule for McKownville residents interested in attending.

The New York Thruway Authority is working on the expansion of the Thruway from Exit 23 to Exit 24. A benefit to McKownville is that a portion of our neighborhood will get sound barriers in late 2011. The reconstruction work includes construction of 12 ponds to collect storm water runoff from the roads. If you have further questions or comments regarding the Thruway, please contact the Public Information Office at public.info@thruway.ny.gov. The engineer's office for the project is at the intersection of Russell Road and Schoolhouse Road where you can review the construction plans and drawings.

National Grid and the telephone and cable companies have removed the pole in the alley behind 12 Parkwood, the pole that broke the storm sewer pipe. The McKownville Fire Department and the Town Highway Department have been pumping the storm water out of the alley for weeks and Mr. Runion and the Highway department will repair the pipe as soon as it is possible to do so. Temporary easement forms, signed by adjoining property owners will be needed. In addition, the severe flooding from broken and/or clogged storm water pipes in the Mercer Street area (Tracy, Ann, Providence, Warren) will also be the focus of work by the Highway Department, as soon as it is possible to do so—and again, temporary easement forms will be collected. These forms permit the Town to enter your property, do whatever digging is required—with the promise to restore your property to its pre-digging condition.

The final meeting of our fiscal year will be **May 26** when **Supervisor Ken Runion** will be the guest speaker. We will hold the annual elections for the McKownville Improvement Association Board members and officers at that time. **Ice cream sundaes** will be available at the April meeting—so skip your dinner dessert, come early and enjoy. Send your comments about this flier to dreeb@albany.edu or donreeb@gmail.com Thanks

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