

McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting
Wednesday November 30, 2011—7 pm-9 pm
Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

The guest speaker for the November meeting is Rodger Stone, Zoning Enforcement Officer for the Town of Guilderland. Zoning enforcement is a continuing focus for the McKownville community. Residents often have questions concerning zoning regulations and when they or their neighbors might be in violation of regulations. These issues may include the following:

Shrubs overhanging sidewalk areas. Fences that are too tall. Fences constructed in a sideyard when the home is located on a corner lot. A business operated in a home. Storm water running off one property onto another. Boats parked on lawns. Boats parked on the street. Camping trailers parked on the street or parked on the lawn. Large trucks parked on the street. Movable storage sheds parked on a property for weeks and weeks. Sheds located too near a property line. Smells from nearby restaurants. Snow pushed into the street. Unlicensed cars on a property. Business signs that are too large. Grass clippings thrown into the street. Major house repairs done without building permits.

Residents are at a distinct disadvantage in interpreting the zoning ordinance because we do not use it on a regular basis. Rodger does, and he has the power to recommend legal action if there is a violation. Come join us and learn more about Guilderland Zoning Law.

Tree planting was a success---Ellen Manning, Sue Brown and Ricardo Lopes Torrijos again handled the delivery of the trees and their planting. Thanks to each of you. The Halloween party at the McKownville Fire House was wonderful—Mary Lou Connolly, Marty Gnacik, Sue Brown, Doug Smith, Jim White, Ellen Manning and Paul Haldeman, along with members of the Fire Department had the fun of watching the magician while donating their time and talent to help make the party a success. Thanks to the McKownville Fire Department, an evening of fun was once again provided to the community.

The Holt-Harris property is still being watched carefully. Supervisor Runion and several members of the Association Board met with Mr. Steve Cronin, the realtor for the Holt-Harris property. Mr. Runion explained to Mr. Cronin the concerns of the community and we may get some feedback from the realtor and the owners in the next few weeks. **The University has not indicated any further interest in buying the property though there have been many rumors of such.**

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