

# **McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting**

## **Thursday September 20, 2012—7 pm-9 pm**

### **Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue**

Supervisor Ken Runion will be the guest speaker at the September meeting. Much of the discussion undoubtedly will focus on the proposed drainage district for McKownville.

Thirty-one volunteers---William Dealleaume, Lynn Nasadoski, Henry Tedeschi, Angie Parsons, Harriet Temps, Bob Benson, Richard Goldstein, Judi Kavaney, Marcia Luther, Bill Goergen, Paul Graves, Dave Bosworth, David Shub, Steve Campbell, Marty Gnacik, Laura Barry, James White, Kevin Quinn, Jessica Mann, Carl Patka, Doug Smith, Debbie Trees, Emily Baglione, Ricardo Nirenberg, Tom Robert, Janet Reilly, Bert Schou, Lisa Stanzione, Anita Behn, Dennis Mason and myself---went door-to-door numerous times to get signatures on the petitions---404 signatures from 444 homes.

Nearly 91 percent of the homeowners contacted support the creation of the McKownville Drainage District.

The signed petitions were handed to the Guilderland Town Board on Tuesday September 4, 2012. The Town Attorney, Mr. Richard Sherwood, was given the assignment by the Town Board to develop legislation and the other information necessary for the Town Board. The Town Board will schedule public hearings. When the Town Board will vote is not yet known.

To finally get unified responsibility for all of the old storm sewer pipes---to remove from individual property owners the responsibility of maintaining the storm sewer pipes on their land---to get better maintenance of the existing pipes---to get older broken pipes replaced---to get better protection from flooding for our homes, garages, gardens and property---to finally get some relief from flooding and the threat of flooding---to move one step closer to having a new and adequate storm sewer system---all of this for about \$40 a year in additional taxes per home---it seems to the Board of the McKownville Improvement Association that this is something we should all work hard to support.

Mr. Runion at the Town Board meeting encouraged those with questions about the drainage district to write, call or come in to talk with him. So come to the meeting. Ask questions. And send a clear message---about your support for the formation of the drainage district. It may be the most important action you can take to preserve your home and your neighborhood. If no one in your household had the opportunity to sign the petition, please call (489-3909) and I will bring a petition to you for your signature.

**News---** the Barber farm stand on McKown Rd has great produce to sell for another few weeks--the Town made more improvements to McKownville Park--Hansen flooring is asking for permission to have another business in its building---Stuyvesant Plaza has not asked for another hearing to put a flashing sign at its Western Avenue entrance---the sound barriers along the Thruway in McKownville are nearly finished--the University redesigned its Western Avenue entrance---CDTA changed its bus schedule on Western Avenue---NYSDOT announced that the Crossgates flyover will be rebuilt next year---several streets in McKownville have been resurfaced by the Town Highway Department--and the University is remodeling buildings along Fuller Road.

The Association's Tree Committee has again done stalwart work and provided us with a selection of trees to purchase. The order form is on the reverse side. Along with the concern about getting more trees planted in the front of homes, it is of concern that homeowners have trees removed before it is necessary to remove them for safety reasons and do not replace them quickly. It takes less than a day to cut down a mature tree but a generation to grow an adequate replacement.

The October meeting is Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup>---the topic will probably again be the drainage district---it is worth a least two meetings.

Ice cream sundaes will be served at the September meeting---so come early and have dessert with your neighbors. The Association spent more than expected this past year---for the printing of the petitions and for the postcards that were mailed to each home concerning the proposed district. Therefore, donations are needed. If you can afford to send some money, please do. Another 10 donations of \$10 to \$25 each would put us in decent shape for another year.

#### **Officers**

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