

# McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting

Thursday April 18, 2013—7 pm-9 pm

Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

**Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy is our district's new state assembly representative and will be a guest speaker** for the April meeting of the Association. She is a member of five Assembly committees---Banking; Children and Families; Environmental Conservation; Higher Education; and Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports. As McKownville's State Assemblywoman she needs to know what each of us are interested in---reducing drunk driving, improving pedestrian safety, better bike lanes, more school aid, less air pollution, better mass transit, and so forth. In addition, Assemblywoman Fahy is interested in learning more about the unique problems of the McKownville neighborhood--- --for example, that NanoTech re-directed its storm waters into our neighborhood and that is causing flooding problems for McKownville residents (especially on Fuller, Warren, Mercer, and Providence streets). So come to the meeting— let Assemblywoman Fahy see that McKownville is a committed and caring community. **This is a great opportunity to talk with Assemblywoman Fahy about what is important to you and your neighborhood.**

Our Guilderland schools are one of our most cherished public services: **Guilderland Schools Superintendent Marie Wiles, Ph.D., will be a guest speaker at the April meeting also.** Like all public services, schools ask for public support and that means neighbors need to be kept informed about its programs. The programs offered by the Guilderland schools and the accomplishments of the students (our children and grandchildren) will be one focus of her talk- --the other portion being available to answer questions.

**At the April meeting ice cream sundaes will be served----**come early—have dessert with your neighbors. The May meeting will be Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and Geoff Wood, NYSDOT will be the speaker, discussing the new sidewalk to be constructed along Western Avenue in McKownville. Also at the May meeting there will be the election of Association officers.

**McKownville Drainage District.** At the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Guilderland Town Board meeting the proposal for a McKownville Drainage District was discussed and sent on to the Town Clerk to be recorded. This was a very important step. The next step is for the Town Board to hold a **public hearing** on the Drainage District. It is scheduled for **Tuesday May 15<sup>th</sup>.** There were about 25 neighbors at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Board meeting. Hopefully even more will attend the May 15<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting. **Please put it on your schedule.**

**Stuyvesant Plaza.** The Plaza is proposing to construct a 26-space parking lot between TGIF and McKownville Park. The Plaza gave over \$123,000 to the Town to re-construct the pond-reservoir and the Town provided, in November 2009, an easement to use 0.51 acres of town land for a parking lot. Some have questioned not just the plans for the parking lot but why Stuyvesant spent the original \$123,000 and now seems willing to spend some where in the area of \$800,000 to construct a small parking lot. The plans for the parking lot, as presented by Stuyvesant, cuts down many trees, takes a big chunk of Park land, increases the dangers from left turns in the Plaza, which in turn causes the threat of backing up even more traffic on Western. These are just some of the problems associated with this planned parking lot development. The Zoning Board hearing on the Plaza's proposal will be on **April 17, Town Hall 7:30pm.** Do come. **Stuyvesant Plaza is attractive but it is misusing our public parkland.**

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