

McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting
Wednesday, April 29, 2015—7 pm-9 pm
Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

Albany County Executive Dan McCoy and **Guilderland Library Director Tim Wiles** will be this month's guest speakers. The County of Albany is possibly the "hidden government service provider" for most people. It provides the County Courts (including the family court), the election board, maintenance of county roads (Schoolhouse Road and Fuller Road in McKownville). It provides other safety and social services for those in need including; Medicaid, the county nursing home, the county jail and the sheriff's department. Director Wiles will discuss the programs offered at The Guilderland Library: its book collection, children's programs, music programs and computers available for the use of patrons. This is your opportunity to learn more and ask Executive McCoy and Director Wiles your questions.

Street Banners — progress is being made, the contracts for use of the National Grid poles have been signed, the banners are being printed and soon the Town of Guilderland will be installing them.

Zoning— The plan to buy both Dr. Esmay's former dental building and the white house next door, 1424 and 1422 Western Ave, has been abandoned. During title searches it was learned that 1422 Western had a deed restriction that required it to be used only as a home. This will help the Town and the Association preserve the residential appearance of Western Avenue in McKownville.

SUNYAlbany news—a new school for the College will be located on the Harriman campus near the State Police buildings. Some of the pressure to expand into McKownville is thereby reduced. At this time the University is renting several floors in Stuyvesant Plaza Executive Towers as "relocation" space. It needs these spaces to temporarily house staff as re-hab to some of its 50 year old buildings occurs.

Nano College and Its New Dorm—The Field Real Estate organization purchased 12 homes on Loughlin and Fuller Rd., all are located in Albany. Soon thereafter, Nano College put out a request for a private contractor to bid to build a dorm for 500 students, May 25th is the expected contract award date. It is important to assure that the city and county not loose the tax income from this area. Additionally, Loughlin Street is zoned residential therefore; a zoning change may well be needed for construction to occur. This project could have two substantial impacts on McKownville: increased storm water problems and "block busting"--the inability of zoning laws to protect residents. Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy has been working with Albany's Mayor and the Governor to express our concerns. **This is an appropriate time to write the Governor and let your voice be heard.**

Park Clean-up—May 2nd--come join us—9am-noon--sprucing up McKownville Reservoir Park. Bring your favorite tools for lopping or chopping or help pick up trash. The rain date is May 3rd, also from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Everyone is welcome at Association meetings. There are no membership dues or fees. Voluntary contributions are the funding source for our \$350 yearly budget. Email donreeb@gmail.com to receive emails concerning McKownville. **Free ice cream sundaes are served at our neighborhood meetings.** The May meeting will be May 21, 2015.

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