

McKownville Improvement Association, Public Meeting
Thursday, November 17, 2016—7 pm-9 pm
Hampton Inn, 1442 Western Avenue

There will be two guest speakers talking about changes that might influence McKownville's future----- John Giarrusso from the University at Albany and Peter Barber, Guilderland Town Supervisor.

McKownville residents have many concerns about McKownville's future that the Association has been working to address.

What is going to happen on Loughlin Street/Sandidge Way? Many neighbors wrote letters, sent emails, attended Albany City Council meetings, and testified at those Common Council meetings. The City is in the process of a citywide rezoning process; however, it is generally supporting the pleas of Massry to rezone this area as a separate issue. The current request is the same as the one proposed by Columbia Developing and Dawn Homes. Confusion surrounding the indictments and confusion surrounding the "not yet complete" new zoning ordinance makes the future of Sandidge Way very unclear. Opposition to the 173 apartments by McKownville residents is however quite clear.

What about our storm sewer problems? \$3.25 million in grants—from Senator Breslin (\$500,000), Senator George Amedore (\$1.5 million) and Assemblymember Patricia Fahy (\$1.25 million) are helping Guilderland begin the repair, reconstruction and addition of storm sewers in McKownville. Additional grants are needed but some of the work will begin when the State finishes processing applicable paperwork--which is being pushed as hard as possible.

Holt-Harris--what is going to happen to that vacant land? It is about to be transferred from UAlbany Foundation ownership to UAlbany ownership. After that nothing has been announced, though it is rumored that the University Chapel House located on the original Holt-Harris plot is about to be demolished.

Other News. The community by a vote of 90 to 46 approved the firehouse referendum on enlarging (putting a second floor, and other changes) the McKownville Fire House. Expected cost is \$3 million

The Halloween party at the McKownville Fire House was a wonderful event. Next year please come and watch how much joy the children get from playing the games and getting a tattoo and having a special balloon-hat made. It shows McKownville as its very best.

#1. Noise from the Thruway/Northway traffic - protests have been filed with the State. #2. Western Avenue speed limit reduction - is being worked on. #3. Wolanin's illegal placement of oversized trailers on the Pinnacle Place property - is being worked on. #4. The former Getty station on Western and the former "palm reader" house across the street from it-- neither developer has been active recently. #5. Foreclosed and zombie houses in McKownville--progress has occurred - a home on Parkwood, another in Woodscape are occupied or in process.

Please come—enjoy the ice cream sundaes and the conversation.

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