

Public Meeting
McKownville Improvement Association
Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Hampton Inn, 1442 Western Avenue

We have another full agenda for our final meeting of 2025. Town Supervisor Peter Barber will make announcements on a number of topics, including highlights of the Town's 2026 budget, comments on the NYS Comptroller's audit report regarding the Town's use of sales taxes, and the Town's ongoing food drive. Our next speaker will be Dave Jenkins, Supervisor of Historic Properties and Trails for the Guilderland Department of Parks & Recreation. Dave is also a member of the Town of Guilderland's American Revolution 250th Anniversary Committee, and he will speak to us about both the work of the Parks Department and the activities being planned by this committee, and answer questions from the audience. Also joining us will be Luke Rumsey, Director of Community Relations at UAlbany, who let us know what is new on campus these days, and what is being planned for the future. Also, volunteers from the McKownville Fire Department will update us on the schedule for completion of the new firehouse, and we will end the evening with some refreshments and an opportunity to socialize with our neighbors.

Other news:

Guilderland Comprehensive Plan Update: It is likely that the Town Board will adopt the Guilderland Comprehensive Plan Update at its November 18 meeting, but residents may continue to submit comments into December. The meeting will take place at Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. The most current draft of the document may be found on the Town's website: <https://play.champds.com/ATT/guilderlandny/2025-10/19dc211d939ee49d9f6dc4a14f04aa5485c00713.pdf>

McKownville Tree Planting Program: The revived McKownville tree planting program was a success and we are pleased that sixteen trees were ordered and planted. Also, we have noticed that some residents have planted new street trees on their own. As many of our older trees are removed due to disease or old age, these new trees will fill in empty spaces and enhance the beauty of our streets. We hope that more residents will participate next year.

1st Annual Town of Guilderland Holiday Tree Celebration: The Town will hold its first annual Tree Lighting celebration on Saturday, December 6, from 5 - 8 pm at the Clubhouse at Western Turnpike Golf Course. The official tree lighting (7 pm) will be preceded by a holiday parade of decorated fire, highway, parks, and other trucks that will end at the clubhouse. Arrive early to enjoy music, food, and warm drinks, and view the pre-purchased community/family trees. Additional information may be found on the Town's website: <https://townofguilderland.org>

MIA website: Our website is promptly updated with items for news, announcements, and meetings, including the dates for Spring 2026 public meetings when they are finalized. You may access it at <https://mckownville.org>

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