

Some news---October 7, 2010

1. NYSDOT is in process of designing a sidewalk from Rt 155 east to the University entrance. Lorenzo DiStefano—388-0200—at NYSDOT Region 1—is in charge of the scoping phase with construction expected to begin in 2012.
2. We should meet with NYSDOT Region 1 representatives as soon as possible about the sidewalks—I am trying to set that up now.
3. The public meeting will be Thursday October 21, 7 pm at the Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western—the guest speaker will be Delaware Engineering—to tell us more about how our storm sewer system is designed including that portion using the McKownville pond. There is a small possibility that Congressman Tonko will make an appearance.
4. The Board meeting will be the following Thursday, October 28, 7pm at the firehouse
5. The November meeting should focus on the “hamlet” but we should meet with Peter Barber and others of the Zoning Review Committee to develop the contents of the concept.
6. Guilderland has given permission to the University to pipe their sanitary sewer effluents through Guilderland to the pumping station behind Dunkin Donuts
7. The storm sewer project being conducted by Delaware Engineering is in process.
8. The Halloween Party sponsored by and at the McKownville Fire House is October 31, from 6-8 pm (I think)—Marty Gnacik has agreed to do face painting—Alice Torda has agreed to do tattoos—Marian Hoyle and Alice have agreed to help set up—I will do the games (with help from others) and in past years Sue Brown, Jim White, Doug Smith and Paul Haldeman served the ice cream sundaes and in other ways helped out during the evening and hopefully will do so this year once again. It is a festive night for the children and supporting that is certainly worthwhile.
9. Zoning—the Town Board hearing on October 5 produced no change in the zoning law largely because the County had not yet sent through their comments but barring any significant objections by the County, we will have new regulations concerning “home occupation”, “mixed use development” and the regulated size of super shopping centers (Pyramid Crossgates). However, Town Supervisor Runion put forth more detail what he has in mind for the “hamlet” addition to the zoning ordinance as well as instructing the Zoning Revision Committee (Ken Brownell, Peter Barber, and Steve Feeney) to add “hamlets” to their ongoing study with the intention to add it soon to their suggested changes in the zoning ordinance.
10. 1204 Western—the Zoning Board approved the “head shop” for the site next to Sutters—despite my pleas made at the meeting--while the Liberty Tax Service that had occupied that office was, by reputation, a bunch of crooks, the neighborhood has probably not been enhanced by its replacement with a “head shop”.
11. McKownville Park –while the recent heavy rainstorm of some 6 inches caused Western Avenue flooding it was never expected that the redesign would prevent all flooding—the flooded intersection lasted about 10 hours.