

McKownville Improvement Association
Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2007, 7pm-9 pm
Holiday Inn Express, 1442 Western Avenue

The February neighborhood meeting will be in our usual location, the Holiday Inn Express.

Our guest speaker this month will be **Barbara Nichols Randall**, Director of the Guilderland Library. Our Guilderland library offers numerous services and resources. This is the time to come and find out what the library can do to help you, your friends, neighbors and family get more enjoyment from this marvelous resource. What does the library offer? A music performance program, book discussion clubs, foreign language study groups, genealogy research facilities, tax filing assistance, tax forms, books on tape, large print books, used books for sale, and so much more. It is your library. Make it better by coming and talking to the director about the services you would like it to offer.

The McKownville Improvement Association Tree Committee again has been hard at work and put together the tree order form for this spring's planting. It is on the reverse side of this announcement. There are nine (9) different trees to order. Everyone knows that a tree makes a home site more beautiful, reduces the need for cooling in the summer, helps to shelter us in the winter while promoting cleaner air and improves the resale value of a home. So order a tree. We will help you plant it. Make McKownville a more beautiful place to live.

Some neighborhood news. The Strassburg home site, 1 McKown Road, is to be repartitioned into four lots. The Planning Board Hearing on this proposal is February 14, 7:30pm at Town Hall. The Tusang-Barhydt building, 1434 Western Avenue, next to Germano's garage, is again occupied. The Albany County Veterinarian office, 1506 Western Avenue, has a new owner. The Denny's building, 1512 Western Avenue, continues to be vacant. Starbucks, 1246 Western Avenue, has been open for several months now. The Capital Lodge Motel, 1230 Western Avenue, is now a Days Inn and has been much improved in appearance. The Holiday Inn Express added some attractive new features to its building. The NanoTech campus has a new natural gas line. It has removed the old maintenance building. The Harriman campus has received budget approval for \$7.5 million for roadway construction. The reconstruction of Schoolhouse Road/Russell Road is to be completed by the County this year. And the new sidewalks along Western Avenue and McKown Road will be built this year.

But the greatest news is that **Supervisor Ken Runion** announced on December 19, 2006 that the Town had received a grant from the State for making the McKownville Reservoir into a more usable park. This has been long awaited. A pond to walk around, a place to sit on a bench, read a newspaper, enjoy a cup of coffee, eat a sandwich, have a chat with a friend, but in general find some outdoor relaxation. A colonial village had its village green—we will have our **McKownville Reservoir Park**. Thank you Mr. Runion.

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