

Date: 8 Nov. 2024

Town of Amsterdam,

Over the years there have been multiple MVAs on McKay Rd., Town of Amsterdam, between the Town Line and Golf Course Rd. They have been especially numerous below McDonald Drive. On that road, halfway to Golf Course Rd., there is encountered a deep serpentine dip through which drivers lose sight of the road ahead. They either tend to accelerate or fail to slow down. Over correcting as they rise out of the dip, leads to the MVAs. The result has been multiple MVAs on the our front lawns. Some MVAs are alcohol related.

There have been serious injuries requiring medivac to Albany Medical Center.

Leaving and entering our driveways is tantamount to playing Russian Roulette.

I am petitioning to have the speed limit reduced from 45 mph to 30 mph (at least below McDonald Drive).

Thank you for your consideration,

Gus Kappler, MD, FACS

Attachments:

- a) Power Point presentation
- b) Explanation of ppt presentation
- c) Petition from homeowners to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph on McKay Rd
- d) FOIL report from the Montgomery Sheriff's Office.  
FOIL report from New York State Police is pending.
- e) News Paper report on first MVA (Slide 11).

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Slide (1): Potential Disasters on MCKay Rd.

Slide (2) and (3): At least one or two times a week I experience near misses exiting Driveway #2, whether it be heading North or South. Vehicles first appear rising out of the DIP at 216 feet from my driveway's exit. At 45 mph, I have 3.28 seconds to exit. This situation carries unreasonable risk of injury or death.

At 30 mph, the time interval improves to almost 5.0 seconds.

Entering driveway #2 is equally dangerous. Approaching from the South, I must come to a full stop before accelerating into a turn to enter without engaging a South bound vehicle. It's the same 216 feet with 3.28 seconds of safety at 45 mph.

Slide (4): A 90% risk of severe injury at 46 mph  
Compared to a 50% risk of injury at 31 mph

A 50% risk of death at 42 mph  
Compared to a 25% risk of death at 32 mph.

Slide (5): Driveways #1, #2, #3, #4 are most vulnerable to risk.

Excessive speed, Alcohol, and Drugs contribute to the risk of MVAs with injury.

Slide (6): Self explanatory

Slide (7): Please play the video.

It records traveling South on McKay Rd. into the Dip. In this direction there is BLIND entrance and exit from the Dip.

Slide (8): It is only 216 feet from first sighting the roof of a vehicle until it is upon driveways #2 and #3.

That's a 3.82 second safety margin at 45 mph.

Slide (9): Please play the video.

Vehicles erupting from the Dip at various speeds. Note the Driveway locations at the end of the video.

Slide (10): MVAs the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office responded to over a 10 year period. There are 5 categories (my definition).

Slide (11): Excessive speed, DWI, Marijuana,  
Over Correcting, Serious Injury, Just over  
216 feet from the Dip's exit. Please note  
Driveways #2 and #3.

Slide (12): September 2024. Same scenario. The green  
curved line traces the vehicles uncontrolled  
excursion. It came to rest at the green X. The  
mailbox, blue X, was destroyed.

There would have been fatalities if the vehicle  
had crashed into that huge tree. They were  
very lucky their path went around.

Again, please note Driveways #2 and #3.

The speed check was not there at the time.

Slide (13): A 90% risk of sever injury at 46 mph  
Compared to a 50% risk of injury at 31 mph

A 50% risk of death at 42 mph  
Compared to a 25% risk of death at 32 mph.

Slide (14): Please reduce the speed limit to curtail the  
number of MVAs and the possibility of severe  
injury and death.

Slide (15): Communication with DOT

Slide (16): This AP was utilized to calculate distance covered at a specific mph.


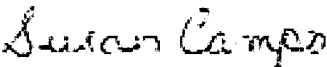
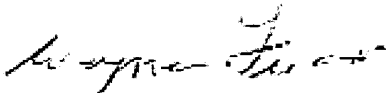

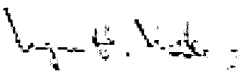

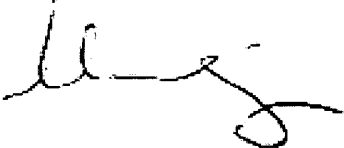
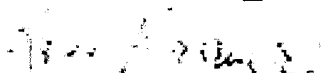
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# Resident's Petition To Reduce The Speed Limit on McKay Rd. To 30 mph.

For the laws and precedents email  
guskappler@yahoo.com

## Signatures:

Date	Address	Sign
1 10/9/24	692 McKay Rd Amsterdam ny	
2 10/9/24	692 McKay Rd Amsterdam ny	
3 10/9/24	685 McKay Rd Amsterdam, N.Y.	
4 10/9/24	685 McKay Rd Amsterdam, NY	
5 10/9/24	685 McKay Rd Amsterdam, NY	
6 10/9/24	685 McKay Rd Amsterdam NY	
7 10/9/24	652 McKay Rd. Amsterdam NY 12005	
8 10/11/24	685 McKay Rd AMSTERDAM	

	Date	Address	Sign
9	10/1/24	1000 ...	[Signature]
10	10/1/24	505 ...	[Signature]
11	10/1/24	100 ...	[Signature]
12	10/1/24	612 ...	[Signature]
13	10/1/24	100 ...	[Signature]
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20	10/19/24	100 ...	[Signature]
21	10/21/24	658 McKay Rd	[Signature]



## Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

• Rachelle L. Hume, 25, of 74 Main St., Fultonville, was charged with driving while intoxicated, having a blood alcohol count greater than .08 percent, unlawful possession of marijuana, having an open container, and parking on the pavement. Deputies investigated an EMS call of a driver in distress. Upon further investigation, deputies allegedly found Hume intoxicated. Marijuana was reportedly found in the vehicle. Hume was released on an appearance ticket for Glen town court Dec. 4.

• Timothy Karl Gatto, 50, of 8 Elias St., Amsterdam, was charged with second-degree vehicular assault, aggravated driving while intoxicated with a child in the car, two counts of endangering the welfare of a child, and failure to keep right. Gatto was arrested by deputies following an accident in the town of Amsterdam. At the time of the crash, a 15-year-old female was ejected from the vehicle and sustained serious physical injuries, deputies reported. She was flown to Albany Medical Center. The other child, a male, was reportedly not injured. Gatto was remanded to county jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash bail or \$10,000 bond. He will be arraigned on the charges at his next court appearance.

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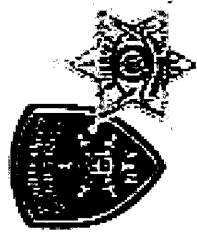
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88 McKay Rd  
Amsterdam NY 12010

Subject: Freedom of Information Law Request for all MVA's on McKay Rd Town of Amsterdam from McQueen Rd to Golf Course Rd for the past 10 years.

Below is the list of MVA's that occurred on McKay Rd from Fulton County Line to Golf Course Rd.

Number	Date Occurred	House	Street	Cross Street	Description
C-003197-14	2/6/2014		MCKAY RD		1 CAR MVA NO INJURIES
C-016910-14	7/2/2014	625	MCKAY RD		2 CAR MVA, NO INJ
C-026001-14	10/5/2014	272	MCKAY RD		CAR IN THE DITCH
C-028914-14	11/7/2014		MCKAY RD		2 CAR MVA CAR VS BOX TRUCK WITH INJURY
C-029599-14	11/15/2014		MCKAY RD		MVA NO INJURIES
C-030203-14	11/22/2014	699	MCKAY RD		1 CAR ROLLOVER UNK INJ
C-030266-14	11/22/2014		MCKAY RD		CAR VS DEER
C-032601-14	12/18/2014		MCKAY RD		WHITE LINCOLN MKZ VS DEER, NO INJ
C-004737-15	2/21/2015	418	MCKAY RD		CAR IN DITCH
C-005564-15	3/2/2015		MCKAY RD		VEH IN SNOWBANK
C-007680-15	3/26/2015		MCKAY RD		CAR DEER ON MCKAY/NO INJ/CA AT WORK AT ALDIS
C-022555-15	9/1/2015		MCKAY RD		CAR VS DEER
C-027376-15	10/26/2015		MCKAY RD		MVA NO INJURIES OCCURED EARLIER TODAY
C-031294-15	12/10/2015		MCKAY RD		CAR VS DEER

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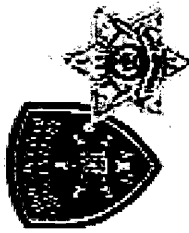
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IC-011956-16	5/10/2016	597	MCKAY RD		ONE CAR OFF THE ROAD UNKNOWN INJURY
IC-017918-16	7/2/2016	637	MCKAY RD		CAR FLIPPED OVER IN DITCH
IC-030926-16	11/18/2016	597	MCKAY RD		CAR IN THE DITCH ON THE SIDE
IC-031088-16	11/20/2016		MCKAY RD		CAR INTO DITCH
C-010124-17	4/12/2017		MCKAY RD		1 CAR ROLL OVER/PTS OUT OF VEHICLE
C-029078-17	10/14/2017	475	MCKAY RD		3 CAR MVA
C-031098-17	11/14/2017	224	MCKAY RD		1 CAR IN DITCH
C-035435-17	12/22/2017		MCKAY RD		CAR WENT THROUGH STOP SIGN OFF INTO A LAWN
C-035773-17	12/26/2017		MCKAY RD		CAR IN DITCH
C-000342-18	1/4/2018		MCKAY RD		SCHOOL BUS OFF THE ROAD
C-000437-18	1/5/2018		MCKAY RD		WHITE CAR OFF THE ROAD
-020555-18	10/9/2018	499	MCKAY RD		CAR VS PEDESTRIAN
-030290-18	11/19/2018		MCKAY RD	LOG CITY RD	CAR VS DEER/ NO INJURIES
-030360-18	11/21/2018		MCKAY RD	GOLF COURSE RD	2 CAR MVA NO INJURIES
-030366-18	11/21/2018		MCKAY RD	GOLF COURSE	CAR VS POLE
-031188-18	12/1/2018		MCKAY RD	MCDONALD DR	CAR V DEER, DEER GONE
-002161-19	1/24/2019		MCKAY RD	LOG CITY RD	BLUE BOX TRUCK OFF SIDE OF ROAD
-004613-19	2/10/2019		MCKAY RD	GOLF COURSE RD	2 CAR PDA/NO INJURY
-009639-19	4/16/2019		MCKAY RD	LOG CITY RD	2 CAR MVA MINOR INJ
-011431-19	5/6/2019		MCKAY RD	MCDONALD DR	CAR V DEER, DEER DECEASED NO INJ
018024-19	7/23/2019		MCKAY RD	MCDONALD DR	2 CAR MVA NO INI
019167-19	7/24/2019	715	MCKAY RD		2 CAR MVA MINOR INJURIES
022816-19	8/28/2019	507	MCKAY RD		BLACK CAR HIT MAILBOX/DAMAGE TO PROPERTY
025200-19	9/21/2019	685	MCKAY RD		2 CAR MVA UNKNOWN INI

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BL-020549-19	10/4/2019	MCKAY RD	GOLF COURSE RD	MVA/SUBJECT HIGH/POSS LEAVING SCENE
BL-030329-19	11/13/2019	MCKAY RD		1 CAR VS DEER
BL-032167-19	12/3/2019	MCKAY RD	MCKAY RD	1 CAR 1/2 IN DITCH
BL-032169-19	12/3/2019	MCKAY RD		1 CAR OFF THE ROAD PERSON IN THE CAR
BL-034333-19	12/27/2019	MCKAY RD	MCQUEEN RD	CAR IN THE DITCH UNKNOWN INJURIES
BL-001770-20	1/22/2020	MCKAY RD	GOLF COURSE RD	2 CAR MVA NO INJ
BL-003142-20	2/7/2020	MCKAY RD	LOG CITY RD	CAR WENT OFF THE ROAD NO INJURIES
BL-006199-20	3/11/2020	MCKAY RD	GOLF COURSE RD	2 CAR MVA NO INJ
BL-032280-20	12/17/2020	MCKAY RD	MCDONALD DR	1 CAR IN A DITCH
BL-032711-20	12/21/2020	MCKAY RD		CAR VS DEER
BL-001968-21	1/22/2021	GOLF COURSE RD	MCKAY RD	1 CAR MVA NO INJURIES
BL-002847-21	1/31/2021	MCKAY RD	GOLF COURSE RD	2 CAR MVA NO INJ
BL-005060-21	2/24/2021	MCKAY RD		1 CAR INTO DITCH NO INJURIES
BL-011581-21	4/30/2021	MCKAY RD	LOG CITY RD	CAR VS DEER NO INJ
BL-030065-21	12/22/2021	MCKAY RD		CAR VS MAILBOX
BL-000577-22	1/6/2022	MCKAY RD	LOG CITY RD	FLOW VS CAR NO INJ PER CA
BL-001690-22	1/19/2022	MCKAY RD	GOLF COURSE RD	2 CAR MVA NO INJURIES
BL-012085-22	4/12/2022	MCKAY RD	MCDONALD DR	2 CAR PDA
BL-018399-22	6/1/2022	MCKAY RD	LOG CITY RD	POSS 2 CAR MVA PASSERBY
BL-033794-22	7/13/2022	MCKAY RD	LOG CITY RD	1 CAR IN DITCH NO ONE AROUND
BL-030309-22	9/1/2022	MCKAY RD	HICKORY RIDGE RD	CAR VS DEER
BL-031782-22	9/13/2022	MCKAY RD	LOG CITY RD	2 CAR MVA NO INJ - OUT OF TRAFFIC
BL-036053-22	10/20/2022	MCKAY RD		VEH VS DEER NO INJURIES
BL-038591-22	11/10/2022	MCKAY RD	MCDONALD DR	CAR VS DEER NO INJ

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Case Number	Date	Location	Details
2022-00010886	11/16/2022	MCKAY RD	CAR VS DEER NEG INJ
2022-00012740	12/15/2022	MCKAY RD	CAR ON IT'S SIDE CALLER STATED SUBJECTS ON SCENE GETTING PEOPLE OUT OF THE VEHICLE
2023-00002642	2/3/2023	Golf Course Rd	ca was rear-ended
2023-00014825	6/26/2023	Golf Course Rd	2 car pdua
2023-00000153	7/6/2023	MCKAY RD	1 CAR MVA IN LAWN REQ LAKEVALLEY TO BE CHECKED
2023-00016036	7/10/2023	McDonald Dr	CAR IN DITCH NO INJURIES TOW ON WAY
2023-00018992	8/15/2023	Golf Course Rd	2 veh mva/pl ca status with smoking
2023-00023301	9/29/2023	MCKAY RD	1 car roll over driver still inside
2023-00027735	11/20/2023	Golf Course Rd	CAR DRER NO INJ
2023-00029264	12/11/2023	MCKAY RD	1 CAR NO INJ CHEVY TRAVERSE
2024-00001581	1/19/2024	MCKAY RD	car v dber
2024-00007410	4/5/2024	MCKAY RD	2 CAR MVA NEGATIVE INJURIES
2024-00010449	5/15/2024	MCKAY RD	2 CAR MVA, NEG INJURY
2024-00011272	5/25/2024	MCKAY RD	CAR TOOK DOWN POLES THE END OFF COHWY 107 TOT TO FULTON CO
2024-00000126	6/11/2024	Log City Rd	INVA
2024-00019290	8/25/2024	MCKAY RD	2017 KIA FORTE 1 CAR OFF RD NO INJURIES
2024-00021668	9/25/2024	MCKAY RD	MVA OCCURED APPROX 10 MINUTES AGO