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Next RNA Meeting:
Tuesday, January 14th
at **7:30 PM**

Location:
Harbor View Health Care Center
178 Ogden Avenue
1st Floor Cafeteria

Agenda:
2014 Plans
Board Positions open
Revisions to Bylaws

Membership Dues
Membership dues and donations help sustain the RNA. Annual dues are \$10. Please contribute on our website, at an RNA meeting, or make checks payable to Riverview Neighborhood Association and mail to:
RNA
154 Ogden Ave., 3E
Jersey City, NJ 07307



Greetings!

Please join us this Tuesday, January 14th for our monthly meeting at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (corner of Franklin), 1st Floor Cafeteria at 7:30PM. We will be discussing plans for 2014, two openings on the RNA board, and proposing a revision to our bylaws.

Embarking on our next 30 years

2013 marked our 30th year as a continually operating neighborhood association. We are now embarking on our next 30 years and welcome you to participate in defining the priorities for the organization. **The board has been meeting to discuss our objectives for 2014 and will present them at the January meeting.** We welcome everyone to join us in a group discussion about these objectives and to help us finalize priorities for 2014 and beyond and to brainstorm about the most effective ways to achieve our goals.

In addition, 2014 will bring changes to the board. Two of our board members will be stepping down. We invite any of our members who wish to improve the neighborhood to consider joining the board. It is a great way to contribute to your community and can be very fulfilling. We will discuss these positions at the meeting as well.

The board will also propose a change to our bylaws and certificate of incorporation for membership consideration. Our corporate documents have not been updated in many years and need to be brought up-to-date to allow for our continued growth and expansion. The proposed revision includes an expansion of our boundaries to include a greater portion of the Heights.

In terms of our goals and objectives for 2014, broadly speaking, the Board has been discussing:

- Hosting a community visioning meeting to solicit what is most important to the community and to brainstorm ways to improve the area (e.g. how to promote and cultivate the Riverview Arts District, improve the streetscape along Palisade Ave, encourage economic development/local businesses, cleanup our streets, address abandoned buildings, improve parks, increase transportation options, etc.)
- Honoring our history by ensuring that the gazebo is rebuilt in a timely fashion, restore the Hudson & Ogden statues in Riverview-Fisk Park, and increasing knowledge of the history of our area.
- Work with other local organizations to further community objectives including Ogden's End Community Garden, Riverview Farmers Market, Riverview JazzFest, etc.
- Continue to sponsor and host events including arts, farmers market, educational, and social events.
- Continuing to clean up the neighborhood and reduce graffiti through neighborhood cleanups, arts projects, the Big Spring Cleanup and other innovative ways.
- Increase community pride and participation.
- Improve membership communications.

We are certain that this will be a lively discussion that will lead to greater clarity of objectives and that your ideas will be the catalyst for fantastic improvements in our area in 2014. Please join us on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (at Franklin), 1st floor cafeteria.

RNA Awarded Grant for Live at the Lumberyard

RNA is pleased to report that we have been awarded a New Jersey State Council on the Arts State/County Partnership Grant administered by the Hudson County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs for Live at the Lumberyard in the amount of \$1,510. Through this grant (requiring matching funds or in-kind donations) we will be able to expand this local, free live music series held at Palisade Lumber to five evenings this summer and include video art projections as well. Look for more details this Spring.

RNA Networking Night Returns

Due to last year's overwhelming success, RNA is bringing back Networking Night at Trolley Car Bar and Grill, located on Palisade Ave at the corner of Ferry St. Last year, over 50 people attended the event, meeting with neighbors and making professional contacts. Join us Thursday, January 23rd at 7:30PM and be sure to bring your business cards! To RSVP (though not required) and invite others, check out the event on RNA's Facebook page.



Liberty Humane Society Hosts Fundraiser in the Heights

On Saturday, January 18th from 9PM-2AM, a Liberty Humane Society board member is throwing a Caribbean themed fundraiser at the Corkscrew (61 Congress St), benefiting the LHS animal shelter. Summon the warm Caribbean weather and raise some money for homeless animals at the same time.

DJ Groove will provide the music and tickets are \$20. Call or text 917-881-8064 for additional information.

Community Updates

Ravine Road/New York Ave The road has been paved but the city engineer has a list of items that they want to complete for safety reasons before the road is reopened to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. These include installation of signs, beam guide rail, fencing, underbridge lighting and the remainder of the thermoplastic striping. The work will be completed as weather permits. We have asked the City to do whatever it can to get the road open as soon as possible by prioritizing which items need to be done with the road closed, or whether the road can be opened during rush hour, etc. We will provide a further update at the monthly meeting and on our Facebook page as information becomes available.

Art House Productions holds its annual gala, the Snow Ball, to benefit its innovative arts programs on Saturday, January 25th at 8PM at 1 McWilliams Place (SE Corner of Hamilton Park, near 8th & Erie). Tickets are \$80 in advance. Black tie Creative. For tickets and additional information visit arthouseproductions.org.

RNA's exhibit, RAD Photographers, a showcase of photographs by artists who live within the boundaries of the Riverview Arts District here in Jersey City Heights continues through the month of February at the Trolley Car Bar & Grill. **It features the photographs of Jason Burch, John Crittenden, Mickey Mathis, Alexis Rotter and Christy Whitney.** The works are for sale and 30% of the proceeds from any photo sales supports the ongoing work of RNA. To purchase the art, please contact RNA at riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net or call 201-876-1980.

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