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Next RNA Meeting:
Tuesday, February 11th
at **7:30 PM**

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

Agenda:
Guests:
Vito Brunetti and
Ryan Strother

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, February 11th for our monthly meeting at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (corner of Franklin), 1st Floor Cafeteria at 7:30PM. RNA founding member and former President, Vito Brunetti and Ryan Strother, Director of Recreation will be our guests. Please bring a new pair of socks (adult sizes) or a toiletry item for donation to St. Lucy's Shelter.

Founding Member Vito Brunetti Shares RNA History

Vito Brunetti, a founding member of the Riverview Neighborhood Association and its President for 17 years, will be our guest speaker at our monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30PM. Vito will share the early history of the association and how the neighborhood has changed since the organization's founding. Vito was there for the first flea market, the establishment of Janet Moore Park, and everything from zoning battles to social events. He brought city-wide attention to the organization and laid the foundation for what it is today.



Vito now lives in Hackensack and is a partner at Brunetti, Donnelly & Gulczynski, LLC, a Jersey City-based practice specializing in family law.

In addition, Tuesday's meeting will feature Ryan Strother, the director of the Jersey City Department of Recreation. Director Strother will discuss the extensive programs that the Dept. of Recreation is offering to Jersey City residents.

Annual Nominations for the RNA Board

Each February, nominations are opened for the executive board of the association. **This year, two of our board members will not be seeking re-election: Becky Hoffman will be stepping down as President after serving for 8 years, and Jessica Howse will be stepping down as Director at Large (Sgt. of Arms) after serving for 3 years.**

During her tenure as President, Becky established RNA's online presence on the web and social media; organized grassroots efforts to fight front-yard parking, to re-establish NYC bus service on Palisade Ave and to establish the Riverview Arts District; made participation in JC Fridays a quarterly commitment by curating art exhibits, launched the Big Spring Cleanup drive and supported the creation and establishment of the Movies in the Park(s) and the Live at the Lumberyard (music) series.

During her tenure on the RNA Board, Jessica was our volunteer coordinator and ramped up significantly the level of volunteer participation in the RNA. She edited and revamped our marketing materials and website, and served as the voice of reason on the board for setting boundaries and deadlines for our activities and goals.

These vacancies will create an opportunity for other members to participate in guiding the organization and setting the tone for the next 30 years. To hold office, individuals must reside within our current boundaries (Ogden & Palisade Ave from Cuneo Place to Congress St), be at least 18 years old and have paid their 2014 membership dues of \$10.

Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director-at-Large will be opened during the February meeting and will remain open until the time of the election at the March 11th meeting. The success and longevity of RNA as a voice in the community is based on the participation of our members, neighbors, and friends. If you are interested in being on the board, please contact us at riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net and we'll be glad to walk you through what is entailed. Get involved by either nominating someone or nominating yourself!

Amendments to Bylaws and Certificate of Incorporation Proposed

At the January 2014 membership meeting, the board of directors proposed amendments to our bylaws and certificate of incorporation. Our corporate documents have not been updated since 1996 and need to be brought up to date and to allow for our continued growth and expansion.

In order to change these documents, we have to do so under the provisions of the current bylaws. **The proposed revision includes:**

- **Expanding our boundaries** to be more consistent with where those who participate live, acknowledge our larger role in the area, and to enable more residents to participate on our board and vote on issues of importance.
- **Requiring that a member have attended one meeting in the previous 12 months in order to vote** in elections or on issues put before the membership.
- Allowing the **board to set the process for running meetings/voting** (not Roberts Rules).
- Enabling participation in board meetings via **conference call/video** conference, etc.
- **Defining "cause" for removal** of a member/board member.
- **Defining who can make public statements** on behalf of RNA.
- Making **committees ad hoc** rather than standing committees.
- **Specifying that a director or officer cannot run for, hold, or be appointed to public office** while serving on the Board of RNA and defines conflict of interest related to same.
- **Establishes a Conflict of Interest** procedure.

We will need 2/3rds of all paid members in our current boundaries to vote to pass changes to the bylaws and 75% of the paid members to vote to change the certificate of incorporation. This is a very high threshold and we will need you to [read the proposed changes to the bylaws, boundaries and certificate of incorporation](#), and come out and vote at the March 11th meeting to make it happen. (We can answer any questions about them at the February 11th meeting in advance of the March vote).

Call for Art - JC Fridays

Ever wondered about how you can participate in RNA's art events as part of JC Fridays, a city-wide celebration of the arts? This is your opportunity! Our new show at the Trolley Car Bar & Grill--opening Friday March 7th, entitled Fragments--is calling for art. We are seeking **ready-to-hang** artwork (photography, mosaic, collage, paintings, etc.) that is no larger than 2'x3' and is either made from fragments (i.e. mosaic) or is a fragment in some other way (emotional, hint of something, etc.) Submit 1-6 photos of your work (jpeg files) **no later than February 26th** to riverviewneighborhood@gmail.com along with your contact information, title of work, and pricing. (RNA shares 70% of the proceeds with the artist; 30% goes to support the ongoing work of the association.)

SAVE THE DATE! MAYOR FULOP MARCH 11TH

Want to hear directly from the Mayor about his vision for the Heights and have a chance to share your concerns and hopes for the neighborhood directly with him? Mark your calendar now as Mayor Steve Fulop is scheduled to be our guest at the March RNA meeting on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:30PM. Don't miss it.

2nd Annual Networking Night - Great Success

It may have been blustery, but that didn't stop dozens from venturing out to RNA's 2nd Annual Networking Night at the Trolley Car Bar & Grill. Over 50 people had a chance to meet each other through several informal rounds of speed networking thanks to the structure set up by RNA's Jenna Firshain. Many new contacts were made and RNA raised over \$500 for the organization through dues and additional contributions.



Snow Removal

Just a friendly reminder that homeowners and business owners are responsible for cleaning snow from their sidewalks. Here's a link to the [ordinance](#).

Time to Join or Renew Your Membership in RNA

It is that time of year again; time to renew (or join) RNA! It only costs \$10 per person (not household). The money we raise helps pay for our newsletter and other communications, insurance, fund events like Live at the Lumberyard and the Big Spring Cleanup. Look for a membership letter in the mail shortly, [pay online](#), or mail a check to Riverview Neighborhood Association at 154 Ogden Ave, 3E, Jersey City, NJ 07307.

RNA Game Night

RNA's Game Night returns to the Corkscrew. Come out for a fun night with your friends! Life size Jenga, pool, cards, you name it (or bring it) and we will play it. RNA game night specials will be available! Corkscrew, at Congress and Webster, Friday, February 21, 8PM. \$10 suggested donation.

Keep up with the latest news and activities

To keep up with neighborhood news, alerts and our updated events, please follow us on Facebook or Twitter or check our [website](#).