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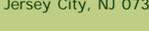
Tuesday, May 13th
at 7:30 PM

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

Agenda:

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
PO Box 7176
Jersey City, NJ 07307



Greetings!

Please join us this Tuesday, May 13th for our regular monthly meeting at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (corner of Franklin), 1st Floor Cafeteria at 7:30PM. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted at this meeting for donation to St. Lucy's Shelter.

Lots to Learn About at Our Monthly Meeting

Do you know that our monthly meetings are a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, hear news and updates from and lodge complaints with representatives from the Jersey City Police Department and the Resident Response Center, get updated on issues of concern to our neighborhood and meet other special guests? **At our meeting this month, we will have a guest from the Riverview Jazz Fest to tell us what they have planned for this year's event (happening June 1), and hear from a representative of JC Families** who will tell us about the kids activities they will be bringing to the Riverview Farmers Market and to RNA's annual Flea Market. In addition, there will be updates on the progress of the Gazebo design, a status update on efforts to improve the lighting along Palisade Ave, follow-up efforts from the Riverview Arts District visioning summit, and other issues of note. Don't miss it. Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave, 1st Floor Cafeteria.

The Heights - A Walking Tour May 17th

May is preservation month here in Jersey City. In conjunction with the Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy, **RNA will be sponsoring The Heights: A Walking Tour with Historian Dennis Doran on Saturday, May 17th at Noon.** Tickets are \$5; \$3 for seniors and students with proceeds benefiting JCLC. Meet at the gazebo area at Riverview-Fisk Park fronting on Ogden Avenue between Griffith and Bowers. Join local historian and JCLC board member Dennis Doran for a walk through the eastern edge of the Jersey City Heights, an ancient residential neighborhood strongly shaped and influenced by the city's once prominent Dutch and German immigrant populations. Highlights will include the site of the former Pathe Studios, the Van Vorst House, and the estate of the late architect, model maker and preservationist Theodore Conrad. For more information: dgdoran91@comcast.net.

Wait for It...Live at the Lumberyard & JC Fridays return!

Save the date! Friday, June 6th (rain date June 7th) marks the quarterly JC Fridays city-wide celebration of the arts AND the return of Live at the Lumberyard - this time kicking off the first of five events to be held this summer!

Live at the Lumberyard is a live music and video art projection series held outdoors in the lumber yard at Palisade Lumber. The acoustics are amazing and Nick Ciavatta and Gerald Lucas have put together a great lineup of live bands for us. The lineup on June 6th is part of JC Fridays, and features DJ PreSkool and his video projections plus:

7PM - Chrissy Roberts (www.chrissyroberts.com), a Jersey City-based singer-songwriter and the creator of Kid Notes music.

8PM - Twiddlin' Thumbs <https://soundcloud.com/twiddlinthumbs>. Erin and Ben personify the new wave of the Americana revival. Their original tunes marry classic rural themes with modern urban sensibility. These Jersey City Heights residents love having a good time playing lively, bluesy tunes.

9PM - The Gully Hubbards (gullyhubbards.com) are an Americana band based out of Jersey City. They set out to combine roots-music traditions with modern themes. Their sound utilizes pop sensibilities and compelling vocal harmonies. Featuring James Dower, Dave "Ace" Case, Carolyn Light, and Andy Sapko.

RNA wishes to thank Palisade Lumber for generously donating their space for this music/art series and Nick Ciavatta and Gerald Lucas for programming it. This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, administered by the Hudson County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, Thomas. A. Degise, County Executive and the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

June 6	June 27	July 18	Aug 15	Sept 5
CHRISSEY ROBERTS 7PM TWIDDLIN' THUMBS 8PM THE GULLY HUBBARDS 9PM RAIN DATE Sat. June 7	DOGFOOD 7PM THE ZYDECO REVELATORS 8PM GMJ GROOVE 9PM RAIN DATE Sat. June 28	CKAY 7PM AMERICA'S SWEETHEART 8PM PLASTIQ PASSION 9PM RAIN DATE Sat. July 19	THE SENSATIONAL COUNTRY BLUESWONDERS 7PM KARYN KUHL BAND 8PM SEA OF OTTERS 9PM RAIN DATE Sat. Aug 16	AUTUMN CITY 7PM LIAM BROWN & THE POUNDS 8PM UNDERWATER SCHEME PARK 9PM RAIN DATE Sat. Sept 6

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In addition, to Live at the Lumberyard, as part of JC Fridays on June 6 RNA will host a closing reception for the Meghan McKee curated show, **The Science of Nature/The Nature of Science** at the gallery at 433 Palisade Ave (Office of Assemblyman Raj Mukherji) from 7:30PM until 10PM. The show features Nello Bugallo, Margaret Clinton, Mike DiFeo, Eileen Ferara, Olga Guerra, Kate Hester, Frank Ippillito, Tatiana Lopez, Jan McCaulie, Julie McHargue, Meghan McKee, Clara Richardson, and Alexis Rotter. Please see the Upcoming section below for additional gallery hours for this show.

To close out the evening, **join us for a JC Fridays after-party at the Trolley Car Bar and Grill, 323 Palisade Ave (corner of Ferry St) at 10PM** until we tire!

Help Get Better Transportation in the Heights

After significant community pressure, NJ Transit has expanded bus service on the 119 line (weekends and later evenings) yet we in the Heights are still struggling mightily with poor service and overcrowding during the rush hours. Please take a moment to fill out the new NJ Transit customer service survey and let them know about your specific experiences and frustration with service on your particular bus line (or lines). Please be very specific; We know that both the survey and the feedback forms on the web site are monitored closely and will help as we continue to push for more reliable bus transportation in the Heights. Click this [link](#) for the survey. Click on the Submit [Feedback To Us](#) on the NJT web site. The more responses from the Heights the better so please don't delay in responding.

Both RNA and the WPA are continuing to document the service and overcrowding issues as we prepare for follow up meetings with NJ Transit. Once the survey closes, please continue to report issues using the feedback form, this data flows directly into the NJ Transit performance metric reports and is used to focus resources on problem areas.

April Was An Amazingly Busy Month for RNA

If you do not know what your local neighborhood association does or why you should support it, then consider just a few of the events we organized or participated in and other accomplishments during the month of April. We hope you see the value in these efforts and will join us to build a more vibrant community here in the Heights.

A short summary:

- Dozens come out for a day-long creative summit**
On Saturday, April 12th over 100 area residents and businesses spent several hours envisioning the future of the Riverview Arts District and our community.

Co-sponsored by The City of Jersey City, WPA, RNA, Farms in the Heights, Autumn City Development, Lee Levine, Nick Caballero Ideas for Living, and Palisade Lumber and facilitated by Robyn Stratton-Berkessel of Positive Inquiry, participants moved through a series of exercises that built on our collective knowledge and aspirations.

We are in the process of synthesizing all that was covered during the day-long summit and planning next steps. In the interim, many of the breakout groups that formed to address the key opportunity areas have continued to meet, share ideas and move forward. We will review and provide updates on some of these initiatives at the monthly meeting on 5/13.

Check out the Jersey City Independent [Article and accompanying photos here](#) and look for additional ways you can participate (Join one of the groups, etc.) shortly.

- New York Ave/Ravine Road Opened**
While maddeningly inconvenient during construction, New York Ave/Ravine Road opened after almost a year of construction (when it should have been completed in about 7-9 months max). While RNA was not responsible for doing the work, we did work with the city to ensure that this roadway was made safer and that pressure was applied to get it open prior to the closings of the Pulaski Bridge and State Hwy 139.

- Volunteer Match Day**
Area residents were able to come to an open house to learn about volunteer opportunities with RNA, Farms in the Heights, and the Ogden's End Community Garden.

- Big Spring Cleanup Cleaned Up!**
RNA held its 3rd Annual Big Spring Cleanup on April 26th. Area residents completely filled three large dumpsters (E-Waste, Haz Mat, and general waste), four personal paper shredding bins and a partial truck of donations to the Salvation Army. In addition, volunteers cleaned up Riverview-Fisk Park and the surrounding area. We would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped make the event a success, especially RNA members Donna Lemery, Andrew Martini, Lee Levine, and Olga Weissman. We would also like to thank the Park Authority, JCIA for providing the dumpsters, Billy Gannon, Mike Stocks and everyone at All American Recycling for providing personal paper shredding, and all of you for participating. The Park Cleanup run by Donna Lemery was very successful with volunteers from the girl scouts helping out for the first time. (The cleanup schedule is on the [web site](#) and Facebook .)



- Congress St Monday Night Cleanups Continued**
The Monday Congress Street Cleanups run by Greg McLoughlin and Lauren Freestone have also been very successful and picking up steam with new volunteers joining the forces. This cleanup takes place every Monday at 6:00pm, meeting at Palisade and Congress.

- Ogden's End Community Garden reopened with a cleanup, layout and planting event. Kevin Condrack, RNA, and Farms in the Heights led a team of volunteers from Coldwell Banker to cleanup and layout the infrastructure for the garden. Soil and mulch were spread and the raised beds were prepared for planting. Be a part of it! Contact us or follow the garden on [Facebook](#).

- Paterson Plank Road was cleaned from the Congress Street elevator to the 2nd St. light rail station in a combined effort by the city and the county (with prompting from RNA). Thanks to Councilman Michael Yun for coordinating this cleanup with the county.

- Perennial Garden planted in Riverview Park. (Well it was done on May 3 but let's not quibble.) RNA Board Members Roger Heitmann and Nick Bluff worked with volunteers from Goldman Sachs to prepare and plant this new garden adjacent to the Boccie Court and Basketball court in the park. Special thanks to Robin Voht from the Riverview Community Garden and the city's Dept. of Public Works for providing the soil and mulch for this project.

Drink up - Ogden's End Community Garden Needs Empty Wine Bottles

Save those wine bottles. Ogden's End Community Garden will use them to create garden borders. We will post drop off (or pick up arrangements) shortly.

Updates

Route 139 (State Highway) intersection construction is scheduled to begin sometime in the next week or two (we are trying to get an exact date). Please follow us on Facebook for updates on this construction.

Upcoming

Saturday May 10th - Grand Opening of Noodlefan restaurant at 514 Central Ave (at North St) serving Thai food. Help welcome them to the Heights.

Sunday, May 11, 18, 25 and every Sunday thru Nov. 3 - Riverview Farmers Market, 9A-2PM in Riverview-Fisk Park

Saturday, May 17. 12:00 pm: The Heights: A Walking Tour with Historian Dennis Doran. \$5; \$3 for seniors and students. Meet at the gazebo area at Riverview-Fisk Park fronting on Ogden Avenue between Griffith and Bowers, Jersey City Heights.

Sat. & Sun, May 17th & 18th, Noon-4PM. Gallery hours for Science of Nature/Nature of Science exhibit curated by Meghan McKee at 433 Palisade Ave, Offices of Assemblyman Raj Mukherji.

Sunday, May 18th, Noon. Friends of Liberty State Park annual luncheon at Liberty House Restaurant. Tickets are \$65 in advance and \$75 at the door. For tickets visit <http://www.folsp.org> or contact Sam Pesin at pesinliberty@earthlink.net or 201-792-1993.

Saturday, May 24th, Neighborhood Cleanup - 10AM, meet at the corner of Palisade Ave & South St.

Sat. May 24th, Noon-4PM. Gallery hours for Science of Nature/Nature of Science, 433 Palisade Ave, Offices of Assemblyman Raj Mukherji.

Thursday, May 29th - 6PM-9PM 2014 Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy Preservation Awards Ceremony at the Landmark Loew's Marks Theatre, 54 Journal Square. \$35 includes buffet, wine. For tickets visit <http://www.hpnetwork.org/jclc/>

Sat & Sun May 31th & June 1, Noon-4PM. Gallery hours for Science of Nature/Nature of Science exhibit, 433 Palisade Ave, Offices of Assemblyman Raj Mukherji

Sunday, June 1st: 2nd Annual Riverview Jazz Festival (noon-6PM) Riverview-Fisk Park.

Friday, June 6th, JC Fridays, a city-wide celebration of the arts. Visit jcfriidays.com for full schedule. RNA sponsors two events - Live at the Lumberyard at 7PM and the closing reception for The Science of Nature show (see above).

Saturday, June 7th, Neighborhood Cleanup - 10AM Meet at the corner of Palisade & Bowers St.

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](#).