

**RNA***For a Better Life in the Heights*

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**RIVERVIEW***Neighborhood Association*

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## January Guest Speaker : Captain Kilduff from the Police North District

The guest speaker for the January RNA meeting will be Captain Kilduff from the Police North District. Before being promoted to Captain, Lieutenant Kilduff was the Executive Officer at the North District. Until this December, Captain Kilduff had been the commanding officer at the East District in "downtown" Jersey City for several years. We would like to welcome Captain Kilduff back to the North District as the Commanding Officer.

Even though Captain Kilduff is aware of many of our trouble spots, it is important that everyone attend the January RNA meeting. Captain Kilduff needs the community's input about where a police presence would be of the most benefit.

As part of this, everyone should be aware that in the past two weeks there have been two day time break-ins in the neighborhood. In both break-ins items of personal identification were taken, passports, etc.. Keep your personal identification paperwork in a safe place! Do not become a victim of identity theft!

## Children's Playground Renovation

At the direction of Mayor Healy's office, RNA has been contacted by the Jersey City Division of Architecture. The RNA Park Committee will have had a preliminary meeting with the Division of Architecture and the Department of Public Works concerning issues of maintenance and capital improvements to Riverview-Fisk Park before the January RNA meeting. The first area of consideration will be the children's playground. There is the potential for a completed upgrade of the playground before this summer - if the community can arrive at a timely consensus. Items such as a new safety surface, addition of new equipment for the age group of 2 to 5 year olds, replacement of the existing playground equipment, and the addition of swings would all be under consideration.

Everyone, especially those with children, should attend the January meeting to discuss and help plan the playground upgrade. The Park Committee should also be able to relay the recommendations of the Division of Architecture from their meeting.

Let your neighbors know about this upcoming project and invite them to the RNA meeting to give their input. This is a much needed project and if we move quickly it can be completed by this summer.

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The Hoboken Zoning Board hearing for 900 Monroe St. is Wed. Jan. 12th.. Most likely this will be the last opportunity for public input. Your attendance makes a difference! Call Monya 963-0122

## Community Updates

**Cliff-Side Project:** Once again the ownership of the Cliff-Side project has changed. A full disclosure statement has not been given to the Planning Department concerning the new ownership entity, but Sanford Weiss is a principal. Sanford Weiss and Manhattan Builders were the ones that initiated the project and received approvals from the Zoning Board almost two years ago. Toll Brothers - City Living had purchased Manhattan Builders in October of 2003 and has now sold the project to this new entity. Also, the draft of the Developer's Agreement for this project has been submitted for review to the Jersey City Legal Department. As agreed upon by all parties, RNA will have a review period of the Developer's Agreement - inclusive of comments by the Legal Department.

**Stop & Shop:** On December 16, business leaders from the Central Avenue Shopping District and various Heights community group leaders met with Mayor Healy in an effort to gain the Mayor's support in opposing the Stop & Shop "super store". The 35 plus business and community leaders reiterated their opposition to the project as not being allowed by existing zoning laws, the negative impact of huge numbers of additional cars and tractor-trailer delivery traffic, and the disastrous effect that this mega store would have on the existing businesses of Central Avenue. Mayor Healy said he tended towards favoring the construction of the Stop & Shop, but he would reexamine the issue since his mind was not made up. The quality of life for nearby home owners and the businesses of Central Avenue would take a tremendous hit that many would never recover from if this store were to be built. The gain in a tax rateable from a new Stop & Shop would be more than offset by the decrease of surrounding property values and the closing of businesses and lost employment on Central Avenue.

**Reservoir #3:** On December 22, members of the Reservoir Preservation Alliance met with Mayor Healy seeking his support in the "development" of Reservoir #3 as passive open space. Reservoir #3 is at the south end of Pershing Field Park and across the street from the proposed Stop & Shop site. The nature of Pershing Field has changed dramatically with the intrusion of ball fields and other organized sports. Much of the original Park cannot be used safely by the general public. In a city that does not pursue the development of major new parks - it has the perfect opportunity at Reservoir #3 to establish a new passive park and nature area protected by the Reservoir's high stone walls and embankments. At the same time, a piece of Jersey City's history would be preserved. The population in the Heights is growing and the need for additional park land is necessary to keep our existing parks from being overwhelmed. The meeting ended with Mayor Healy saying that he would tour the site and take everything into consideration. Reservoir #3 is a "no brainer" of an opportunity that would provide spectacular results at a minimal cost.

COME TO THE NEXT RNA MEETING  
JANUARY 11TH AT 7:30 PM  
GUEST SPEAKER:  
CAPTAIN KILDUFF  
FROM THE POLICE NORTH DISTRICT



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# COMING EVENTS

## NA MEETING:

Tuesday, Jan 11th, at 7:30 pm  
Location: Harbor View Health Care Ctr.  
178 Ogden Avenue

## AGENDA:

- 1) Police Report.
- 2) Guest Speaker:  
Captain Kilduff from the  
Police North District.
- 3) Discussion of renovation work  
under consideration for the  
children's playground in  
Riverview-Fisk Park.



Entrance and Office of New York Bay Cemetery, Greenville, Jersey City, N.J.

"Entrance and Office of New York Bay Cemetery,  
Greenville, Jersey City, N.J."  
(Built about 1880 at the intersection of Garfield Ave and  
Chapel Ave. Destroyed by fire in the early 1970's)  
postcard, circa 1900