

RNA*For a Better Life in the Heights*

February 2005

**RIVERVIEW****Neighborhood Association**

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**RNA 2005 ELECTIONS:
Nominations for Officers**

Nominations for Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms for the 2005-2006 term will be accepted at the February meeting. Nominations will also be accepted until 8 PM at the March meeting, at which time they will be closed and the election of officers will be held.

To hold office, RNA members must satisfy the following requirements:

- a) *reside within the following area: Ogden and Palisades Avenues from Cuneo Place to Congress Street*
- b) *be at least 18 years old*
- c) *paid their 2005 membership dues of \$10*
- d) *cannot be an elected official or city employee*

To be nominated, the name of an eligible member is offered by either another person or themselves and then seconded by another member.

To be eligible to vote, a member must either reside or own a business or residence within the above area.

The success and longevity of *Riverview Neighborhood Association* as a voice of the community is based on the participation of our members, neighbors and friends. Get involved by either nominating someone or being nominated yourself! Most importantly, attend the February and March meetings and participate in the election process.

DUES are Due!**\$\$\$**

Yes, it's time to renew your membership with RNA. Your \$10 membership links you to your neighbors and municipality with:

- *Representation in one of the oldest and most respected neighborhood associations in Jersey City.*
- *Heads-up on issues that will affect your city, neighborhood, property and daily life*
- *Speakers from city agencies and services.*

(For residents who live outside Jersey City, dues are \$15 annually.)

Riverview-Fisk Park's Playground Renovation

Planning continues for the renovation of our local play area. Anticipated at the February meeting are the architectural plans for the playground. All residents interested in the outcome of this renovation are strongly urged to attend the February meeting so that RNA may present a consensus of ideas to the Jersey City Architectural Department.

Paper Mountain Road

A meeting between a committee of RNA residents and the Jersey City Legal Department is expected to occur sometime during February. Your input is welcome regarding the ownership of Paper Mountain Road (the road that runs behind Ogden Avenue, south of Griffith Street). This decision appears imminent and now is the time for affected residents to voice their opinion.

800 Jackson and 900 Monroe, Hoboken

On January 20th, Hoboken Mayor Dave Roberts unveiled his plan for parks and open space in Hoboken. The approach at the western edge of town is to expand the Northwest Redevelopment Plan up to 14th Street. The plan shows a landscaped building at 900 Monroe, in spite of the fact that the Hoboken Zoning Board has not yet come to a decision on that developer's application. 800 Jackson is now slated to be a 10-story building. Both properties are shown as park space in Hoboken's new master plan.

To our immediate east, the City of Hoboken is rationalizing that the only option they have for finding open space is to create "vertical density." This translates into 10-14 story residential buildings next to the Palisade cliffs. Then, the mandated side and rear yards of the buildings are consolidated, landscaped and pronounced a half-acre "park" by the developers and Hoboken officials.

As we go to press, a February 2nd demonstration is planned for the steps of Hoboken City Hall by affected Hoboken, Jersey City, and Union City residents.

On Wednesday, February 9th at 7 PM, the expected final hearing for 900 Monroe will take place at Hoboken City Hall. All those alarmed by the precedence of the Hoboken Zoning Board changing low-density industrial zoning to hi-rise residential zoning are strongly urged to attend.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR - ROCK SALT IS BAD!

On icy days, you want to keep your sidewalks clear. If you have a concrete sidewalk covered with ice, the best ice-melting chemical is pure calcium. Calcium chloride will work below 0 degrees, while rock salt doesn't work much below freezing. Another problem with rock salt is that it can damage concrete, asphalt and plants, brick or stone surfaces. Dogs and cats who lick rock salt or salt-based products off their paws and coat can develop skin conditions, intestinal problems and an inflammation of the stomach called gastritis and is very painful to walk on. After sprinkling your de-icer, let it break up the ice, then chip and shovel it away. Don't use salt on bare surfaces, for preventing slippery surfaces after shoveling, finish off with sand. A good pet friendly and environment friendly Ice Melter is "Safe Paws."

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COMING EVENTS

RNA MEETING:

Tuesday, February 8th at 7:30 pm
Location: Harbor View Health Care Ctr.
178 Ogden Avenue

AGENDA:

- 1) RNA Officer Nominations
- 2) Update on Playground Renovations
- 3) Paper Mountain Road along the Palisade Cliff



*The Fountain in River View Park,
Palisade Avenue Jersey City, NJ
circa 1908*