

# RIVERVIEW *Neighborhood Association*

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*For a Better Life in the Heights*

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## Community Updates

**The Cliffs project — 100 Paterson Road:** Approved demolition at the Cliffs site is nearing completion. The original South and East walls will remain as part of the new building. The construction schedule for May includes completing the selective demolition, excavating footings and soil, crushing concrete and brick that is not usable and palletizing the bricks that can be reused to save for construction. RNA recently learned that a six-inch water main leading from Ogden Avenue to the site will need to be replaced with a 12 inch main. More detailed information concerning the Cliff project will be available at the May 9th RNA meeting.

**202-204 Ogden Ave:** Construction remains halted. An application for variances has been filed with the Planning Department. RNA understands that the application reflects that the framed out top floor will be removed and there will be 13 units instead of 17. A hearing date in May is possible. If you live within 200 feet of this property you will receive a legal notice of the hearing date. No construction or demolition is allowed to take place while the stop work order is in place; please advise RNA and the building department if you notice work being done in violation of the order.

## RNA Supports Open Letter to Governor Corzine & the School Construction Corp.

The Riverview Neighborhood Association joined the Central Avenue Special Improvement District and several other community and block associations in signing an open letter (in an advertisement) that appeared in the Jersey Journal on April 26th. The letter called on the Governor and the NJ School Construction Corporation to support the construction of a preschool facility at the intersection of Jefferson, Laidlaw & Summit Avenues (the former Davey site) rather than commercial development. JC Mayor Healy now supports, according to the Jersey Journal, commercial development on this site.

Stop & Shop seeks to build a superstore on this land even though it was zoned residential - R2, when they purchased it. More recently, the School Construction Corporation pursued and obtained this site through eminent domain for the preschool. If a school is built on this site rather than other locations in the Heights no homes or businesses will have to be taken. The location is across the street from Reservoir No. 3.

## Reservoir 3 - or Ballfields?

On Saturday, May 6 at 2PM, the Jersey City Reservoir Preservation Alliance (JCRPA) will hold a rally to protest the City's denial of public access to Reservoir 3. Last summer, JCRPA raised awareness of this unique area by running tours, offering kayaking, fishing and other activities. Several thousand residents took part in these events. Now, the City is reluctant to allow JCRPA and the public any access to Reservoir 3. A design of ballfields for the site is being considered by the City Council. This is a critical time to let the City know how you feel about the future of the Reservoir. You can show your support by participating in the Rally and bringing your friends. The Rally to Unlock the Reservoir will assemble at the Jefferson Avenue gate to the Reservoir (between Central and Summit Avenue) at 1PM; the Rally will start at 2PM. For more information go to [www.jcreservoir.org](http://www.jcreservoir.org).

## Holland Street Clean Up

The annual Holland Street clean up will take place on Saturday, May 27, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. RNA needs volunteers to work along with students from Academy I Middle School for the cleanup. Meet on Holland Street at the north end of Riverview Park, under the Ogden Avenue Bridge. Pizza and drinks will be provided for lunch.

Holland Street, a cobblestone carriage road between Palisades Ave. & Paterson Plank Road, is one of only five cobblestone streets left in Jersey City and it has received historic designation. RNA volunteers are asked to bring gloves, rakes, clippers, brooms, shovels or whatever you have. Spend a few hours on May 27th to help keep our community clean and show the middle school students the importance of historical preservation and community involvement. For more info call Becky (201) 876-1980.

## Flower Bulb Fundraiser

Thanks to all who purchased flower bulbs as part of RNA's spring fundraiser. Over \$1,000 was raised and many bulbs were donated for planting on historic Holland Street. Special thanks go out to Cindy Zuanich for managing this successful fundraiser.

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# COMING EVENTS

## RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, May 9th at 7:30 PM  
Location: Harbor View Health Care Ctr.  
178 Ogden Avenue

## Agenda:

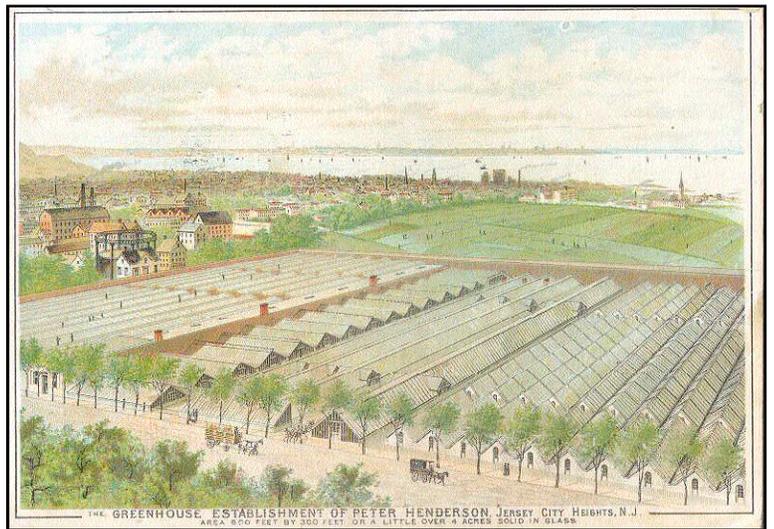
- Police Report
- Update on 202-204 Ogden Ave and Cliffs Project
- Proposal for Condos at former Van Leer site
- Parks Master Plan discussion

## May is Historic Preservation Month

The Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy sponsors numerous walking tours and other events in Jersey City to mark Historic Preservation Month. Go to [www.jclandmarks.org](http://www.jclandmarks.org) for a schedule of events.

## Membership Dues

Membership dues and donations help sustain the RNA. Annual dues are \$10 for residents and \$15 for those outside RNA boundaries. Please contribute on/before the May 9th RNA meeting or make checks payable to: **Riverview Neighborhood Association** and mail c/o RNA, 154 Ogden Ave., 3E, Jersey City, NJ 07307.



Greenhouse Establishment of Peter Henderson  
Jersey City Heights, NJ  
From a 1885 garden catalog