

RNA*For a Better Life in the Heights*

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**RIVERVIEW**

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Riverview - Fisk Park Playground Renovation

The renovation of the Park's playground is expected to be underway by September 6th. Physical work may not begin until the next week, but everyone should plan on the playground to be closed for the next three months. The Jersey City Council approved the budget on August 10th and the contract has now been awarded.

This much needed renovation will expand the types of equipment and the ages that it is designed for. Everything in the existing playground is to be removed except for the trees, light poles and existing fence. The new playground will incorporate a completely new overall layout to accommodate the new equipment, safety surface, benches and walkways. Not only will the equipment be expanded for use up to 12 year old, additional equipment such as swings and spring rides will be added.

Thanks Mayor Healy and Councilman Gaughan for their support on this project and we are looking forward to their support on phases two and three of the improvements in Riverview - Fisk Park. Many thanks to RNA member Jason Burch and daughter Molly for their time and efforts with community members on this project. The realization of the first phase of the Park's renovation can be attributed mostly to the efforts of the Director of Jersey City's Division of Architecture, Glenn Wrigley, and his two staff members that worked the most on this project, Chris Charas and Robert Fossetta. They were responsive to the the community's input and were professional in all aspects of the design process and in communicating with the community!!

LOOKING AHEAD

It is time to start thinking about the design for your dog's costume for an appearance at the annual Historic Holland Street Halloween Dog Parade, Sunday, Oct. 30th @ 4:00 p.m in the park. More details next month.

"The Cliffs" project

By the time of the RNA meeting on September 13th, all the Affected Property Owners will have received a notice from the developer stating that work will commence on October 15th.

During the time period up to October 15 preliminary inspections of the cliff face will begin This is expected to start around September 6th and continue for six weeks. On August 29th members of RNA met with the developer and Langan Engineering to discuss the scope of these activities. The objective of this preliminary investigation is to confirm or discover any changes that need to be made in the cliff stabilization plan that Langan Engineering proposed as part of the approvals granted by the Zoning Board.

Work will begin at the south end of the cliff and move north towards the old blue tire building. All trees, vegetation and soil will be removed from the cliff face. Most, if not all, trees will be removed from the top of the cliff. Existing ground cover vegetation will not be removed so as to not encourage erosion. There is a plan to replant along the top of the cliff more suitable ground cover at a latter date.

Work on the cliff face will be done from boom lifts parked at the base of the cliff and by workmen repelled from the top of the cliff face via ropes. In conjunction with the removal of vegetation the loose rock will be removed from the face of the cliff by electric or pneumatic hammers. This will be only a surface removal and will cause no vibration of the underlying rock structure. **There will be no boring into the cliff face during these preliminary investigations.**

At some point during the course of this work there will be a more extensive investigation of the retaining wall that is on the cliff slope at the north end of the site - in the area directly above the tire building. This will require two vertical test bores to determine the depth and nature of the soil. One is to be approximately 5 feet deep and the other approximately 10 feet deep.

All of the work in the next six weeks will be solely to determine if the proposed cliff stabilization plan is viable. After October 15th the major work on the cliff face will commence. If you have any questions call Clif (201) 386-9481 or email clif@gitch.net.

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COME TO THE NEXT RNA MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 7:30 PM
BRING YOUR IDEAS FOR
NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS

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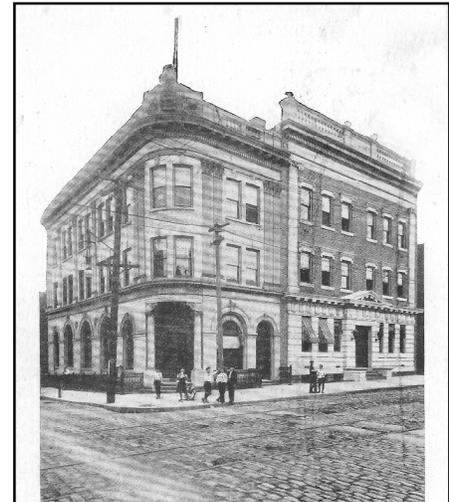
COMING EVENTS

RNA MEETING:

Tuesday, Sept. 13th, at 7:30 pm
Location: Harbor View Health Care Ctr.
178 Ogden Avenue

AGENDA:

- 1) Police Report.
- 2) Planning of fall events and neighborhood projects.
- 3) Update on "The Cliffs" project.



6208—PEOPLE'S BANK, AND POLICE STATION,
JERSEY CITY HEIGHTS, N. J.

*Hello Aunt Bill:- Received
post card which was very
pretty. Grace. Write soon
again.*

People's Bank and Police Station
Jersey City Heights, N.J. (about 1905)
This is the current North District Police Station at the
southeast corner of Hutton Street and Central Avenue.
The bank is now a pharmacy.