

# RIVERVIEW *Neighborhood Association*

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## **RNA Annual Holiday Party - Dec. 12th**

Members, neighbors, friends --- EVERYONE --- is invited on Tuesday, December 12th, to the RNA Annual Holiday Celebration. We are inviting our colleagues from other block, neighborhood and civic organizations. RNA also extends this holiday invitation to the Mayor and his staff, our ward councilpersons and at-large representatives and all the City officials from the various agencies that have worked with RNA this past year.

This year's party will be catered by Gino's Restaurant with a delicious buffet of Italian food. If you can, bring a favorite home made dessert or nonalcoholic beverage. There is no charge for this event. Please call Maria Tuzzo to confirm your dessert donation in order to coordinate this part of the feast: (201) 659-2245.

The party will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Harbor View Health Care Facility (1st Floor Cafeteria) located at the corner of Ogden Avenue and Franklin Street. As usual, there will be no official RNA business conducted - just a chance to meet your neighbors. RNA asks its members to bring a friend or neighbor to the party. Start the holidays with RNA!

## **Plans for Riverview-Fiske Park Released as Part of Parks Master Plan**

Jersey City has released a PRELIMINARY DRAFT of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This plan, prepared by T& M Associates, "is intended to guide Jersey City for the next decade with a comprehensive program that recommends renovations and new facilities for its existing public parks, as well as the acquisition and development of land to create several new parks."

RNA submitted detailed information and needs for the Riverview-Fiske park (and for Janet Moore Park) in a letter to T&M and the City back in June 2006. The letter stated that Riverview-Fiske Park was dedicated in the late 1890s and was declared a Landmark by the Jersey City Historic District Commission, with the approval of the City Council of the City of Jersey City in 1978. We requested that Riverview Park remain a predominantly passive park to maintain its historic integrity.

The draft plan includes many long needed and desired improvements which RNA applauds, including repair and

resurfacing of walkways, replacing the gazebo, resurfacing the basketball courts, trimming trees and upgrading seating areas.

However the plan also includes the future addition of a volleyball court and a tennis court on the EASTERN side of the park. The inclusion of these courts are inappropriate for our historic park and will impair the views that so many now enjoy.

The city will hold public meetings about the Draft in January 2007 (dates TBA). We encourage you to review the plan in advance of these meetings. It is available for download at [www.cityofjerseycity.com/arch/MasterPlan.pdf](http://www.cityofjerseycity.com/arch/MasterPlan.pdf) and additional information can be found at [www.savethepalisades.org/pages/news.html](http://www.savethepalisades.org/pages/news.html). Those without Internet access can review the Plan at any Jersey City Library or obtain it from the City Clerk's office (City Hall).

If you wish to write letters to Councilman Gaughan (Ward D) and other City officials with your views, e-mails can be automatically sent from <http://citizenspeak.org/node/960>.

Please contact Becky Hoffman at 201-876-1980 for more information or to learn how you can help protect our park.

## **Community Updates**

### **The Cliffs: Mountain Road Closure is still pending**

While it has been postponed several times, the Mountain Road (aka Hope Street; foot of Franklin St.) closure is imminent. It is expected to be closed to vehicular traffic for three to five weeks for the installation of a new 12" water line to serve The Cliffs development at 100 Paterson Ave. According to the developer, water service will NOT be interrupted and the road will remain open to pedestrians. RNA has asked for signs to be posted in advance with more specific dates of closure, as well as advanced notice of any changes to pedestrian access or water service. Residents are advised to use Congress Street or Ravine Road as alternatives to Mountain Road during this closure.

### **Councilman Gaughan & Lipski to be guests at the January RNA Meeting**

Heights Councilmen Steve Lipski (Ward C) and Bill Gaughan (Ward D) are scheduled to be guests at the RNA meeting on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:30PM. We encourage all members and neighbors to attend.

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# COMING EVENTS

## RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 7:30 PM  
Location: Harbor View Health Care Center  
Cafeteria  
178 Ogden Avenue

## Agenda:

- Holiday Party!

## 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 at an RNA meeting or make checks payable to Riverview Neighborhood Association and mail c/o RNA, 154 Ogden Ave., 3E, Jersey City, NJ 07307.



*Happy Holidays*