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Coming Events

Next RNA Meeting:
Tuesday, July 10th
at 7:30 PM

Location: Harbor
View Health Care
Center

1st Floor Cafeteria
178 Ogden Avenue

There is no
meeting scheduled
for August.

Agenda:

- Police Report & Neighborhood Improvement officers
- Your ideas for RNA activities/issues
- Neighborhood updates

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.

Dear Becky,

Due to ever-increasing postal costs, all RNA email contacts will now receive the RNA newsletter via email. Please let us know if you wish to receive a paper copy (to post in your building, for example). A paper copy is available to members whose annual dues are current. So watch for your RNA newsletter via email - thank you!

Mountain Road to Close to Vehicles on July 16th

Mountain Road (also known as the bottom of Franklin Street/Hope Street) will be closed to vehicular traffic for approximately two months beginning on or about July 16 while the intersection is widened to accommodate the Cliffs condominium development. According to the traffic plans approved by the City, Mountain Road will remain open to pedestrians and bicycles with the exception of three to four days for road paving at the conclusion of this endeavor. Unlike the water main installation, vehicular traffic will not be allowed at any time (day or night).

During the work on the intersection, delays should be expected. Paterson Plank Road will be subject to lane closures. A detour will direct vehicles to take Paterson Plank north to Congress Street; Ravine Road/New York Ave is also an alternative.

342 Palisade Ave Receives Variances

The owner of 342 Palisade Avenue applied for variances from the Jersey City Zoning Board of Adjustment after his building permits were found to have been improperly granted by the Zoning Officer. The approval of the permits was the subject of an appeal brought by RNA Chair, Becky Hoffman, back in May.

342 Palisade required variances for its front and side yard setbacks as they do not conform to the zoning ordinance for Palisade Avenue. The zoning board approved the variances at its June meeting and they will be memorialized at its next meeting. The stop work order will be then be lifted and construction can resume.

Hoboken's Southwest Redevelopment Plan Delayed

A special meeting of the Hoboken Planning Board called for June 18th failed to get a quorum and had to be adjourned. The special meeting was called to determine whether the Southwest area of Hoboken is an "area in need of redevelopment."

Hoboken's original designation of this redevelopment area was overturned by the Courts for failure to properly swear in an expert and Hoboken was forced to begin the redevelopment process again. The area is controversial as the original plan included 12-story buildings and significantly less parkland than designated in Hoboken's master plan. Also proposed is a southward shift of Paterson Plank Road at the point where it crosses the Light Rail.

RNA members had voted against the original Plan (and it has not been changed as of yet) as the high rises will obstruct views and the additional buildings will only worsen the flooding, sewage and traffic problems that besiege this corner of Hoboken. The Planning Board meeting will be rescheduled.

Theodore Conrad Prize Awarded

Dickinson graduate Nitesh Patel is the 2007 winner of the Theodore Conrad Prize for High Achievement in History. Nitesh is president of the senior class, the Dickinson Law Society, the Technology Student Association, and the Dickinson Historical Society. He has been accepted by Cornell, Stevens Institute, Drexel University, and he will attend Rutgers University in the fall.

The Theodore Conrad Prize was established in 1998 by Barbara Petrick to honor the memory of Ted Conrad, distinguished local historian and a founding member of RNA. It is awarded each year to a Dickinson graduate who exhibits high achievement in history studies.

RNA Wants Your Input

Please join us at the July 10th meeting to discuss ideas for community activities and what you would like to see RNA work on in the community this coming year. We would welcome your participation in planning and bringing these ideas to fruition.

Becky Hoffman
Riverview Neighborhood Association