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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, November 13th at 7:30 PM

Location: Harbor View Health Care Center
 1st Floor Cafeteria
 178 Ogden Avenue

Agenda:

- Police Report & Neighborhood Improvement officers

• BUS SERVICE UPDATE

- Plans for Holiday Fundraiser & 2008

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,

Please join us at this month's RNA meeting, when we will hear the latest from the police on recent crime in our area and provide an update on our progress in restoring New York bus service to Palisade Ave.

Court House Rotunda to be Dedicated in Honor of Ted Conrad

If not for the hard work of RNA founder and community activist Ted Conrad, the "Old Court House" on Newark Avenue now known as the Justice William J. Brennan Court House - an extraordinary example of Beaux Art architecture in the United States - would have been demolished around 1970. **On Thursday, November 29th, the rotunda will be dedicated to Ted Conrad and thereafter be known as The Theodore Conrad Memorial Rotunda.**

Ted used his architectural model making skills to create the "Court House model" which was instrumental in the historic battle to save the Hudson County Court House, guided by the theory that "people need to see what we were fighting for so passionately." Over 20,000 petitions were gathered that secured the placement of the Court House on the National Register of Historic Places on August 25, 1970, effectively saving it from the wrecking ball.

In the following years, Ted worked to ensure that the Court House would be restored and reopened, giving architectural advice and helping to secure federal grants for the work.

Ted was born in 1910 on Griffith Street into what was then the large, tightly knit German community of Jersey City Heights. In his 84 years, Ted built his own business, became internationally known as the dean of architectural model-making, made friends with the rich and famous, and traveled the world. Yet he never moved away from the neighborhood.

He leaves a legacy of hundreds of buildings across the country and world that he helped design and build; dozens of landmarks that he helped preserve (including the Court House and the Loew's Jersey Theater), the creation of Liberty State Park and a breath-taking array of other proposals to improve the quality of life in our area. He is truly an example of how civic activism can succeed.

Ted passed away in 1994, but his legacy lives on at the Court House, in RNA and in all the fruits of his community activism. **Please join the Conrad Family, RNA, friends, and County officials at the dedication of the Rotunda, Thursday, November 29th at 7PM at 583 Newark Ave.** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Save the Date!

On RNA will host a **wine tasting and holiday party fundraiser on Tuesday, December 11th** (in lieu of the regular monthly meeting). Wine will be provided by local merchant, Palisade Liquors and there will be plenty of food and holiday cheer. This is a great chance to meet your neighbors, learn about wine and celebrate the holidays.

RNA will use the proceeds to fund activities like the Holland Street Cleanup, copying flyers and related materials to support activism efforts like restoring bus service to Palisade Avenue, and similar activities.

Tickets are \$25 and all proceeds will benefit the Riverview Neighborhood Association.

RNA members who are senior citizens can obtain tickets for free. Space is limited so please get your tickets soon. Purchase & location details to follow shortly.

Palisade Ave Bus Update

Assemblyman Vincent Prieto recently met with the Chairman of NJ Transit, Kris Kolluri, to discuss the need for NYC bus service along Palisade Avenue. Assemblyman Prieto emphasized the benefits of extending the NJT 123 line from Congress Street to Christ Hospital, and the need for a transportation solution for Palisade Ave residents that does not require a transfer to get to NYC.

In addition, Mayor Healy sent a letter to the Executive Director of NJ Transit asking for his assistance in this matter. The letter was copied to all Hudson County legislators, County Executive Tom DeGise, and Ward D Councilman Bill Gaughan.

We are hopeful that this issue can be resolved shortly. We expect to have further information at our regular monthly meeting this Tuesday, November 13th.

Block Watch ID's

For those who signed up for a block watch identification number, the police department will give out the numbers at this month's meeting. This number will enable you to call in problems to the police department without identifying yourself.

HISTORIC HOLLAND STREET CLEAN-UP

FALL 2007



Despite grey skies and chilly winds, **well over 100 students** (a record for Holland Street clean-ups since 2002!) from **Academy I Middle School** and **McNair Academic** and **High Tech** high schools came out on Saturday, November 3, 2007 to help clean and raise awareness about **Hudson County's most beautiful historic street!**

Loew's Theatre Upcoming Events

www.loewsjersey.org

Saturday November 10, 7:30PM: 80th Anniversary Screening of "The Jazz Singer" starring Al Jolson. \$6 for adults/ \$4 for seniors, students w/ID and kids 12 and younger.

Sunday, November 11, 2PM: The Ridgewood Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company's production of "Trial By Jury" and "HMS Pinafore". Sponsored by the Jersey City Division of Cultural Affairs. Complimentary Admission.

Friday, November 16, 7PM: 'Meet & Greet' Foster Hirsch, author of the newly release "Otto Preminger - The Man Who Would Be King". Followed at 7:55PM by screening of Preminger's **"Where the Sidewalk Ends"** starring Dana Andrews & Gene Tierney. \$6 for adults/ \$4 for seniors, students w/ID and kids 12 and younger.

Saturday, November 17, 3PM: 'Meet & Greet' Foster Hirsch, author of the newly release "Otto Preminger - The Man Who Would Be King". Followed at 3:55PM by screening of Preminger's **"Angel Face"** starring Jean Simmons & Robert Mitchum. \$6 for adults/ \$4 for seniors, students w/ID and kids 12 and younger.

Saturday, November 17, 7:30: 'Meet & Greet' Foster Hirsch, author of the newly release "Otto Preminger - The Man Who Would Be King". Followed at 8:25 by screening of Preminger's legendary **"Laura"** starring Dana Andrews & Gene Tierney. \$6 for adults/ \$4 for seniors, students w/ID and kids 12 and younger.

On December 14 & 15, the Loew's will have Holiday/Family movies -- "Miracle on 34th Street" and "Mary Poppins". And on Saturday afternoon, December 15th we'll have our annual Visit With Santa -- for people and pets! Call (201) 798-6055 or check www.loewsjersey.org for exact times.