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Next RNA Meeting:
 Tuesday, January 8th
 at 7:30 PM

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

Agenda:

- Police Report and NID complaints/feedback
- Personal Safety Demonstration
- Kick-Off of Grassroots Effort to Get Bus Service Restored (VOLUNTEER)

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 come to our monthly meeting, this Tuesday, January 8th at 7:30PM at the Harborview Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (corner of Franklin), 1st Floor Cafeteria.

JC Police to Offer Personal Safety Tips at January RNA meeting

Officer Lorenzo Tosado from the Community Relations Unit of the Jersey City Police Department will provide guidance on how to stay safe and demonstrate self-defense and personal safety measures at our meeting on January 8th.

In light of the recent increase in muggings in our area, residents are encouraged to attend to learn what to do to avoid being a victim or to decrease the chance of being hurt if attacked.

NJ Transit Says It Has No Resources to Extend Bus Service

At a meeting on December 18th, officials from NJ Transit told Assemblyman Vincent Prieto (32nd District) and the RNA Board that they have no available resources to extend the NJT 123 bus from Congress Street to Christ Hospital despite acknowledging the need for such service.

Sen. Nicholas Sacco, the Chair of the Transportation Committee, via a phone link to the meeting, asked NJ Transit to revisit this decision, but as of publication, nothing has changed. Neither Mayor Healy, nor anyone from the Mayor's office, attended the meeting with NJ Transit.

In the meeting, RNA made a presentation demonstrating how extending the bus could be accomplished with no net expenditures (the bus route would cover its costs) and while our numbers were not disputed, the outcome was the same.

It is now time for all of us to step up the pressure until bus service is restored.

Here's what you can do.

1. Volunteer to distribute postcards that residents can send to our elected officials and NJ Transit. Come to the RNA meeting on Jan. 8th or contact us at 201-876-1980 or riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net to participate.
2. Call and write letters to your elected officials (and keep calling and writing until you have direct bus service to NYC) [Email NJ Transit & Elected Officials](#)
3. Write Letters to the Editor of the Jersey Journal, Jersey City Reporter
4. Lead petition drives and other grassroots efforts
5. Donate funds to support our ongoing efforts (to cover printing, stamps, online services, etc.) [Donate!](#)

Jersey City does not have the public transportation infrastructure it needs to support its current residents let alone population growth. Please be a part of restoring bus service to Palisade Avenue.

Several More Muggings Plague Palisade Avenue/Ogden Avenue Area

There has been a disturbing increase in muggings in our area since September. A woman was mugged in the lobby of 154 Ogden Avenue in September by a man who attacked her from behind and a man was mugged on Ogden in the early afternoon in October by a man who met the same description.

More recently, two or more different incidents took place on Palisade Avenue that involved several teens attacking individual male victims. One took place at Palisade and Congress (the attackers may have come up via the 9th Street Light Rail station) and another happened at Ogden and Griffith according to published reports. The JCPD has asked NJ Transit to increase patrols at the 2nd and 9th Street Light Rail stations as these locations have been hotspots as well.

The police department has increased patrols in the area but residents are cautioned to be alert and walk with someone else whenever possible.

Representatives of the police department will attend our meeting on Tuesday, January 8th to update us and to present a public safety demonstration (see below).

Holiday Party a Success

On December 11th, RNA members and friends joined together to celebrate the holidays and share good cheer. The Board wishes to thank Gino's Restaurant, Palisades Liquors, member Maria Tuzzo and everyone who brought desserts and worked so hard to make this event a success.