

March 2008

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Next RNA Meeting: Tuesday, March 11th at 7:30 PM

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

Agenda:

- Police Report and NID complaints/ feedback
- **Nominations for RNA executive and annual elections**
- Discuss desires for and plans for spring/summer community activities

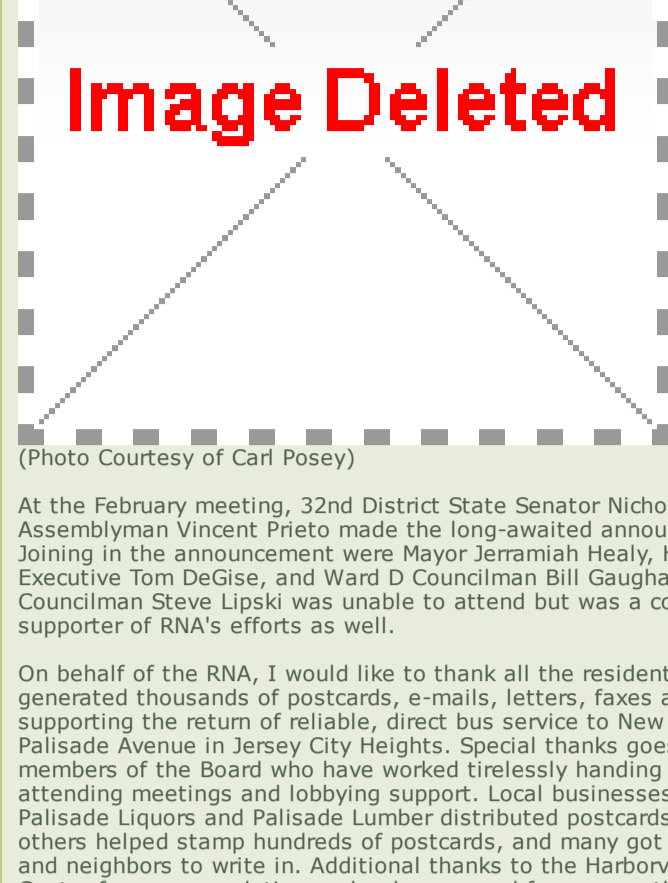
Membership Dues
 Membership dues and donations help sustain the RNA. Annual dues are \$10 for residents and \$15 for those outside RNA boundaries. Please contribute at an RNA meeting or make checks payable to Riverview

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, March 11th at 7:30PM at the Harborview Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (corner of Franklin), 1st Floor Cafeteria.

Direct NYC Bus Service On Palisade Avenue

At the February RNA meeting, the RNA board and the political elite of Hudson County announced that **starting in April, New Jersey Transit will extend the 123 bus along Palisade Avenue from Congress Street to Christ Hospital, providing residents with direct NYC bus service.** Direct bus service was a fixture on Palisade Avenue for decades until Coach USA/Red & Tan unceremoniously pulled it in August 2007.



(Photo Courtesy of Carl Posey)

At the February meeting, 32nd District State Senator Nicholas Sacco and Assemblyman Vincent Prieto made the long-awaited announcement. Joining in the announcement were Mayor Jerramiah Healy, Hudson County Executive Tom DeGise, and Ward D Councilman Bill Gaughan. Ward C Councilman Steve Lipski was unable to attend but was a consistent supporter of RNA's efforts as well.

On behalf of the RNA, I would like to thank all the residents who generated thousands of postcards, e-mails, letters, faxes and phone calls supporting the return of reliable, direct bus service to New York City from Palisade Avenue in Jersey City Heights. Special thanks goes to the members of the Board who have worked tirelessly handing out flyers, attending meetings and lobbying support. Local businesses including Palisade Liquors and Palisade Lumber distributed postcards and flyers, others helped stamp hundreds of postcards, and many got their friends and neighbors to write in. Additional thanks to the Harborview Health Center for accommodating such a large crowd for our monthly meeting. We are deeply grateful for this community effort.

Be a Part of RNA - Join, Run for Office, Vote

It is that time of year again - the traditional time to join or renew your RNA membership (a bargain at just \$10 a year or \$15 for those outside of RNA's boundaries) and for the association to elect its executive officers. You can pay your annual dues at our monthly meeting, via paypal <http://tinyurl.com/yu3c9x> or send a check made out to Riverview Neighborhood Association to 154 Ogden Ave, Apt 3E, Jersey City, NJ 07307.

Nominations and the election for RNA's executive officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Sergeant-At-Arms for the 2008-2009 term will be held at the March 11th meeting. Nominations will take place at the beginning of the meeting and will remain open until the general elections are held later that evening.

To be eligible to run (or vote) you must be eighteen years old, paid your annual membership dues and live or own property within the constitutional boundaries of RNA. The Association's boundaries are Paterson Plank Road to the east, Palisade Avenue on the west, Cuneo Place on the south and Congress Street on the north.

The success and longevity of Riverview Neighborhood Association as a voice in the community is based on the participation of our members, neighbors and friends. Your involvement is encouraged and welcome. **Please come to the March 11th meeting to join or renew your membership, nominate/run and VOTE.**

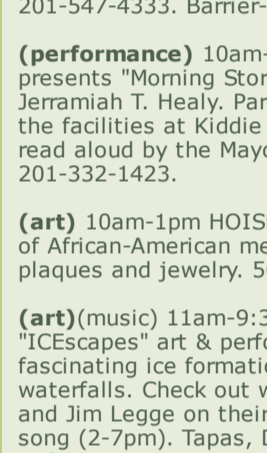
Let's Have Some Fun - Call for Volunteers

Are you interested in getting to know your neighbors and building community? RNA is looking for volunteers to coordinate community and social events for our members and friends. In the past, RNA has sponsored a flea market in Riverview Park but has been unable to do so for the last few years due to a shortage of volunteers and an increase in City bureaucracy. There has also been interest in other social gatherings and we are open to your ideas and energy. Please come to the next RNA meeting with your ideas for community building activities and other interests.

Spring Bulb Fundraiser!

Orders Due by March 30th is the latest!

It is time to think about your spring planting of flower bulbs!



The fall fundraiser was such a success that RNA will again be selling bulbs supplied by Dutch Gardens.

Plan ahead for your spring planting and place your order now.

To get an order form, come to the next RNA meeting, or call Roger at (201) 798-2437 or Cindy at (201) 420-5174. Orders will be taken at the March RNA meeting.

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Please join us this coming FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH for JC FRIDAYS!

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 A full day of free arts events in Jersey City!

FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2008 * ALL DAY * FREE music * film/video * performance * art
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EVENT LISTINGS FOR MARCH 7TH, 2008

(art) 9am-9pm JOHN MEAGHER ROTUNDA GALLERY presents the Women's History Month Group Exhibition. City Hall, 280 Grove St, 2nd Fl, 201-547-4333. Barrier-free

(performance) 10am-12pm KIDDEE KORNER DAY CARE CENTER presents "Morning Storytime," led by special guest reader Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy. Parents are invited to bring their children and explore the facilities at Kiddie Korner. Then enjoy an exciting selection of stories read aloud by the Mayor and friends! 304 Martin Luther King Dr, 201-332-1423.

(art) 10am-1pm HOISERY & THINGS presents an arts and crafts display of African-American mementos including assorted post cards, books, plaques and jewelry. 503 Martin Luther King Dr, 201-333-9015.

(art)(music) 11am-9:30pm THE DAYLIGHT GALLERY presents "ICEscapes" art & performance event. Cold weather and streams create e fascinating ice formations around bodies of water, rivers, creeks and waterfalls. Check out what inspired local photographers Sharon Harvey and Jim Legge on their photography hikes around New Jersey. Music & song (2-7pm). Tapas, Dominican Nouveau Que Nada Cuisine. BYOB. Ria's Cafe, 24 Mercer St, 201-915-0045.

(art) 11am-11pm SKINNER'S LOFT invites you to dine while we present the group show "Abstract Perceptions." Artists Sauman Choy, Gordon Fraser, Jim Legge, Tara Thurber and Virginia Kamenitzer bring together paintings and photography that invite you to enjoy their perceptions of color, form, space and energy. Curated by Tara Thurber (V3-vision.verb.vibe). 146 Newark Ave, 201-915-0600

(art) 4pm-6pm SOUL FLAVORS invites you to join featured artist Keith R. McGee for a Meet the Artist reception in their main dining area. Enjoy McGee's recent "urban pop" series, chat with neighbors, and discover why Soul Flavors' soul food is the most exciting new addition to Grove Street's restaurant row! 354 Grove St, 201-217-3004.

(art) 4pm-8pm IMAGO BEAUTY GROUP AT THE BASILICO, high-end salon and spa, invites you to explore Imago's wide range of beauty services while you enjoy a wine and cheese reception for their two featured visual artists. Charlie Cuniff will show "Jazz and Blues in black and white photography," and Theodore Tihanski will have oil paintings of cityscapes and landscapes on display. 673 Bergen Ave, 201-332-6100.

(art) 5pm-9pm SHADMAN RESTAURANT, offering a fine selection of Pakistani-Indian cuisine, presents an Opening Reception for David Sanchez. Sanchez takes restaurants, businesses and other establishments throughout the city and re-imagines them through photo manipulation and digital art techniques. 293 1/2 Grove St, 201-200-0333.

(art) 5pm-11pm GRIGORY GUREVICH ART AND DESIGN STUDIO presents a free pantomime class for parents and children (5-6pm), a sculpture demonstration (6-7pm), and an open studio social event (8-11pm). For the open studio, guests are invited to bring a dish or beverage to share. 282 Barrow St, 2nd floor, right buzzer. 201-451-4862

(art) 5pm-2am LITM presents The Forbidden Art Crew. This group of multi-talented, non-traditional artists including Ruler, Russell Kelley of the band Hollywood Kills, Rey Skillz and Chef are bringing their cutting edge work to LITM. The event is not only showcases their fine art skills, but also celebrates the launch of their new clothing line! 140 Newark Ave, 201-536-5557. Barrier-free

(art) 6pm-8pm ART HOUSE PRODUCTIONS presents "New Works for a New Audience," featuring a wine and cheese Opening Reception for painter and photographer Loren Abbate. Abbate's artwork is most inspired by cultures in history, natural wonders and world travel. Curated by Beverly Sommer. Cose Cafe and Restaurant, 545 Washington Blvd, 201-963-0533. Barrier-free

(performance) 6pm-8pm GRACE CHURCH VAN VORST presents "Line Dancing for Everyone." The instructor, Roland Ansano, currently teaches at St. Aloysius and Grace Senior Center for Healthy Living. Line Dancing is fun for everyone; the whole family exercising the body, spirit and brain. (\$7 suggested, children to 15yrs free. Proceeds benefit Grace Seniors for Healthy Living and Breakfast Plus! Grace Van Vorst, 39 Erie St, 201-659-2211. Barrier-free

(film/video)(music)(art) 6pm-8pm JERSEY CITY MUSEUM presents "pre:Spring Fling at JCM." Celebrate Jersey a little early! See Carson Fox's flowers blooming in our atrium, hear the sweet soul sounds of The 1 & 9s (7pm), have a drink or try some of Jersey's Own Soda and rest up for a bit before the night out in our theater, where a drive-in classic will be screening (6pm). 350 Montgomery St, 201-413-0303 x144. Barrier-free

(art) 6pm-8pm BAGUA JUICE premieres "Fear," new works by Joan Palmer from her "Nocturnal Emission" Series. The Collection is the second from her Visual Journeys and abstractly represents the dark, confusing place in life before change. As she unburdens herself of boundaries and embraces a forgiving path to the future. 364 Grove St, 201-963-7676. Barrier-free.

(art) 6pm-9pm PROARTS JERSEY CITY presents "Travels," oil paintings by Mey-Mey Lim. Six large landscape paintings are displayed in the lobby and window of the Mack Cali Harborside Financial Center Plaza 4A. "These oil paintings are snapshots of places I have traveled, from Jersey City to the Yangtze River in China." 135 Greene St, 201-414-2622. Barrier-free

(performance) 6pm-9pm NIMBUS DANCE WORKS presents an Open Rehearsal. Catch Jersey City's Nimbus Dance Works up close and personal as they create new work for upcoming performances this spring. Fast establishing a reputation as one of the area's most exciting dance companies, Nimbus' performers include professionals drawn from top-tier ballet and modern companies in New York and New Jersey. Grace Van Vorst, 39 Erie St, 201-377-0718. Barrier-free

(art) 6pm-9pm CITY WITHOUT WALLS at WALDO LOFTS presents an Opening Reception for "Strange Country." Three photographers, Melissa Buesing, Colleen Gutwein, and Greg Maka, exhibit intriguing works which evoke a sense of nostalgia in an unfamiliar location or feel of being lost in a familiar place. Investigate on emotional and psychological impact of urbanization and migration. Curated by Hiroshi Kumagai. 159 Second St, 917-482-6633. Barrier-free

(art) 6:30pm-8pm SAWADEE THAI CUISINE presents an Opening Reception for poet and artist Janet Kolstein, whose mixed media collage will be on display in the main dining room for the month of March. Come meet the artist for JC Fridays and explore Sawadee's exciting Thai menu. 137 Newark Ave, 201-433-0888. Barrier-free

(performance)(music)(art) 7pm-9pm WORLD OF STYLE VINTAGE and BALANCE SALON present "Scary Puppets," a musical fashion show, to complement 18 ERIE GALLERY's opening reception for Virginia Kamenitzer's photographic series, "Qui J'est?" ("Who Am I?"), inspired by the surreal world of circus performers and children's stories. Come enjoy the shows, the party and new light sculptures by our resident artist, Norm Francoeur! 18 Erie St, 201-324-2992.

(film/video) 7pm-10pm EVONNE M. DAVIS and GALLERY AFERRO present Storefront Films. Moving imagery in all genres, from around the world, is screened from dusk till late, offering an alternative to the glut of commercial imagery pedestrians are exposed to daily. On March 7, 2008 we will be screening work by Andrew Demirjian of Palisades Park, NJ and Anne Schaffer of Rotterdam, Netherlands. Studio 411, 411 Monmouth St, 917-226-9823. Barrier-free

(art) 7pm-11pm 58 GALLERY presents an Opening Reception for "Kwality: New Works by Joe Waks." 58 Coles St, 917-349-1693

(art)(music) 7pm-close O'CONNELL'S BAR AND GRILL invites you to the Opening Reception of abstract artist Peg McCreary, and music throughtout the evening. The artist brings visualization of emotional structures and processes while the music will tune into the vibes. Curated by Tara Thurber (V3-vision.verb.vibe). 111 Montgomery St, 201-333-3633

(music)(film/video)(art) 7pm-? RAILROAD STUDIO, a downtown live/work space for sensory delight, presents live original music, DJ's, graphic + video art. Features our local artisan bizarre, all served up with unconditional love. Hosted by Kevin + Jessica. 150 Newark Ave, #4R, 917-254-0573; 201-788-4367.

(art)(music)(Performance) 7:30pm-12am ART HOUSE PRODUCTIONS presents Hudson County Art SLAM!, a powerful exhibition of over 20 contemporary artists with live music, visual inspiration & interactive creativity. Hosted by Roland Ramos. Join us for the painting of the "Peace Panel." Participating artists include Gordon Fraser, NuKeM, Ali Brief, Robert David & many more. Updates will be released on our website, www.arthouseproductions.org. 1 McWilliams Pl (SE corner of Hamilton Park), Roof, 201-915-9911. Barrier-free

(musics) 7:30pm-10pm THE HAUTE at Port Spinale presents the Cintron Brothers Flamenco singers hailing from Spain. Enjoy their expansive, enchanting music sung with the soul of gypsies as you take in The Pointe's breathtaking view of the Hudson River, New York skyline, Brooklyn Bridge and Statue of Liberty. www.cintronbrothers.com. 2 Chapel Ave, 201-985-9854.

(music) 7:30pm-10:30pm LINCOLN INN presents Carol Lester, ASCAP Award Winning Songwriter. Experience one of the oldest restaurants in Jersey City, bringing culinary delights to the Heights for more than half a century, and enjoy the beautiful music of Carol Lester, guitar & vocals and her guest Peter Moffitt on Cello. www.carollester.com (Free parking around the corner at 168 Griffith St) 13 Lincoln St, 201-659-8686. Barrier-free

(music) 8pm-10pm Join newly established JERSEY CITY TATTOO COMPANY for a night of a coustic jams and good times. Special guests to be announced. Come check out Jersey City's premiere tattoo parlor and enjoy the great music. Call for more information. 254 Newark Ave, 201-360-0139.

(art) 8pm-11pm GRASSROOTS ARTS FACILITY presents "Introversions," an exhibition of new paintings by Gordon Fraser. "Introversions" explores the fusion of eastern and western "old master" techniques with Gordon's post-Expressionist vision. All of the paintings in the exhibition take their inspiration from various forms of introspection, turned outward for the world to see. www.gordonfraserfinearts.com. 143 Christopher Columbus Dr, 3rd Fl, 610-547-4986.

(music) 8pm-1am AZUCAR CUBAN CUISINE AND CIGARS presents Cuban Jam, a live band featuring Dr. Jesus Alfonso on the bongos. Cuban Jam sets mood while you eat, with Salsa, Merengue and much more! 495 Washington Blvd, 201-222-0090.

(performance) 8pm-? ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE vintage store presents 'Fetal Soul.' Jersey City's comedic sensation Melissa Surach reads her newest humorous essays and some old favorites, while modeling elegant vintage ensembles. Listen as she makes breaking into cemeteries, sperm whales and little girls in rum barrels look beautifully disgusting. Children are not encouraged. 20 min. show repeated every hour on the hour until no one cares. 109 Brunswick St, 201-610-0211

(performance) 9pm-11pm AU CAPOEIRA AFRO-BRAZILIAN MARTIAL ART AND DANCE is an interesting combination of a form of protection and expression developed by the African slaves in Brazil in the 16th century. The effect of this art form mixes the spirituality and mind-body connection as yoga does, and physical dance character as any art form theater to painting would do. Free to watch, \$20 to participate. Grace Van Vorst, 39 Erie St, 201-918-5339. Barrier-free

(art) 24 hours THE BRUNSWICK WINDOW presents "Vikki Michalios: Water & All Its Branches," an installation of two-dimensional work s on paper and oil paint on panels. Curated by Roger Sayre. 158 Brunswick St, 201-978-8939. Barrier-free

(art) 24 hrs E. JAN KOUNITZ presents Mo' "Me Hood," Color Photographs of My Neighborhood Called the Jersey City "Heights." Award winning photographer, E. Jan Kounitz's on-going series of people & places in the Jersey City "Heights". This series includes local merchants, events, neighborhood locations and of course people that inhabit this local rapidly changing neighborhood. Come take a look, you might just see your own photograph. Odd Box Video & Photography, 479 Palisade Ave, 917-447-6588. Barrier-free

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BUSINESS FRIENDS
 Another Man's Treasure Vintage and Secondhand Store; BaGua Juice; O'Connell's Bar & Grille; Sam Pesin in honor of the 20th birthday of The Friends of Liberty State Park

JC Fridays is a quarterly event, held four times a year on the first Friday of every season: March, June, September, December. The next JC Fridays will be held on Friday, June 6th, 2008.

Becky Hoffman
 Riverview Neighborhood Association