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**Next RNA Meeting:**  
 Tuesday, May 13th  
 at 7:30 PM

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

**Agenda:**

- Police Report and NID complaints/ feedback
- **Guests: NJT & Elected Official (Invited to Listen to Your Feedback on the 123 Bus Service)**
- Community 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,**

Please come to our monthly meeting, this Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30PM at the Harborview Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (corner of Franklin), 1st Floor Cafeteria.

**NJT and Elected Officials Invited to Get Your Feedback About the 123 bus**

**For this month's RNA meeting, we have invited back our elected officials and NJ Transit to listen to your feedback on the NJT #123 bus service.** Offered since April 5th, the bus runs between the Port Authority and Christ Hospital along Palisade Ave replacing Coach USA/Red & Tan's 99S/10 service that moved to Central Avenue last summer.

**Invitations were extended to Mayor Jerramiah Healy, Senator Sacco, Assemblyman Prieto, Hudson County Executive Tom DeGise and Height's Councilmen Lipski and Gaughan as well as John Leon, Senior Director, Government and Community Affairs at NJ Transit.** As of May 8th, we have been told that it is on the calendar (but not confirmed) for Prieto, DeGise, Lipski and Gaughan and have not heard back from the other offices. **It is critical for you and these officials to attend this meeting and express your positive or negative feedback as NJ Transit promised to review the service offerings within two months of its launch.**

In addition to attending the meeting (or if you cannot make it) please go to [Citizenspeak](#) and use our automated system to send an email to all the officials with just one step. If you haven't yet taken the bus and need a schedule, you can get one at local retailers or go to: [NJ Transit](#)

**Feedback to date is mixed**

We've heard both positive and negative feedback thus far.

On the positive side:

- Service runs on Palisade Ave. 7 days a week
- It shows up on time and is more reliable than the 99S
- Monthly passes can be used for unlimited rides on all NJT buses and the Light Rail (for no additional fee for any Zone 1-3 ride)

On the negative side:

- The rush hour service is inadequate (not frequent enough)
- The route is longer (via Union City)
- It is more expensive per ride than the Jitneys or the 99S/10
- The loop around the block to serve the 9th St. Light Rail Station is ridiculous.

**Please share your opinion on the current service and ways to improve it at the May 13th meeting and via Citizenspeak.**

**Community Comes Out for Historic Holland Street Cleanup**

Over 75 volunteers from RNA, Sustaining Architectural Vitality in the Environment (s.a.v.e) and kids and their parents from our local middle schools and high schools came out on May 3rd for the Spring Holland Street Cleanup. Filling up bag after bag of weeds, beer bottles, and an assortment of oddities (including the hood of a small car), and planting flower bulbs donated by members of the RNA, in a matter of hours this historic cobblestone street was transformed.

Mayor Healy, Ward D Councilman Bill Gaughan, Ward C Councilman Steve Lipski came by to praise the volunteers and learn about the preservation and restoration needs for the street including a desire to restore the steps and fencing leading from Riverview Park and integrate Holland Street more fully into the park. Freeholder candidate Sean Connors worked with the middle school volunteers and freeholder Eliu Rivera visited as well.

Thanks to all the RNA volunteers, the JC Landmarks Conservancy and s.a.v.e, the Jersey City Incinerator Authority and local businesses Palisade Lumber, M&M Plumbing and Gino's Pizza and everyone else who made this Spring's cleanup a success.

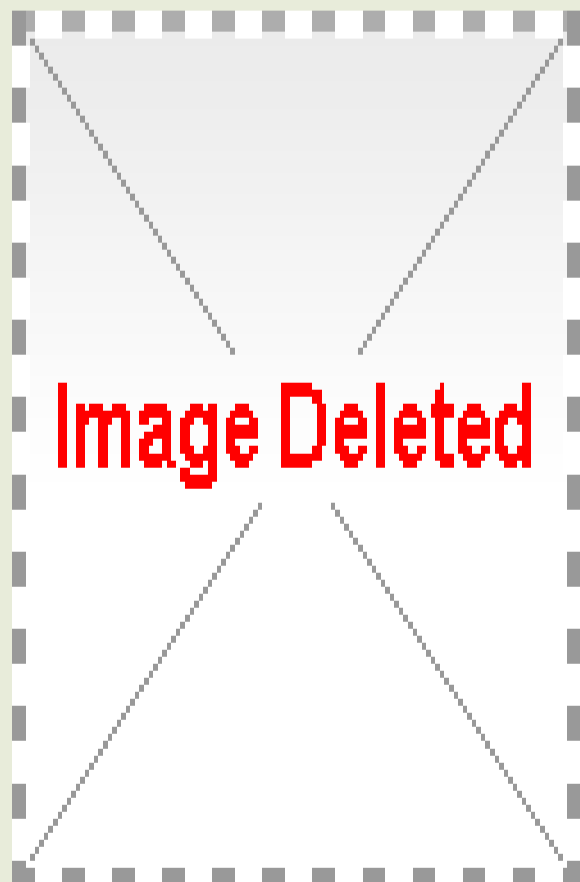


**Street Festival Comes to the Heights - May 17th!**

The Central Avenue SID (CASID), the City of Jersey City, and County of Hudson are pleased to announce plans to hold the **first annual Everything Jersey City Festival from 11 AM to 6 PM on Saturday, May 17, 2008.** The festival is anticipated to welcome 5,000-10,000 people from all over the area to Central Avenue, where they can enjoy the following attractions:

**FREE CONCERT - three stages of music and entertainment, rides and activities for the kids demonstrations by local dance troupes, martial arts schools and public safety officials hundreds of exhibitors, including local businesses, artists, craftsmen, non-profit/civic organizations (including RNA) and vendors from around New Jersey.** No admission will be charged.

For more details about the festival, including a list of performers, road closures and map, please go to [www.jcheights.com/street\\_festival](http://www.jcheights.com/street_festival).



**Community Updates**

**Parks & Recreation Master Plan** - yes, after over a year, the Plan will be presented for public comment at the **May 21st Planning Board meeting.** (30 Montgomery St, 14th Floor - 5:30PM). This is the final draft of the Plan. Riverview-Fiske Park is a "year one" park in the plan meaning it is slotted for improvements. Luckily, these improvements no longer include active recreation on the eastern side of the Park that RNA and residents opposed. Date subject to change. To review the final draft go to: [Parks Master Plan](#).

**Jersey City Transportation Master Plan**- A public meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 20th at 6PM at the Frank R. Conwell #3 School, 111 Bright Street** to gather public input for the Plan. Dubbed, Jersey City Mobility 2050, the stated goal of the plan is "is to create an action-oriented Circulation Element that plans for Jersey City's transportation network through the year 2050 and describes the City's vision of becoming a world-class destination with an efficient and effective multi-modal transportation network that accommodates the automobile, places emphasis on alternatives to the automobile, and provides steps to make the vision a reality. Jersey City Mobility 2050 will describe the means to enhance the quality of life to make the vision a reality." For more information go to <http://www.jerseycitymobility2050.com>.

**325 Palisade Ave:** This property, located within the 325 Palisade Ave Redevelopment Plan, is seeking a deviation from the plan to offer less parking spaces within the building than required. **The developer plans 21 residential condo units and 14 parking spaces.** The Planning Board is scheduled to hear the application at its meeting on **Tuesday, May 13th at 5:30PM at 30 Montgomery St., 14th Floor Conference Room.**