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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, October 14th at 7:30 PM

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

Agenda:

- **Guest:** Leon Yost - "Uniquely Jersey City"
- Police Report and NID complaints/compliments
- 431 Palisade Avenue presentation

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 on Tuesday, October 14th at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center (corner of Ogden & Franklin) when we welcome Leon Yost for a slide show on the best and worst of Jersey City's architecture and hear about the lounge planned for 431 Palisade Ave.

Jersey City's Idiosyncratic Architecture - Next RNA Meeting



Local

historian and member of the Jersey City Planning Board, **Leon Yost, will be our guest at the October 14th RNA Meeting.** His slide presentation, **Uniquely Jersey City, The Architectural Landscape**, sponsored by the Jersey City Historical Project, will show the best and worst examples of Jersey City's idiosyncratic style. If you haven't had the opportunity to hear Leon speak and show slides on Jersey City before, this is a wonderful opportunity to do so. He brings passion, humor and knowledge in his own unique way.

Thanks to You - RNA Flea Market A Success

The RNA Board wishes to thank everyone who worked on and attended the 22nd Annual RNA Park Fest and Flea Market on September 13th. The money made at the Flea Market will help support RNA's activities in the coming year.

Over 70 vendors (including local residents, city agencies, and non profits) offered a broad range of goods and information and hundreds of area residents came to Riverview Park to enjoy the festivities and buy up the goods. RNA offered T-Shirts, information about the association, voter registration, bus schedules and baked goods.

It took a Herculean effort on the part of our volunteers, local businesses and City officials to make the event a success. RNA wishes to thank Maria Tuzzo for coordinating the vendor registrations, Georgia Cochrane for chairing the event, Ward D Councilman Bill Gaughan for helping us get through red tape, the Division of Cultural Affairs for providing a sound system and face painters, Parks & Forestry for cleaning up the park before and after the event, and the North District police for their presence. Volunteers helped promote the flea market, set up and man the RNA booth, donate baked goods and keep the park orderly. Local businesses Palisade Liquor and Palisade Lumber donated goods helping us to reduce our costs and increase the revenue for association activities. Our steadfast volunteers included Alan Rosenblatt, Joe Guevera, Heidi Swart, Ivan Castro, Bill Orologas, Estela Lavalli, Doug Guevera, Heidi & Olga Weissman, Peter Lannigan, Bill Graber, Aedan McCarty and the entire RNA board. Many bakers toiled anonymously and we thank them too. If we omitted anyone, please accept our apologies and know that we appreciate your efforts.



Lounge/Restaurant Proposed for 431 Palisade Avenue

The partners in Diamond Technology Construction and Diamond Tech Property Development, William Martinez and K.C. Matias, are preparing to apply for a variance in order to open a lounge/restaurant at 431 Palisade Avenue. They require what is known as a "use variance" because restaurants are not currently permitted on Palisade Avenue (in the "R2 Zone") without one.

RNA has invited K.C. Matias and his partner to the October meeting to give a short presentation to get neighborhood feedback prior to them submitting their variance application. This is an opportunity for those in the neighborhood to hear first hand what is being planned and to convey your sentiments.

Based on a letter received from Matias, the proposed restaurant will be open Sunday-Thursday from 11AM to Midnight and 11AM to 1:30AM on Friday and Saturday. The restaurant proposes to carry a liquor license in order to offer a large selection of wine and specialty drinks, and plans to serve Portuguese Brazilian Rodizio with a large selection of appetizers. They expect to employ 15-20 local residents and draw customers from the local area.

Our Condolences

On behalf of the entire community, RNA wishes to extend condolences to Joan and Jim Earl on the death of their son James A. (Jamie) Earl who passed away on September 22nd after a long illness. The Earl Family have been members of RNA for many years, with Joan a past member of the Board. Jamie was a Jersey City Fireman. In addition to Joan and Jim, Jamie is survived by his wife, Pearl, his son Branden, and his sister Cynthia. We wish you peace during this time of grief.

Break-in at 189 Ogden

The residents of 189 Ogden Avenue returned home on Friday evening, September 12th to find their front door broken in and their house burglarized. The police said that there have not been similar incidents in the neighborhood recently but that these crimes often come in strings. We ask that neighbors be extra vigilant in securing their homes and keeping a watchful eye on the neighborhood. If you see anything suspicious, please report it to the police immediately.

Community Information/Events

Leaf Bags- Jersey City is distributing biodegradable paper leaf bags throughout the Fall. These are to be used in lieu of plastic. Bags can be picked up at the RNA meeting, or at Pershing Field from Noon-3PM on Oct. 11, 25th; Nov. 15, 29th and Dec. 20. Leaves (in our area) will be picked up on the following Thursday's (bags can be put out after 7PM on Wednesday evening): Oct. 23, Nov. 6 & 20th, Dec. 4, 18 & 25th. For additional information go to [JCIA](#) or call 201-432-4645 x620.

Voter Registration - If you wish to vote in the November 4th General Election you must be registered to vote. **The deadline to register is October 14th!** To register or to obtain an absentee ballot, please go to [NJ Elections](#) or the [Hudson County Clerk's Office](#). The Hudson County Clerk's office is located at 583 Newark Avenue and can be reached at 201-795-6112.

Halloween Fun & Safety - **Saturday, October 25th, Noon-2, 3-5pm** at the Hudson County Mall. All children are welcome (accompanied by an adult) Free giveaways, education, entertainment. Sponsored by the Mayor and the JCPD. For more information call 201-547-5682.

JC Reservoir - Only 2 Saturday's left this season to visit the JC Reservoir - October 11 and October 18th. For information visit [Jersey City Reservoir Alliance](#)

Landmark Loew's Theatre - On October 24th the theater will screen *Cat People* and *The Body Snatcher* in a double feature starting at 8PM. On October 25th, the theater will present *The Phantom of the Opera* with live organ accompaniment at 8PM. Go to [Landmark Loew's Theatre](#) for additional information about this and the 2008 Culture of Contact Festival on Oct. 16-18.