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

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

### Agenda:

- Police Report and NID complaints/compliments
- Discussion of Vision for Journal Square
- Plans for RNA Holiday Party

### 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.

### Greetings!

Please join us on Tuesday, November 11th at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center (corner of Ogden & Franklin) for our monthly meeting. All are welcome.

## A "Vision" for Journal Square



Mayor Healy and the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency have begun presenting a new Vision for Journal Square. According to the Mayor, it will be a multi-billion dollar development plan that will add 10,000 to 15,000 residential units of new housing and millions of square feet of retail and commercial space across 244 acres.

The City and the JCRA commissioned A. Neleson Associates, Inc. and Dean Marchetto Architects, P.C. to develop this vision plan. One charrette was held with the public in July. In October the Mayor presented his vision at a press conference. A public presentation was made on October 23rd, and additional meetings were scheduled for November 5th and November 12th.

While no one disputes the need for improvements in Journal Square, this plan covers a much larger area than the Square itself. Its proposed boundaries run from State Highway 139 to Vroom Street and Baldwin to Kennedy Blvd, an area that encompasses 1 and 2 family homes and multi-unit buildings.

Heights of new buildings envisioned for Journal Square have been said to be as high as 100 stories, with several over 60-70 stories tall. In addition, the funding for the proposed area may include the use of a Revenue Allocation District (RAD) and Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS) that will affect those in the designated region and have consequence to residents throughout Jersey City.

Unfortunately the City has not been forthcoming with detailed information about the zoning for the area, which legal method they will use (Redevelopment, Rehabilitation, conventional zoning) and the implications of the RAD, taxation and financing of the proposed area.

Area residents are encouraged to attend one of the public meetings and to contact their elected officials and the JCRA to insist on greater public disclosure. Only with greater transparency will it be possible to determine whether this "vision" is in the best interests of Jersey City in general and our neighborhood in particular.



## Veterans Day Rededication

This Tuesday, November 11th, the Pershing Field Garden Friends, Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the City Council and the Division of Cultural Affairs/Office of Veterans Affairs will be rededicating the "**America Triumphant**" monument in Pershing Field.

The Pershing Field Garden Friends have worked to restore the monument in time for Veterans Day and **invite the public to join them at its rededication at 11AM, November 11th at the Vietnam Veterans Community Center in Pershing Field (Summit Avenue - just South of Manhattan Avenue)**. We congratulate all who worked tirelessly to restore this statue to its original glory.



## Bus Survey Meetings

Two additional meetings have been set to gather information for The Jersey City Bus Study. Participants will be interviewed individually about bus service needs and issues with existing bus service. The results will influence recommendations for bus service in Jersey City. The study is sponsored by Jersey City, Hudson County, NJ Transit and the North Hudson Transportation Planning Authority.

The meetings are scheduled for **Saturday, November 8th from 10AM - Noon at NJ City University, Hepburn Hall, Rm H-202. Kennedy Blvd between Fisk & Audubon Ave.** The second meeting is **Thursday, Nov. 13th from 6:30-8:30PM, at Mary McLeod Bethune Center, 140 MLK Drive between Dwight St. & Fulton Ave.** A Heights meeting was to have been scheduled, but has not.

## Community Information/Events

**Journal Square Farmer's Market:** Every Wednesday through November 26th from 10:30AM to 6:30PM in Journal Square. Operating right outside the Journal Square PATH station, the market offers fresh fruit and vegetables. For more information call (201) 963-0408.

**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 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): Nov. 20th, Dec. 4, 18 & 25th. For additional information go to [JCIA](#) or call 201-432-4645 x620.

**431 Palisade Ave (Restaurant/Lounge):** At last month's RNA meeting, K.C. Matias discussed his proposal for a restaurant/lounge at 431 Palisade. Attendees were interested in a restaurant/bar but raised many concerns including noise, security, hours and garbage. Mr. Matias is currently working on his application for variances and revising the menu. He hopes to go before the Zoning Board in late December, but according to the City, it will most likely not be on the agenda until after the new year.