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Next RNA Meeting:
 Tuesday, December 9th
 at 7:30 PM

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

Agenda:

- 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, December 9th at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center (corner of Ogden & Franklin) for our annual holiday party!

**RNA Annual Holiday Celebration
 December 9th**

Members, neighbors, friends, elected officials--- **EVERYONE---** is invited on Tuesday, December 9th, to the RNA Annual Holiday Celebration. We are inviting our colleagues from other block, neighborhood and civic organizations. RNA also extends this holiday invitation to the Mayor and his staff, our ward councilpersons and at-large representatives and all the City officials from the various agencies that have worked with RNA this past year. This year's party will be catered by Rizzo's with a delicious buffet of Italian food. **Volunteers are needed to bake/bring desserts.** There is no charge for this event. Please email the association at RNA@riverviewneighborhood.org or call 201-876-1980 if you know in advance that you can attend so that we can get a general count (but you can show up if you don't call) - and to let us know if you are able to bring a dessert.

The party will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Harbor View Health Care Facility (1st Floor Cafeteria) located at the corner of Ogden Avenue and Franklin Street. As usual, there will be **no official RNA business conducted** - just a chance to meet your neighbors. **We will have RNA T-Shirts available for sale. T-Shirts are one for \$15, two for \$25** (they make great holiday gifts!) in adult and children's sizes and will have a few special give-aways. **RNA asks its members to bring a friend or neighbor to the party.** Start the holidays with RNA!



**Bus Survey Open House
 Scheduled for Heights**

Here is an opportunity to let New Jersey Transit and Jersey City know our bus service needs. On **Thursday, December 18th, between 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. you can attend an open house at St. Paul of the Cross, Crusader Room, 156 Hancock Ave (Between South & Bowers) to participate in a survey about Jersey City bus service.** Survey takers will be present and will ask you about which routes you take, where service is deficient and what is needed in the future in order to better prioritize bus service future needs. RNA particularly recommends that those concerned about NYC bus service on Palisade Avenue and those who commute to Hoboken let their feelings be known.

Residents can stop by any time between 6 and 8PM and the survey will take an estimated 5-15 minutes. If you attended one of the other bus survey meetings and completed the survey you do not need to attend again. The information collected will be reviewed by the study team and be included in recommendations concerning current bus service in Jersey City. The Jersey City Bus Study is sponsored by Jersey City, Hudson County, the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and NJ Transit.

Variances Sought for 401 Ogden Avenue

The owner of 401 Ogden Ave. (corner of South Street), West Hudson Builders, LLC has filed an application with the Jersey City Planning Board seeking variances and sub-division approval. **A public hearing scheduled for December 2, has been postponed until January 13th.**

The owner is seeking to subdivide the existing lot into three lots for the purpose of developing each vacant lot into a 2-family dwelling and requires variances for side yard setbacks and required garage dimensions. All residents in the area who are concerned about what is in store for this property (seen here in its current form: [401 Ogden](#)) are encouraged to review the plans and attend the public hearing. It is important that residents make their feelings known to the Planning Board at the public hearing as once it is approved it is very difficult to make changes. RNA is seeking to obtain a copy of the plans from the attorney but they are also available for public inspection between 9AM and 4PM at the City Planning Division Office, 30 Montgomery Street, 14th Fl.

**Everything Jersey City Festival
 Endangered**

The Central Avenue Special Improvement District, the sponsors of last year's successful **Everything Jersey City Festival** on Central Avenue, are seeking public support to convince the city to approve a May 16th date for the festival (the same weekend as last year) rather than be forced to move it to June 20th (Father's Day weekend). If they are forced to move it to June 20th, in all likelihood the festival will be cancelled as this date conflicts with graduations, weddings and Father's Day celebrations. They are requesting that residents send letters to their elected officials by going to: [Citizenspeak](#).

Community Updates

JC Friday: A full day of free arts and events all over Jersey City will take place this Friday, December 5th. Go to [JC Fridays](#) for more information.

Vision For Journal Square: more information will be forthcoming as public hearings are expected to be taking place shortly.

Upcoming at the Loew's: See Santa Claus in person (December 13th) between 1:30 and 3:30 plus a full lineup of movies on Dec. 5/6 and Dec. 12/13th. Highlights include **Raiders of the Lost Ark** at 7:30PM on Dec. 6th, **Oliver!** Dec. 13th and too much more to mention here. For the full schedule and address go to [Loew's Jersey Theatre](#) or call 201-798-6055.

