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### Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday,  
 February 10th  
 at 7:30 PM

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

### Agenda:

- Police & NID Concerns
- RNA Nominations for Officers
- 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.

### Greetings!

Please join us on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center (corner of Ogden & Franklin) at our monthly meeting. Representatives from the Police and the Mayor's Action Bureau will be present, and we will nominate RNA Officers. All are welcome.

## Nominations for RNA Officers

**The nominations for RNA's Executive Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Sargeant-At-Arms for the 2009-2010 term will be opened at the February 10th meeting.** The nominations will remain open until the March 10th meeting, at which time they will be closed and the general elections will be held.

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

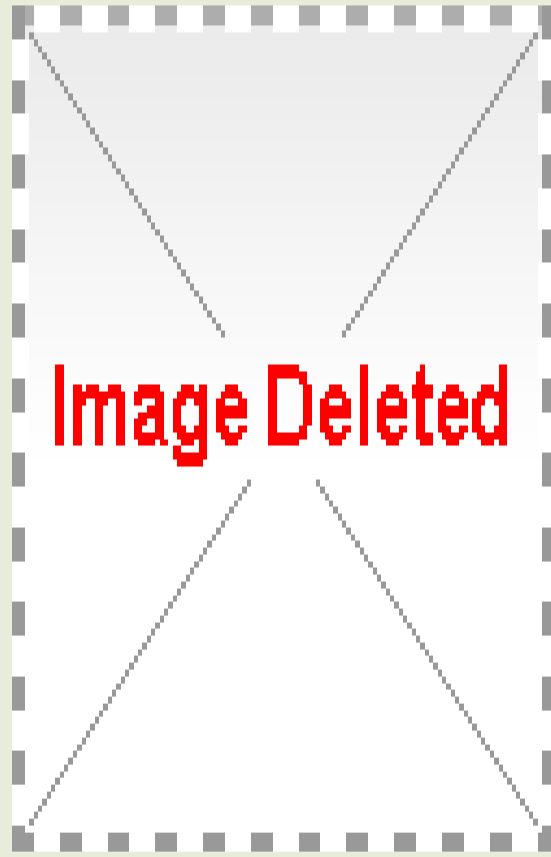
To run for office, an individual, in addition to the above qualifications, must be a current resident living within RNA's boundaries and be an active member of RNA. **All RNA members are encouraged to run for office and participate in the annual elections.** There are many rewards of volunteerism and improving the quality of life in our neighborhood.

## 100 Steps - One Step at a Time

One of the most frequently asked questions at the monthly meeting and to the Board is, **when will the 100 Steps be built?** The answer is, we do not know exactly.

For those who are not familiar, there was a staircase that connected Ogden Avenue to Paterson Plank Rd. (as depicted on the postcard below). When the Cliffs condominium project was approved at Paterson Plank Road & Mountain Road (100 Paterson) a condition of their approvals was to rebuild the 100 Steps. So far, despite frequent assurances from the City and the developer that the Steps will be built, construction has not started. There have been delays due to design issues and a conflict between the location of the Steps and the new water line (neither the City nor the developer noticed that the new water line was in the same location as the footings for the Steps). Despite these snafus, the Steps must be completed before the developer can obtain a final certificate of occupancy or receive their performance bond back.

**To help prod the City to move construction along, we ask that you send emails to Councilman Gaughan, the Mayor and HEDC director Carl Czaplicki by going to [Citizenspeak](#). Thank you!**



## Pay your Dues!

While membership dues are accepted at any time, **it is traditional to renew your RNA membership prior to the annual RNA elections.** Membership is **\$10** for those living within RNAs boundaries and \$15 for those outside the boundaries. Our membership is on an individual, not household, basis. **Membership dues can be paid at the monthly meeting, online via Paypal by going to: [Paypal](#), or checks, made payable to Riverview Neighborhood Association,** can be sent to 154 Ogden Ave, 3E, Jersey City, NJ 07307.

Your membership links you with your neighbors and provides:

- Representation in one of the oldest and most respected neighborhood associations in Jersey City
- Our monthly newsletter and alerts about issues that will affect your city, neighborhood, property and daily life
- Activities like speakers at RNA meetings, annual flea market, film nights and the chance to be a part of a vibrant community here in the Heights.

## Community Updates

**Variences Sought for 401 Ogden Avenue** - The hearing before the planning board is now scheduled for **February 10, 2009 at 5:30PM** at City Hall, 280 Grove Street. 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. After meeting with the neighbors, the developer has made design changes but variances are still required. **We encourage all interested parties to review the plans (contact RNA or go to the Division of Planning, 30 Montgomery St., to review them) and attend the public hearing.**

**Councilman Lipski** - Ward C Councilman Steve Lipski has decided *not* to seek reelection.

**New NJT 123 bus schedule** - A revised Palisade Ave. NYC bus schedule (# 123) can be downloaded at: [NJ Transit](#)

**Journal Square Redevelopment Plan** is expected to go before the City Council for approval on **February 11th at 6:00PM** at City Hall, 280 Grove Street. Further information will be sent once the date is confirmed.