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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday,
March 10th
at 7:30 PM

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

Agenda:

- Police & NID Concerns
- RNA Elections for Officers
- Plans for Candidate Forum
- 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, March 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 elect RNA Officers. All are welcome.

Election Night at RNA

Annual elections for RNA officers will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at our monthly meeting. Nominations were opened at the February meeting and will remain open until prior to the vote.

Nominated thus far are:

- Chair: Becky Hoffman
- Vice-Chair: Joe Sadowsky
- Treasurer: Roger Heitmann
- Secretary: Monya McCarty
- Sgt.-At-Arms: Joseph Guevara

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 vote in the annual elections.**

Our Condolences

Our condolences go out to **Monya McCarty**, RNA secretary, whose brother Clark died on February 24th. Clark had spent many years in Jersey City and was known to neighbors on Ogden Avenue as an animal lover and reliable pet sitter and friend. We wish peace to the McCarty family during this sad time. The McCarty's live at 342 Ogden Avenue.

Renovations for Riverview Park?

In Mayor Healy's State of the City Address given on February 18th, he said, "**We will also see renovations at Riverview Fisk Park**, Summit Cornielson Park, and a major expansion and renovation at Boyd-McGuinness Park". Many of you will remember that the City created a Parks Master Plan several years ago but only adopted it last year. Riverview Park is slated as a "Year 1" park in the 10 year plan. The Board recently had an initial meeting with the Division of Architecture to discuss the renovations. Currently, from what we understand, no financing has been obtained for the desired renovations.

RNA Co-Sponsoring Candidate Forum in the Heights

Save the date! On **Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00PM**, RNA, along with Washington Park Association, Heights Hope and other local associations, is sponsoring a Candidate Forum. The Forum will give you an opportunity to get to know the candidates for Ward C & D City Council seats as well as the candidates for Mayor in the May election. Each candidate will be asked to address key Heights issues in a brief statement and then will take questions from the audience. **The Candidate Forum will be held at P.S. 28 (Christa McAuliffe School), 167 Hancock Ave. between Bowers & South St.**

Doris Brown Steps Down from RNA Board

On behalf of the entire membership, we extend a heartfelt thank you to Doris Brown for her many years of service on RNA's Executive Board. Doris has worked tirelessly contributing hundreds of hours of service to improve life in the neighborhood. In her time on the RNA board and as a member, she helped protect the Palisades from development by lobbying and drafting the Steep Slope Ordinance, gained historic designation for Holland Street, worked hours each year on the flea market, introduced the RNA to all those she met, and was a valued participant in everything RNA has done. Doris assures us she will remain an active member of RNA and she will continue to be a cherished neighbor and friend. **Thank you!**

Community Updates

Journal Square Redevelopment Plan - The City Council tabled the vote on the adoption of the Journal Square Redevelopment Plan after a public hearing on the issue. Becky Hoffman spoke on behalf of the RNA membership raising questions about the scope, density and financing of the plan as did several other neighbors. The Council decided to table this item in order to address the questions and concerns. We thank all who came out to the meeting.

Subdivision Approved for 401 Ogden Avenue - The Planning Board granted the subdivision to divide the existing lot into three lots for the purpose of developing each vacant lot into a 2-family dwelling. After receiving input from the neighborhood, the developer made significant design changes and the Planning Board incorporated those changes as a condition of approval.

100 Steps - Numerous members sent in emails to the City to urge them to move forward with the construction of the 100 Steps. The developer has since submitted revised plans to City Planning and Engineering and we hope that approval to proceed will be forthcoming. Work on the audio baffles on the roof was to have been completed in the first week of March.

Events

Sustainable Cities Conference - Monday, March 9, 2009

Jersey City is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Sustainable Cities Conference at the **Liberty Science Center this Monday, March 9th from 8:30AM to 1:30PM.**

The **keynote speaker is Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.**

It is a **FREE EVENT**, but the space is limited **please R.S.V.P. with Nancy McCarthy at gogreen@icnj.org or call 201.547.4943** by Friday.

JC FRIDAYS- THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

****30 FREE ARTS EVENTS** taking place across Jersey City!**

Visit [JC Fridays](#) for a full listing of events, find maps, special JC Fridays business discounts, child-friendly events, accessibility information and more!

Free Feral Cat Workshop, Saturday, March 28th.

The Neighborhood Feral Cat Initiative is offering free workshops for folks who want to do something about the problem of stray cats. It's called Trap, Neuter, Return, or TNR.

The free workshop will teach people to care for feral cats, trap them, and have them fixed at a low-cost vet program. To register, please call 201-884-9649 or email workshop@neighborhoodferalcat.org. For more information please visit [Neighborhood Feral Cat Initiative](#).

Reminder: Time to Join RNA 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. **Memberships 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.

Becky Hoffman
Riverview Neighborhood Association