

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday,
May 12th
at 7:30 PM

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

Agenda:

- Police & NID Concerns
- Plans for Everything Jersey City Festival
- 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, May 12th 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. All are welcome.

RNA Launches Website

RNA is proud to announce the launch of its new website at www.riverviewneighborhood.org! We hope it will become your favorite destination for all things related to our community and the greater Heights area. Please bookmark it!

The website features information on RNA and its history, an RNA and Community Events calendar to keep you abreast of the latest activities in our area, and a "campaigns" section that will keep you up-to-date on our latest grassroots efforts and calls to action. It also contains an archive of RNA newsletters, historical information about our neighborhood, and a large selection of links to other valuable sources of information.

And coming soon: a community forum to share electronically about crime, activities, how-tos, who to turn to, and city government. For those of us who live in the Heights, this forum will be what JCList is for downtown.

The site is ad-supported. **If you wish to advertise your business, please contact us for rates.** We are also happy to post your activities to our Community Events calendar. You can also subscribe to time-sensitive news via RSS.

RNA wishes to thank Joe Guevara, for leading this effort, and Alan Rosenblatt, Ivan Castro and others who have donated their time and talents to ensure that we have a user friendly, sleek looking site for all to enjoy. Please visit today.

Election Day is May 12

Please vote in Jersey City's municipal elections on Tuesday May 12. You will be voting for mayor, three at-large council seats and your ward representative. To vote in this election, you must have registered on or before April 21. **Please check your mail for polling place information and a sample ballot.**

RNA sponsored an at-large council candidate forum and mayoral and Ward C/D forums with the Heights Coalition. For background on the candidates or to view videos of the candidate forums, please visit the [Jersey City Independent](#).

Everything Jersey City Festival

The 2nd Annual Everything Jersey City Festival will be held along Central Avenue on **Saturday, May 16 from 11AM to 6PM**. There will be local vendors, food, music, art and local color.

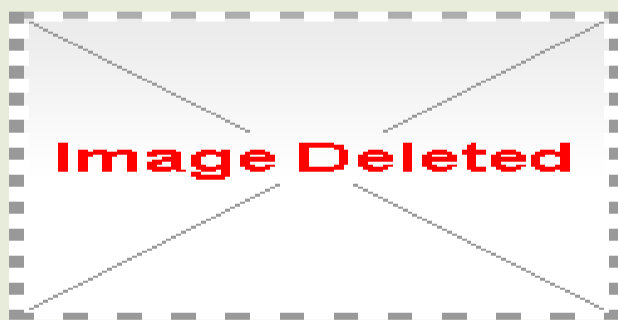
RNA will again have a table to promote awareness of our organization and raise funds. **We need volunteers to manage the table during the day (donate an hour or more of your time). We also need volunteers to provide baked goods for us to sell at our table. Specifically, we are seeking home-made or high quality baked goods (no candy, please) that can be easily divided into single servings (cupcakes, sliceable cakes, tarts, cookies, banana bread, etc.).** They must be weather friendly (not too much icing if it is hot). We will also be selling RNA t-shirts (adult and child sizes) -- just in time for summer. If you have questions about baked goods needs or volunteering for managing the table or setup or cleanup, please contact us at riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net or at 201-876-1980.

100 Steps Groundbreaking Ceremony

A groundbreaking ceremony took place on Wednesday, April 29th for the rebuilding of the historic "100 Steps" that once connected Ogden Avenue with Paterson Plank Road at Franklin St/Mountain Road. The Steps are a fundamental part of the developer's agreement for The Cliffs Lofts, and residents recently bombarded the city with emails and telephone calls to remove the log jam that had held up construction. According to the developer, Brass Works Urban Renewal Company, the Steps are to be completed by the end of 2009. Mayor Healy, Ward D Councilman Bill Gaughan, representatives from the developer, and RNA member Doris Brown attended the ceremony.

Paterson Plank Road Cleaned Up

RNA complained for months and months about the garbage along Paterson Plank Road below Riverview Park. Recently, action took place. Councilman Bill Gaughan, who is seeking reelection on May 12th, put together a task force of municipal and county agencies to clean up the area. The agencies involved included the Jersey City Parks Department, the Jersey City Incinerator Authority, the Hudson County Parks Department, the Hudson County Sheriff's office and the Department of Corrections. We wish to thank the councilman and the task force for heeding our calls and working on an April weekend to clean this area.



Community Updates

Palisade Cliffs threatened in North Bergen: Jersey City has a Steep Slope ordinance that protects the Palisade Cliffs from development (an ordinance that was drafted and pushed for by RNA). We support those in North Bergen who are seeking to protect the Palisades from a development that will remove 700,000 cubic yards of the Palisades to make way for a Walgreens, Starbucks and Bank of America. **Please sign their online petition and attend the Hudson County Planning Board hearing on this application on May 20th** at 6PM at 567 Pavonia Avenue, 3rd Floor, Jersey City. For more information, email the Coalition to Preserve the Palisades Cliffs at PreservetheCliffs@gmail.com or go to the [RNA Website](#).

Community Events

The [Riverview Community Garden](#) will be a satellite garden stop on the Hoboken Garden Club's Secret Gardens Tour on Sunday May 31, 2009 (raindate June 7th). Homeowners will review their "secret gardens" as a fundraiser for the Hoboken Historical Museum. The event is sponsored by Hufnagel Landscaping. Guided tours leave every 1/2 hour from the Hoboken Historical Museum, 1301 Hudson Street, Hoboken starting at 9AM. The last tour departs at 4PM and tours last approximately two hours. Tickets are \$20 in advance for Museum and Hoboken Garden Club members and \$25 the day of the event. Tickets are available at the Hoboken Historical Museum. For more information visit [Hoboken Secret Gardens](#) or call 201.656.2240 ext. 6.

[The Landmark Loew's Jersey Theatre](#) screens It Happened One Night, Dinner at Eight and the Buster Keaton classic, The General, the weekend of May 15-16. The General will be screened with live organ accompaniment. For more information and show times, call the Loew's at 201-795-6055 or visit the Loew's [website](#).