

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, June 9th
at 7:30 PM

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

Agenda:

- Guest: Kern Weissman, Where to Eat and What to Do in JC
- Police & NID updates
- Guest Presentation Plans for Summer Events
- 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, June 9th at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center (corner of Ogden & Franklin) at our monthly meeting. We have a guest speaker you won't want to miss and representatives from the Police and the Mayor's Action Bureau will be present. All are welcome.

Great Eateries and Places to Go in Jersey City

You say there is no place to eat or be entertained in Jersey City? You are so wrong. **Come to the next RNA meeting, this Tuesday, June 9th at 7:30PM at the Harborview Health Center (Ogden & Franklin) and learn about the many fabulous dining experiences right here in Jersey City** - and there are no tolls or tunnels to navigate!

RNA member and connoisseur, Kern Weissman will be our guest. He will share with us the many places he has discovered to dine, some right here in the Heights! He'll also share where he has ventured for nightlife, arts/entertainment. You will no longer be able to say you have no place to go on this side of the river. Kern is interested in hearing about your favorites too, but it is hard to find a place he hasn't gone. He'll continue to post new places to go on the [Forum](#) on the website and wants to hear what you think too. So, if you are one of those people who say there is nothing to do in Jersey City, then this month's meeting is for you. Don't miss it!

Be a Part of Our Electronic Community

Last month we welcomed all of you to our new website, www.riverviewneighborhood.org, and this month, **we are thrilled to announce the launch of our electronic community forum!** You can visit it by going to the [Forum](#) tab on our website.

The Forum is a place where you can post questions or express yourself about our community, Jersey City or whatever is on your mind. It presents an opportunity to share your wisdom about where to eat and what to do, as well as vent about community issues or pontificate about the political scene. It is our local version of JCList. **Just sign up and you can begin posting.** This is the perfect opportunity to be a part of the community for those of you who cannot make it to meetings or are too shy to share your opinions in person. **Tell your friends too - the more the merrier!**

And, don't forget that the RNA website is a great place to learn about community news and events and an ideal place for local businesses and organizations to advertise their events. Contact us at riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net or call 201-876-1980 for more information.

Make Our Upcoming Events a Success

Love the annual RNA Flea Market in Riverview Park? Want to have another movie night under the stars? Then volunteer to help make these events happen again this year. We have tentatively scheduled the Flea Market for Saturday, September 12th and are seeking sponsors/funds to present at least one movie in the park this summer. Each of these endeavors requires the help and support of volunteers. It is a great way to get to know folks in the neighborhood and participate in your community. We need planners, bakers, marketers, designers, event planners, musicians, etc. Let us know what you can do. We welcome you. Come to the next RNA meeting or contact us at riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net or at 201-876-1980.



RNA Volunteers - Olga Weissman and Estela Lavalli at the Everything Jersey City Festival

Fireworks!

The Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks will return to the Hudson River for the first time in years this Independence Day. While the fireworks are spectacular and we will certainly have a birdseye view, having them this close is a mixed bag for the neighborhood. In years past, we have had overcrowding in the parks, fires sparked by illegal fireworks displays, vandalism and other problems. **RNA is meeting with the police department to help ensure that July 4th will be a celebration rather than a problem for our neighborhood.** We encourage you to reach out to the police department, Councilman Gaughan and the Mayor's Office to let them know that you want a strong police presence and a well thought out crowd management plan to ensure that this is a holiday that we can all enjoy.

Community Updates

North District Police Captain's Meeting: Captain Phil Zacche will be a guest at a meeting organized by the Heights Community Relations Council, Heights Hope Neighborhood Association and PS 8 Neighborhood Block Association on **Thursday, June 18th at 7:00PM at the Christa McAuliffe Elementary School (PS 28), 167 Hancock Street.** As the Captain is no longer approved to attend regular community meetings by the Police Chief (something that RNA strongly disagrees with), this is an opportunity for Heights residents to voice your concerns directly to the Captain. We encourage you to attend.

Palisade Cliffs threatened in North Bergen: A development project that will breach the Palisade Cliffs in North Bergen to make way for a Starbucks, Walgreens and Bank of America is on the **Hudson County Planning Board agenda for June 17th at 6:30PM (567 Pavonia Avenue).** Jersey City has a Steep Slope ordinance that protects the Palisade Cliffs from development (an ordinance that was drafted and pushed for by RNA) but this area does not. However, there are County and EPA protections that need to be upheld. For more information, email the Coalition to Preserve the Palisades Cliffs at PreservetheCliffs@gmail.com or sign their [online petition](#) or visit the [RNA Website](#) for more information.