

# RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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### Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, Oct. 13th  
at 7:30 PM

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

### Agenda:

- Police & Mayor's Action Bureau Updates
- Community Updates
- Condition of City Finances

### 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, October 13th at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center (corner of Ogden & Franklin) at our monthly meeting. The Police and the Mayor's Action Bureau will be present. All are welcome.

## RNA's 23rd Annual Flea Market a Success!

Despite rain that caused the event to be postponed, **RNA's 23rd Annual Park Fest and Flea Market** was a great success. Over 70 vendors participated, hundreds attended, and a significant sum was raised for the activities of **your** neighborhood association.

A huge debt of gratitude is owed to the RNA board, local businesses and vendors, RNA members, the City of Jersey City, and all those who came out to Riverview Park to participate.

This event would not have been successful without everyone's combined efforts. Olga Weissman led the Flea Market committee for RNA. Councilman Gaughan persuaded the City to cover the Liability insurance. The JCIA and Parks & Forestry helped clean up the park and provided a generator for our use. The JCPD patrolled the area. Local businesses - Palisade Wine & Liquor, Palisade Lumber, Sal's Pizza, Alfred's Party Time, and Goehrig's Bakery - provided donations. RNA board member Joseph Guevara contributed prizes for the kids' games as well as iPod's for the raffle. Local businesses kindly hung our poster in their windows and many members passed out flyers. Maria Tuzzo coordinated the vendor registration. Allison Fontana contributed her artistic talents for free face-painting for the kids, and free yoga and intenSati classes were offered by RNA members Leiza Antonczak and Norina Guerra.

Many members contributed their time and talents to bake, work the RNA booth and escort residents of the Harbor View Nursing Home to the event. This truly was a community effort. There are many others who we are surely omitting (though certainly unintentionally) and we thank you too!

To see a slide show of the Flea Market, go to:  
<http://www.vimeo.com/6611445>



## Crime, skunks and other area complaints

The last few months has seen a rise in problems in our area. RNA is working closely with the appropriate City agencies to address these problems and we encourage each of you to call the Mayor's Action Bureau and your Councilperson to ask them to stay on top of these issues.

Our area has seen an increase in burglaries. There was one incident on Palisade Avenue north of Congress Street and the second on Sherman Avenue. What is alarming about these is that the burglaries took place while the owners of the property were home either sleeping or in another part of the house. Please use precautionary measures such as:

- Locking windows, doors, gates, garages even if you are home
- Arming your home alarm system at night via the "Stay" feature
- Ensure valuables such as electronics are not stored in your vehicle
- Be aware of your surroundings especially at night while walking

Neighbors in the area of Ogden and Franklin Street have reported seeing a large number of skunks and possums both during the day and in the evening. RNA has been in regular contact with Animal Control and the Mayor's Action Bureau. While we have been assured that these animals pose no danger (just a nuisance), the City has promised to place two traps in the area. Unfortunately, as of this writing, this has not been done.

Others report that maintenance and patrols of Riverview Park are declining. After recent storms, many branches have fallen and have not been picked up in a timely manner, and there is a rise in complaints about homeless, or disorderly persons in the Park. We have passed on these complaints to the City and will follow-up.

## Community Notes

- **296 Palisade Avenue.** An application to develop this site was carried to the November zoning board meeting. There is some confusion between the owner and the mortgage holder/applicant as to what they wish to develop there - a purely residential site or a mixed-use site. RNA has concerns about the use and design (with a parking entrance/entrance on Palisade Ave) that have not yet been addressed.
- **520 Palisade Avenue.** The proposal for the former firehouse that was last presented to convert this space to an office use has fallen through. The building is listed again for sale/lease.
- **The 100 Steps.** A third design has supposedly submitted to the City for approval after the previous set did not meet current code (which changed as it is has taken so long to get the Steps done!)
- **City Finances** - The Jersey Journal reports that the City has a \$40 million budget deficit. Mandatory furloughs have been announced yielding \$2 million. It is time to stay vigilant.

## RNA in the Electronic Age

In the last few months RNA has launched a new website, e-forum, community calendars and RSS feeds to keep you up to date on area activities. All of this can be found at [www.riverviewneighborhood.org](http://www.riverviewneighborhood.org). We are seeking local advertisers to support the site and encourage all of you to visit it often. The Forum is a great place to post your concerns, questions, restaurant reviews, rants and raves. It just takes a minute to register. For information about advertising, please contact Becky Hoffman at [riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net](mailto:riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net) or at 201-876-1980.