

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, Nov. 10th
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 - response to concerns raised at last months meeting.
- Planning for Holiday Party

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, November 10th 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.

Halloween Is for the Dogs!



Dozens of dog owners and their well-costumed pets came to Riverview Park on Halloween to celebrate the holiday. RNA sponsored this event with local business [Riverview Bark](#). [Odd Box Video](#) offered professional dog portraits for a nominal fee for those who participated. All of the dogs were well-behaved and seemed to enjoy dressing up. There were "hot dogs," "devil dogs," a princess and a flapper, a Yankee fan, and a fireman dog, among others.

If you missed it, you can view wonderful photos taken by the Jersey Journal or local photographer extraordinaire, Pat Marella, on our [website](#).

Riverview Bark, a self-service doggie wash and boutique owned by Melissa Cullen and Frank McMonagle, will be opening at 479 Palisade Avenue in mid-November. In addition to the dog wash, they will offer dog walking, overnight sitting (in your home), feeding services, and pet food delivery.



Thanks but NO THANKS!

Without any input from our neighborhood and without the knowledge of RNA, Mayor Jerramiah Healy submitted an application requesting \$1 million for a "high priority transportation project" via Congressman Albio Sires in April 2009 for the "restoration, repair and rehabilitation" of Holland Street. While this could have been a good thing, the monies (if granted) would "re-establish typical pedestrian **and vehicular traffic**, to Holland Street.

As most of you know, RNA and the Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy worked tirelessly to preserve Holland Street as a municipal historic landmark. It is one of the last cobblestone streets in Jersey City. It earned historic designation from the City in 2002.

While we welcome funding for preservation of Holland Street and to better integrate it into Riverview Park, we do not support re-opening the road to vehicular traffic. Nor does the County or City Traffic engineers in their reports, nor did Councilman Gaughan when we spoke to him after the request was discovered. RNA will be writing Mayor Healy and Congressman Sires to ask that this application be withdrawn if the vehicular component remains.

Get on board - November 19

Interested in serving on one of Jersey City's 39 boards, commissions, agencies, authorities or committees? The process to this point has been closed off or unknown to most residents. On November 19th, The Heights Coalition (which includes RNA), Downtown Coalition of Neighborhood Associations and Civic JC, will sponsor a class led by [Citizens' Campaign](#), to teach you about the appointment process and how to take a leadership position on one of these boards or commissions.

City Clerk Robert Byrne will participate and all are welcome. **The class will be held on November 19th, at 7PM in the City Council Chambers, 280 Grove Street.**

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](#). 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 or at 201-876-1980.