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For a Better Life in the Heights

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JC proposes 25% tax increase!!!

One day after Ward C Councilwoman Nidia Lopez and Ward D Councilman Bill Gaughan were guest speakers at the January 12th RNA Meeting, the City Council rushed to introduce a budget (for the year that began July 1, 2009) in order to qualify for state monies they may not otherwise receive. The budget included an estimated 25% tax increase to the municipal portion of your property tax bill (and county and school taxes will likely increase as well).

At the RNA meeting, dozens of residents posed numerous questions to our council representatives about the budget and their property taxes. At that time it appeared that the budget introduction was still weeks away and that the Council was working to cut expenses and increase revenues to lessen the blow. As of this writing, the budget has not been passed and the City is working to cut expenses but a huge tax increase is still in the offing. Over time, our city officials have clearly not planned for the financial "rainy day" that now burdens us. RNA encourages its members to get involved and speak out about the tax increase, as well as any and all practices that led to it.



Sad News

RNA is saddened to report the recent death of one of our members, Alan Rosenblatt. Alan generously contributed his time and his talents in numerous ways for the last three years. He was the graphic designer behind our new logo, TShirts and numerous posters promoting our flea market and movies in the park. He made his own rock candy in custom packaging to be sold to benefit RNA at the Everything Jersey City Festival, volunteered at our Holland Street Cleanups and Flea Markets and befriended the senior citizens at the Harbor View Health Center at one of our annual parties for the residents there.

Alan was known in the neighborhood for his brightly colored clothes and Crocs and was seen most often walking his beloved boxer, Debbie. Alan lived at 310 Palisade Avenue.

It's Back!

Another Journal Square Redevelopment Plan is on the Planning Board's agenda for February 9th. Some of you may recall that RNA and other community groups vehemently opposed the last version of the plan and the hundreds of thousands of dollars the city invested in outside planners to create it. We had hoped that the City would have learned from its mistakes last time and worked with the Journal Square and surrounding communities to come up with a viable plan. The latest plan reaches the Planning Board on Tuesday and we know of no public input prior to its being put on the agenda with the notation that "formal action may be taken."

We are seeking a copy of the plan and can only hope that the concerns raised during the last go-round have been addressed. We will post information on our website as it becomes available.

2010 Census

Need a job? The 2010 Census is hiring part-time office and field workers in Jersey City and Bayonne. To schedule an employment test call 201-285-0150 – tell them that RNA sent you. Hourly pay is \$15-\$20/hour. For more information go to www.census2010.gov

25% TAX HIKE PROPOSED!

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COMING EVENTS

Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, February 9th at 7:30 p.m.
Location: Harbor View Health Care Center
1st Floor Cafeteria
178 Ogden Avenue

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.



Alan Rosenblatt on duty at RNA's 2008 flea market