

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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For a Better Life in the Heights

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Next RNA Meeting:
Tuesday, February 8th
at 7:30 PM

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

Agenda:

- Police & Mayor's Action Bureau
- RNA Board Nominations

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!

Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 8th at 7:30 at the Harbor View Health Center (corner of Ogden & Franklin).

Call for Nominations

The nominations for RNA's Executive Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Sergeant-At-Arms for the 2011-2012 term will be opened at the February 8th meeting. The nominations will remain open until the March 8th meeting, at which time they will be closed and the general elections will be held.

The current officers have served for several years and one or more will not accept a nomination for another term, choosing rather to serve the organization in other ways. Serving on the board is a great way to help improve the neighborhood and gain a greater sense of community. If you have questions about board membership and its demands or wish to be nominated, please contact Becky Hoffman at 201-876-1980 or via email at riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net.

To be eligible to vote, you must be eighteen years old or older, paid your annual membership dues and live or own property within the constitutional boundaries of RNA. The Association's boundaries are Paterson Plank Road on the east, New York Avenue on the west, Cuneo Place on the South and Congress Street on the north.

To run for office, an individual, in addition to the above qualifications, must be a current resident living within RNA's boundaries and be an active member of RNA. **All RNA members are encouraged to run for office and participate in the annual elections.** There are many rewards of volunteerism and improving the quality of life in our neighborhood.

RNA Mourns the Loss of One of its Founders

One of Riverview Neighborhood Association's founding members, Kathy Brennan, recently passed away after a long illness. Kathy had lived on Ogden Avenue across from the nursing home until moving to South Carolina several years ago. Kathy contributed to RNA in many ways. She printed the RNA newsletter at the insurance office where she worked as a supervisor, staffed the RNA table at the flea market and established the solid foundation that has enabled RNA to thrive to this day. RNA extends condolences to the Brennan family and all those who knew her.

One Storm After the Other



It certainly has been a snowy winter with the eighth storm of the season blasting our area to start off the month of February. There are few places to put the piles of snow and ice that have been on the ground and growing since December. After the City's less than satisfactory snow response to the blizzard in late December, RNA has continued to be in contact with the Jersey City Incinerator Authority to ensure that traversing the area is safe. **In the storms after the December blizzard, the City has kept Ogden Avenue plowed - in particular for access to/from the Harbor View Health Center, and after years of omission, the City has shoveled the sidewalk on Mountain Road and on the streets bordering Riverview Fisk Park (although not within it) in a timely manner.** Those who walk to the Light Rail or Hoboken via Mountain Road have been much safer.

We appreciate the greater attention to these areas and trust it will continue. We also hope that the City will make a greater effort to clear crosswalks and bus stops, as many of those remain snow/ice-covered. Residents are reminded to continue to do their part by shoveling their sidewalks, providing access to fire hydrants, not shoveling snow back into the street, and to park cars in a way that emergency and other vehicles can proceed unimpeded. (Photo courtesy of Cindy Zaunich, from Jan. 27, 2011 storm)

Recall?

Members of the Recall Healy committee (Martha Larkins, and Riaz Wahid) and the Recall Brennan committee (Jayson Burg) will give a short presentation at the February 8th meeting to educate and inform us about what a recall of an elected official entails and why they are seeking a recall at this time. RNA has also given the Healy administration an opportunity to speak about their record and/or address our members questions about the recall or the administration's performance. They have chosen to answer those questions either at a future meeting or via information they will provide for publication in our newsletter. RNA is a non-partisan organization and as such is only serving to inform members about the recall option. We are neither endorsing the Recall nor working against it.

The Recall Healy effort began in September 2010 when a small group of about 12 Jersey City residents came together and initiated a recall movement against Mayor Healy and his team. For the most part, the recall committee did not know each other a year before, but had met at City Council meetings and other public events voicing outrage at the way Jersey City government was run and the negative impact it was having on the people.

According to Martha Larkins, the recall effort has reached thousands of like-minded residents. Some 100 volunteers are working to get the over 30,000 required signatures before the February 20th deadline for Mayor Healy and the Feb. 28th deadline for Peter Brennan. They have also petitioned for an extension of time to collect the signatures. For more information, email jcrecall@yahoo.com.

Reducing Noise Levels Emanating from Galaxy Recycling

More than a year after residents of 102 Ogden Avenue began complaining about loud noise emanating from the overnight operations at Galaxy Recycling (the recycling plant located to the south of New York Avenue/Ravine Road), steps have been taken to address the complaints.

The residents of 102 Ogden, RNA, Councilwoman Nidia Lopez, JCIA, Waste Management and Galaxy Recycling have worked together to ensure that the plant operates within legal limits and that improvements are made. Galaxy handles recycled materials for Jersey City (via Waste Management) as well as several other municipalities in New Jersey.

As a result of this effort many changes have been made. Residents should note, however, that back up beepers are required by law and will continue to be used/heard. The following changes have been made:

- tailgate/hopper alarms have been moved from the top of the hopper to the base so that they are not pointed up when the trucks are unloading.
- Trucks parked in the lot on New York Avenue/Ravine Road have kill switches that do not enable them to idle for more than 3 minutes.
- Galaxy has replaced the bearings on its bucket loader arms to reduce friction/noise.
- Waste Management is using older trucks (starting 1/31) that are grandfathered and do not require the tailgate alarms.
- The number of trucks unloading overnight has been reduced.

Residents should be aware that there are several industrial companies adjacent to Galaxy that may be contributing to the noise and that the Light Rail is required by law to honk its horn when approaching intersections. As many of these changes have only recently be put in place, it is too early to determine whether they have solved the problems. Those with continuing concerns can contact RNA (who will pass them to Galaxy), or Councilwoman Lopez.

Upcoming Events

February 3rd - 6-8PM:
The Art & Architecture of the Hudson County Justice Brennan Court House - Panel Discussion on architecture & preservation of the building. RSVP to mlippman@hcnj.us or call 201-459-2070. Light refreshments at 5:30PM. Location: 583 Newark Ave.

February 8th - 6-8PM:
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February 12th - 8PM:
Con Vivo Music, free concert. Commissioned work by John Altieri and Prokofiev's Quintet in G Minor, Op. 39. Co-Sponsored by Art House Productions, 1 McWilliams Place. For more information visit www.convivomusic.org.

March 4th:
JC Fridays, a full day of arts events in Jersey City. www.jcfridays.com for schedule.

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