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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, May 10th
at 7:30 PM

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

Agenda:

- Police & Mayor's Action Bureau
- Event Planning and Community Updates

Membership Dues

Membership dues and donations help sustain the RNA. Annual dues are \$10. 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, May 10th at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center (corner of Ogden & Franklin).

Successful and Productive Weekend for RNA Community

The **weekend of April 30th/May 1st was an extraordinary one** for the RNA and all of those who joined us at **two fabulous events, the BBQ Fundraiser and the Janet Moore Planting.**

On April 30th, in conjunction with the Washington Park Association, we hosted a BBQ as a fundraiser for this summer's Movies in the Park series. Some **50 guests** enjoyed pulled pork, BBQ brisket and chicken, homemade coleslaw and potato salad, pickled ramps (look it up--ramps are only available this time of year) grilled vegetables, amazing desserts and more. **Four premium Don Julio tequilas were tasted including the 1942 Reserve** (a \$100 bottle) and items won during the silent auction included an iPad, a BBQ class by Chef Mory Thomas, cutlery, NY Liberty tickets and more. We danced and enjoyed music provided by DJ Smoke & DJ Kleber from Ember Radio Live, and so much more. The hearty attended the after-party at The Corkscrew.

In all, **we raised about 60% of what is needed for this summer's movie series** (donations are still needed and can be made via [Paypal](#) or by check). **Special Thanks to our Sponsors: Don Julio Tequila, The Palisade Fine Wine, Spirits & Beer and The Corkscrew.**



There was no rest for the weary. **On Sunday, May 1st, dozens of local residents contributed a good portion of their Sunday to beautifying Janet Moore Park (corner of Ogden & Cuneo) by creating new flower beds, planting annuals and perennials, and putting down cedar mulch.** Special thanks to RNA board member Roger Heitmman for his gardening expertise and to Irene Stamos and Jo Brook who rallied their neighbors to participate. The Jersey City Division of Parks and Forestry also supported this effort by providing gardening tools. We'd also like to thank **Lillian Calderon, and her Girl Scouts from Troop 10618 and 2826 (Natasha, Skylah, Tiana, Jerzilah and Tiffany).** Volunteers are locking the park each evening and are watering the plants as needed. This was a true community effort and we welcome your continued participation as we work for additional park improvements.

RNA Monthly Meeting is May 10th

We will use this month's meeting as an opportunity to bring you up to date on many issues in our neighborhood (100 Steps, Farmers Market, Park Improvements, etc.) and to plan for upcoming events including the Everything Jersey City Festival on May 21st, the Movies In the Park series this August and the 25th Annual Park Fest & Flea Market on September 17th. **Bob Murgitroyd's presentation The Greening of Hudson City - 1897 to 1927 will take place at the June meeting** (June 14th) and will touch on the establishment of Riverview, Leonard Gordon, and Washington Parks as well as Pershing Field.

Farmers Market Planned for Riverview Park (and other local food options)

Attendees at last month's RNA meeting learned a lot about local food options getting underway in our area. The most anticipated is a **farmers market planned for Riverview-Fisk Park starting in June (most likely on Sundays)**. Sponsored by the Riverview Neighborhood Association, the **Riverview Market is being run by Farms in the City Heights**. It will feature locally grow produce, freshly baked breads, dairy, meat and eggs. To learn more about the market's first date or to volunteer, please visit Facebook and "like" Farms in the City Heights, email cityheightsfarms@gmail.com, visit <http://riverviewmarket.blogspot.com>, or visit the [RNA](#) website.

The **Journal Square Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)** is now accepting members. Becoming a member means you purchase a share from its sustainable local farmer and simply pick up your vegetables every week from June through October near Journal Square. Joining a CSA is a great way to develop a relationship with a local farmer that uses sustainable farming practices, get fresh and seasonal vegetables, explore new produce, and meet like-minded people in the community.

Members pay \$411 for an entire season of produce that will feed 2-3 people (\$18/week). The weekly shares will include 6-8 types of vegetables and vary week to week, depending on what is in season. A three month flower share is also an option in addition to the basic veggie share. For additional information, please visit <http://journalsquarecsa.weebly.com>, email journalsquarecsa@gmail.com or call 510-390-6988.

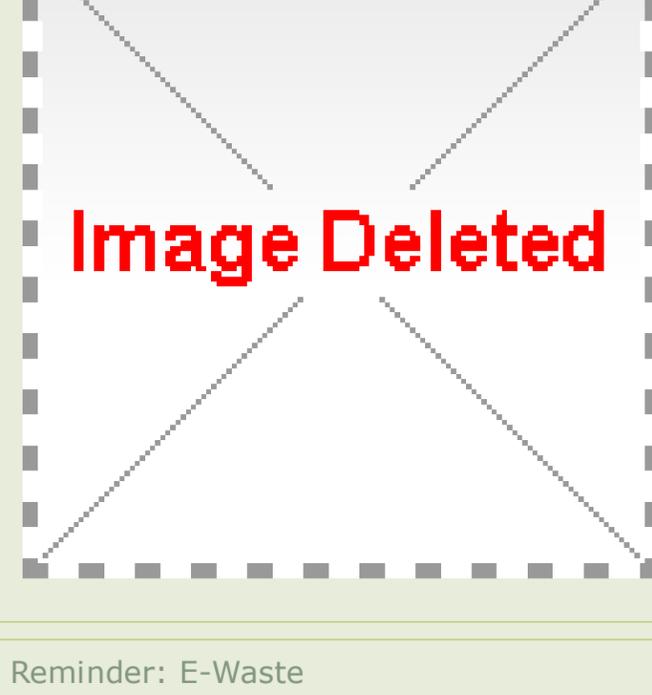
And, don't forget about the Jersey City Food Co-op! <http://jfoodcoop.coop>. Become a member/owner for \$50 and you can be a part of building this cooperative market in Jersey City. Fresh produce and other local products can be purchased on a biweekly basis for pickup in Journal Square.

Our Condolences

RNA extends its condolences to Richard La Rovere on the death of his mother, **Dorothy La Rovere**, on April 20th. Dorothy was born in Jersey City and was a life long resident. She was a secretary for General Accident Insurance Company in Newark and later became the manager of Forster's Dry Cleaner in Jersey City for over 20 years. She also volunteered at Christ Hospital.

Retaining Wall Collapses!

A retaining wall behind 338 & 340 Ogden Avenue collapsed spilling concrete, dirt and debris along historic Holland Street (one of four remaining cobblestone streets in Jersey City) and undermining foundations in the area. The owner of 340 Ogden had been cited by the City over the past several years to make repairs to their retaining wall, but the owner failed to act and the City did not take additional action. Adjacent owners have been in contact with the building department and engineering as has RNA and representatives from these departments have been to the site. RNA has also contacted the Mayor's Action Bureau, Councilman Gaughan and the Historic Preservation office seeking their assistance. We have requested that Holland Street be fenced off until repairs can be made for the safety of pedestrians who venture there.



Reminder: E-Waste

Residents are no longer permitted to place electronic waste at the curb with the regular garbage. Instead, the Jersey City Incinerator Authority has given us two options:

1. Drop-off their E-Waste at the JCIA, 501 Route 440, Jersey City, New Jersey, Monday thru Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Proof of residency is required; i.e. utility bill, driver's license.
2. Call the JCIA Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 201-432-4645 ext. 600 to **schedule a pickup.**

Examples of E-waste include computers, televisions, stereos/radios, copy machines, fax machines and related electronics.

Unfortunately, many do not realize they can arrange for a pickup and are instead dumping electronics everywhere. Please call JCIA to report this dumping but be sure to tell them you did not place the items there (at least we hope you didn't!) And, please, do your part. JCIA is recycling the electronics and will pick it up if you call them.

Volunteers needed

Are you a graphic designer or website expert? RNA is seeking a volunteer(s) to help us with our graphic design needs and to maintain our website. We are also seeking those who enjoy event planning to help with the 25th Annual Park Fest & Flea Market and other events. Please contact us to volunteer.

Upcoming Events

May is Preservation Month in Jersey City. Visit the [Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy](#) for a list of their events throughout the month.

May 7th Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9 AM to Noon. JCIA, 501 Route 440, Jersey City. Other Hudson County locations on May 14 & 15th. For more information visit www.hcia.org

May 7th Adopt-A-Lot (Community Gardening) Kick-Off, 11 AM to 4 PM. 280 Grove Street. Learn about starting a community garden, composting and more. For a full schedule of events visit www.jerseycitynj.gov

May 7th Pet Owners Day, 11 AM to 3 PM, Mary Bethune Center Parking Lot, 140 MLK Drive. Free. Bring pets up-to-date with their rabies shots. For more info call 201-547-4888.

May 10th RNA Monthly Meeting, 7:30 PM, Harborview Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave, 1st Fl. Cafeteria

May 14 Washington Park Association, 9:00 to 4:00 PM, 3rd Annual Planting in the Park Program

May 15th Friends of Liberty State Park Luncheon, 12 to 4 PM, Liberty House, Tickets \$60. Annual fundraiser. Visit www.folsp.org

May 15th Pet Owners Day, 11 AM to 3 PM, Pershing Field (behind ice skating rink). Free. Bring pets up-to-date with their rabies shots. For more info call 201-547-4888.

May 20th The Landmark Loews Jersey, 7:45 PM, 54 Journal Sq (Kennedy Blvd. across from PATH) *Barry Lyndon*
Visit www.loewsjersey.org for more information or call 201-798-6055.

May 21st Everything Jersey City Festival, 11AM-6PM along Central Avenue in the Heights. Rain or Shine. (RNA will have a table.) www.jcheights.com

May 21st The Landmark Loews Jersey, 54 Journal Sq (Kennedy Blvd. across from PATH) 6 PM, Days of Heaven, 8:15 PM, Sunrise
Visit www.loewsjersey.org for more information or call 201-798-6055.

May 21st HCIA Public Paper Shredding Event, 9 AM to Noon, Lincoln Park, Jersey City (use parking lot near running track). Hudson County residents are invited to have personal, confidential, and/or sensitive documents shredded for free at this on-site mobile paper-shredding event. Limit 40 lbs per person. Other Hudson County dates are **May 7th at the Hoboken DPW** (Willow & Observer Hwy) and **May 14th in Kearny** at West Hudson Park near Duck Pond. For more information visit www.hcia.org

For more events please visit our [website](#).