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Next RNA Meeting:
 Tuesday, June 14th
 at 7:30 PM

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

Agenda:

- Police & Mayor's Action Bureau
- Guest: **Bob Murgittroyd, Presents The Greening of Hudson City-1897 to 1927**
- 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, June 14, at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center (corner of Ogden & Franklin).

Special Presentation - History of Riverview-Fisk and Heights Parks

Jersey City Heights is blessed with some wonderful parks. Amazingly they were all established in one thirty year period. **At our monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 14th, Bob Murgittroyd, a founder of the Hudson County Genealogical and Historical Society, will present The Greening of Hudson City-1897 to 1927, at 7:30PM at the Harborview Health Center, 178 Ogden Avenue, 1st Floor Cafeteria.**

Between 1897 and 1927, four major parks were established in what was then known as the Hudson City section of Jersey City: Riverview Park, Leonard Gordon Park, Washington Park and Pershing Field. Bob will present the story of the struggles and triumphs of the citizens who worked to make these parks a reality.

Bob Murgittroyd is a life-long resident of Hudson City. He has been an active local genealogist and one of the founders and first president of the Hudson County Genealogical and Historical Society. He is also active with the Pershing Field Garden Friends. Bob's presentation will include historical photos and documents from the period. Don't miss it! All are welcome.



Riverview Park Farmers Market Kick-Off June 12th

The waiting is over. **Farms in the City Heights will be running a Farmers Market in Riverview-Fisk Park (Palisade Ave between Griffith & Bowers in Jersey City Heights) by the center flagpole starting Sunday, June 12th from 9AM-3PM and we invite you to come out for the grand opening! RNA is pleased to sponsor the Riverview Market and we hope everyone will come out weekly to support it.**

The market will feature New Jersey grown fruit, vegetables, eggs, meats, nuts, pies, and fresh baked bread. The grand opening will include musical performances, a fitness boot camp, the Liberty Humane Society and free vegetable starts for the kids. There will be educational and other programming at the market throughout the summer and RNA will have a table there for information about our association.

For more information about the market and for updates on the schedule of the grand opening, please visit our [website](#), "like" Farms in the City Heights on Facebook or email cityheightsfarms@gmail.com.



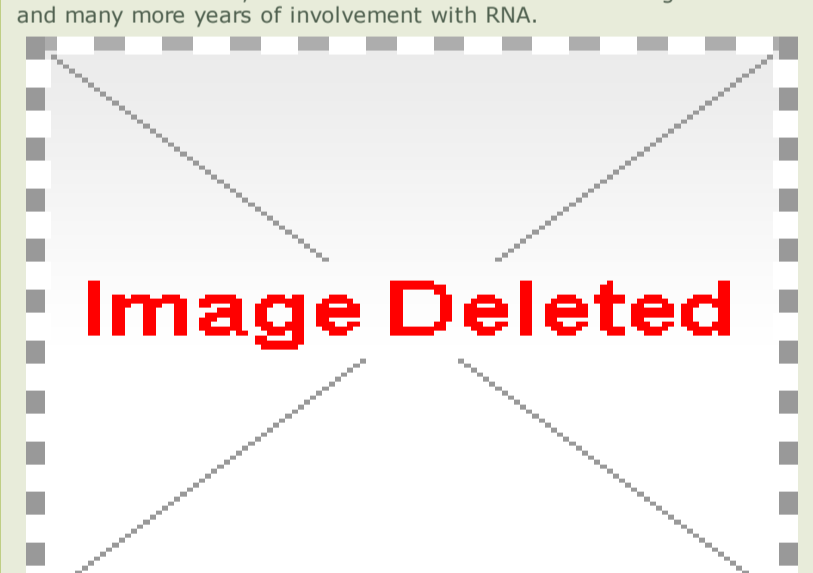
Everything JC Festival Presents Legends Award to RNA

On May 21st, The Everything Jersey City Festival Committee presented RNA with its Legend Award at the Festival. The award read in part: "For their tireless dedication and sterling service to the people of The Heights and Jersey City as stewards of Riverview-Fisk Park and committed defenders of Jersey City's open spaces during their more than two and a half decades as an organization.... They have proven a steadfast advocate and ally in the battle against overdevelopment and have consistently protected those parts of the Heights that truly define what it means to live and work here...Riverview Neighborhood Association's willingness to stand up for the little guy and preserve the Heights as a great place to live and work has earned them a reputation as one of Jersey City's most dedicated community organizations."

On behalf of the membership, the board and all of their predecessors, RNA thanks the Everything Jersey City Festival Committee and the Central Avenue Special Improvement District for this honor.

Happy Birthday, Maria!

RNA founding member Maria Tuzzo celebrated her 70th Birthday on May 23rd. Maria has been active in RNA throughout its existence and continues her involvement to this day. Maria registers all vendors for the Flea Market, makes sure those who still get the print version of the newsletter receive it, and runs our elections. We wish her good health and many more years of involvement with RNA.



Vito Brunetti and Maria Tuzzo

Help the Embankment Preservation Coalition Win a \$25,000 award

The Embankment Preservation Coalition has been selected to compete for up to \$25K in a National Trust for Historic Preservation "This Place Matters" Community Challenge. The winners will receive cash prizes based on the number of votes they receive from individuals throughout the country. To learn more about the Embankment Preservation Coalition and their efforts to save the 6th Street Embankment and to **vote for them, please visit www.embankment.org and following the instructions to vote.** Votes must be cast by June 30th.

Weekend Shuttle Service Restored to Liberty State Park

Thanks to all who wrote letters and sent emails to NJ Transit and others to get bus service back in Liberty State Park. The shuttle bus service was restored for summer weekends through Labor Day. The route map, schedule and fare available at www.folsp.org.

Hudson County and NJ Transit will be covering half of the cost while park entities, including Liberty Landing Marina, Liberty House Restaurant, Maritime Parc Restaurant, Statue Cruises, Pole Position Raceway and The Friends of LSP all shared the other half of the costs. **While RNA is happy that the bus has been restored for weekends this summer, we support the Friends of Liberty State in urging the state to fully fund the shuttle bus for next year to bring people from the LSP light rail station into and around this great urban state park.**

100 Steps

Deputy Mayor Rosemary McFadden and city attorney Joanne Monahan, in response to RNAs latest inquiries, assure us that the revised developer's agreement that will include provisions for a special tax assessment on the developer to pay for the balance of the 100 Steps project, **will be on the City Council agenda on June 15th.** We have not yet had an opportunity to review the documents. You may recall that the City obtained a \$300,000 grant from the NJDOT, but this fell far short of the City Engineer's revised cost estimate for the project. The City has a verbal agreement with the developer to cover the balance between the grant and the cost estimate but this has not yet been documented in writing and approved by the Council. **The Deputy Mayor has agreed to be a guest at our July meeting to discuss the status of this project and when it will be completed.**

State Senator Brian Stack to be Guest at Local Meeting

The East Pershing Field Neighborhood Association has scheduled a meeting at 7 p.m. on June 14th with State Senator Brian Stack, Ward C Councilwoman Lopez and officials from the Hudson County Executive's office to address on-going concerns about the condition of Ravine Road/New York Avenue, local recycling companies Galaxy and All American and other topics regarding health and beautification issues in JC Heights. The meeting will be held at the Pershing Field Community Center (Pershing Field - Summit Ave side). RNA has been working on these issues as well but the schedule conflicts with our regularly scheduled meeting.

Reserve Your Space for the Flea Market

The 25th Annual RNA Park Fest and Flea Market will be held on Saturday, September 17th (rain date Sept. 18th). RNA members can reserve a space in advance for \$15, non-members \$20. Visit our [website](#) to receive a space or call Maria at 201-659-2245 to receive a reservation form.

Volunteers Needed

RNA is seeking volunteers to man a table at the Riverview Farmers Market on Sundays to provide information to the community about RNA and our upcoming events. If you can spare one or more hours on a Sunday this summer, please contact us to volunteer.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events are posted to [our website](#) (see Events tab) and posted to our Facebook page. Please visit these locations for this month's updates.