

# RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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**Next RNA Meeting:**  
Tuesday, July 12th  
at 7:30 PM

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

### Agenda:

- Police & Mayor's Action Bureau
- Guest: **Rosemary McFadden, Chief of Staff to Mayor Healy**
- 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, July 12, at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center (corner of Ogden & Franklin).**

## 100 Steps - Rosemary McFadden to Report on Progress

**Mayor Healy's chief of staff, Rosemary McFadden, will be our guest at the July 12th RNA meeting to discuss the progress of the "100 Steps" and answer questions about this project and other neighborhood concerns.**

The 100 Steps, when constructed, will connect Ogden Avenue to the base of Mountain Road/Paterson Plank Road and make the pedestrian trip between the Heights and the 2nd Street Light Rail Stop and Hoboken safer and easier. The building of the Steps was stipulated as part of Brass Works Urban Renewal's development of The Cliffs apartments at 100 Paterson Avenue in a written developer's agreement entered into in August 2005. McFadden will address the reasons for the delay, the current financing arrangement now that the City has taken on responsibility for the project, and the planned timetable for completion.

RNA has posed many questions to the City in regards to the amendments to the developer's agreement and the process in order to ensure that the project comes to fruition. We look forward to having these and your questions addressed at the meeting on July 12th at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave., 1st Floor Cafeteria.

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## Community Support Helps Save One Job

Any of you who have attended a Riverview Neighborhood Association meeting or contacted the Mayor's Action Bureau in recent years have gotten to know **Theresa Haywood**. In her role at the Mayor's Action Bureau, Theresa has fielded community complaints and addressed them by wading through the red tape that often frustrates residents. **Theresa was to be laid off as part of the City's cost-cutting efforts at the end of June, but RNA and community groups throughout the Heights let the powers that be know how important she has been to our community.** The letters and some fortuitous changes enabled her job to be saved and we are very grateful for that.

Our letter said in part: "At each meeting, Ms. Haywood reviews the status of complaints that have been raised at previous meetings and takes down new constituent issues. She is able to address these complaints more efficiently and effectively than others because she knows who to turn to, has earned their respect, and is dogged.

**At a time when taxes are going up and service quality is going down, it is no time to layoff Ms. Haywood.** She gets the job done and serves the constituents with pride. We respectfully request that you reconsider this action. We look forward to Theresa's continued efforts on behalf of our community and thank the administration for making the change."

## Riverview Farmers Market Going Strong

Hundreds of area residents are now making the [Riverview Farmers Market](#) part of their Sunday routine. If you haven't made it there yet, please do so any (and every!) Sunday until the end of October.

Each week the market also has special programming. **On Sunday, July 10th, RNA will be sponsoring a workshop from noon to 2PM to learn about Bokashi composting, a Japanese fermentation method that is fast and easy to implement in urban homes,** and is a compelling alternative to traditional composting.

Attendees will learn the method and make the Bokashi starter that is used to breakdown organic matter. **We have arranged a pilot program with one of our farmers, Nature's Own, to be a drop off point for the compost from those who cannot use it in their own gardens and Nature's Own will use it at their farm. Sign up with RNA to participate in the pilot program at our booth at the market on Sunday or send us an email.**

**The market runs from 9AM to 3PM** and features two New Jersey farmers, Alstede Farms and Nature's Own. Both carry a wide assortment of fresh goods each week. So far, we've had strawberries, raspberries and blueberries, wax beans, string beans, herbs, all kinds of greens, potatoes and more. Grass-fed beef orders can be placed, eggs purchased (get there early for those), and last week the market began offering chicken. In addition to the farmers, there are fresh baked goodies, coffee, pickles and olives, nuts, jewelry and more. Please come out and support the market. For more information visit our website or "like" Farms in the City Heights on Facebook.

## Movies in the Park to Begin August 5th

**RNA and the Washington Park Association are sponsoring movie nights each Friday in August.** Movies are free and will be held on two Friday's in Riverview Park and two nights in Washington Park so save the dates: [\(Download flyer\)](#)

August 5th: **Raiders of the Lost Ark** (Riverview Park)

August 12th: **The Wizard of Oz** (Washington Park)

August 19th: **Ratatouille** (Riverview Park)

August 26th: **Dance with Me** (Washington Park)

Movies begin at sunset. Please come out early to relax and meet your neighbors. Check our website or our Facebook page for program updates and a list of our sponsors.

## Volunteers needed

RNA is seeking a volunteer(s) event planner to coordinate the planning of the 25th Annual Park Fest and Flea Market. Please contact us if you can help out. Volunteers are also needed to man a table at the Riverview Farmers Market each Sunday while the market is open 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.

## 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 reserve a space or call Maria at 201-659-2245 to receive a reservation form.

## Church Holding Service in Park on July 15

At press time we were informed by the Dept. of Public Works, that the 1st Christian Pentecostal Church of God will be holding a Christian service in Riverview-Fisk Park on July 15th from 6PM to 9PM. We do not yet know how large a gathering this will be or where in the park it will be held. We will post any additional information we are able to obtain on our website and on our Facebook page.

## 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.