

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, September 13th at 7:30 PM

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

Agenda:

- Police & Mayor's Action Bureau
- Guest: Eileen Gaughan, MUA to discuss NY Avenue sewer backups
- 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!

We hope you have all had a great summer and will join us for our upcoming meetings and events. This month **we resume our monthly meeting on September 13th**, honor those we lost on September 11th, continue to sponsor the Riverview Farmers Market on Sundays and hold the 25th Annual Park Fest and Flea Market on September 17th. We welcome you to join your neighbors at any or all of these events.

A Community Remembers - September 11th

Riverview Neighborhood Association and **Farms in the City** invite you to **gather on Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 10AM at the Gazebo** in Riverview-Fisk Park as we remember those lost on September 11, 2001. We welcome you to share your memories, read a poem, or stand in silent reflection. No formal program. **Join us afterwards (about 11AM) to plant a tree.**



Photo by Pat Marella

RNA Park Fest & Flea Market September 17th

The 25th Annual RNA Park Fest and Flea Market will be held on Saturday, September 17th (rain date Sept. 18th) from 10AM - 5PM in Riverview-Fisk Park. This is a great opportunity to clean out those closets, market those collectibles, sell your gently used items and make some cash. You can also just come out and shop and enjoy the family-friendly activities we have planned. **Volunteers are also needed.**

- **Three Bands:** *Chrissy Roberts, The Benson Ridge Project Band,* and *Zone.* Performances start at noon.
- **Children's activities** including facepainting and an **art workshop run by The Distillery Gallery & Art Space**
- **DJ** playing tunes throughout the day
- **Several of our Riverview Farmers Market vendors**
- Fabulous bargains and more

For a complete schedule and updates, please like the Riverview Neighborhood Association on [Facebook](#), and check us out on **Google+** (RNA JC) and **Twitter** (@RNA_JCHeights).

You can still reserve a space to be a vendor. RNA members can reserve a space in advance for \$15, non-members \$20. Day-of spaces are available but on a cash-only basis (\$25) **To get the advance discount you must reserve your space no later than Thursday 9/15.** Visit our [website](#) to [download a reservation form](#) and pay via [Paypal](#) or call Maria at 201-659-2245 to receive a reservation form.

New York Avenue Flooding and more on this month's agenda

RNA will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:30PM at the Harborview Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave. Our guest this month will be **Eileen Gaughan, Chairwoman of the Municipal Utilities Authority and Rich Hyatas, an MUA Chief Engineer.** They will be there to discuss basement flooding and **sewer backups experienced by neighbors along New York Avenue and nearby streets in the area near Franklin Street.** They will distribute official complaint forms and discuss what needs to be done to resolve the problems we face. If you are experiencing problems with flooding or sewer backups, please be sure to come to this meeting. This is also an opportunity to raise questions or concerns with the MUA regarding catchbasins or other issues.

In addition to our guest, we will discuss community updates and plans for the Park Festival and Flea Market. Please join us!

Movies in the Park(s) a Great Success



On Friday nights in August, RNA and Washington Park Association presented four free movies for our community. Hundreds of families enjoyed *Raiders of the Lost Ark, The Wizard of Oz, Ratatouille,* and *Dance with Me.* We only had one rain date and got in the last movie before hurricane Irene hit. We served over 500 servings of free popcorn at **each** movie too.

WPA and RNA wish to thank everyone who made the movies happen including everyone who contributed time or money. In particular we would like to thank the popcorn volunteers and our generous sponsors: [Jersey City Independent, NEW, Friends of the Loew's,](#) The Palisade Fine Wine, Spirit and Beer, [Empire Realty Group,](#) Palisade Lumber & Supply, Inc., [The Corkscrew,](#) Hudson County/County Executive Tom DeGise and the Jersey City Division of Cultural Affairs.

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.

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 including fruits, vegetables and herbs. In addition to the farmers, there are fresh baked goodies, coffee, pickles and olives, nuts, and more. Please come out and support the market. For more information visit our [website](#) or "like" Farms in the City Heights on Facebook.

Noise or Odor Complaints - Who to call

Some residents on the southern portion of Ogden Avenue have had trouble sleeping or enjoying their decks due to noise and odors emanating from the recycling plants or other entities along the Cliff or from trucks traveling on New York/Ravine Road. If you wish to lodge a formal complaint, please contact the Hudson Regional Health Commission at 201-223-1133 or complaints@hudsonregionalhealth.org. It is important to note the date, time and nature of your complaint when you contact them. Messages left in the middle of the night will be reviewed the next morning. The Commission does maintain confidentiality of complainants while investigations are ongoing. However, please be advised that if a case ever went to administrative hearing or court, disclosure might be necessary at that time and complainants might be called upon to testify. You can also let RNA know as we have been working with the City and the recycling plants to address neighborhood concerns.

RNA increases its Social Media presence

In our ongoing effort to keep you up-to-date on news, events and other items of interest to our community, RNA has beefed up its online presence. In addition to our website and newsletter, you can now keep up-to-date (and share information with us) via [Facebook](#), **Google+** (RNA JC) and **Twitter** (@RNA_JCHeights).

Upcoming Events

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

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