

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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Next RNA Meeting:
Tuesday, October 11th 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
- Guest: JerseyCats

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 have quite a full month of activities in October and we hope you will be able to join us for many of them. But before we look forward, we wish to thank everyone who made the 25th Annual Park Fest & Flea Market on Sept. 17th a great success.

RNA Park Fest & Flea Market Biggest Ever

The **25th Annual RNA Park Fest and Flea Market** was held on September 17th in Riverview-Fisk Park on a cool, mostly cloudy day. More than 100 vendors and community groups set up tables, 20% more than last year and hundreds of area residents came out to shop and enjoy the entertainment. This year, for the first time, we had a big stage set up and featured four Jersey City bands/performers: **Chris Roberts, The Benson Ridge Project Band, Zone and Silverplane Crucifix** as well as music throughout the day by **DJ Deep Creep**. Kids enjoyed free facepainting and over 30 kids participated in an art workshop run by The Distillery Gallery & Art Space where they created and designed their own book. Please visit our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page to see pictures and videos from the festival.



We wish to thank everyone who came out and supported RNA. (We raised over \$2000 for the association.) Special thanks to the Jersey City Division of Parks and Forestry, Jersey City Incinerator Authority, Jersey City Parking Authority, the Jersey City Police Department and Hudson County for their assistance. We also could not have done this without the help of numerous volunteers. A special shout out to Maria Tuzzo for registering all the vendors, Will Clarke for lending his expertise, the RNA board and all the members who volunteered at the booth and to bring senior citizens from the Harbor View Health Center to enjoy a few hours in the park.

At-Large Candidates' Forum - October 13th

It is election season again in Jersey City. RNA is joining in with a coalition of Heights community organizations and the *Jersey City Independent* to **sponsor a candidates' forum for the two openings for at-large seats on the City Council. The forum will be held on Thursday, October 13th from 7PM -9PM at the Christa McAuliffe Elementary School (P.S. 28) at 167 Hancock Avenue in Jersey City Heights.** The seventeen candidates certified to run have all been invited to participate and we expect most of them to attend. The special election will be held on November 8th to fill the two at-large seats vacated by Mariano Vega and Willie Flood.

Do you have a question you would like to have answered by the candidates? Please submit them to RNA no later than Monday, October 9th via email or regular mail. The certified candidates that have been invited (in alphabetical order) are: Kalimah Ahmad, Rich Boggiano, Ihor Ciolko, Melissa Clark, Brian Lane, Rolando Lavarro, PJ Leonard, Dan Levin, Juanita Lopez, Suzanne Mack, Omar Perez, Viola Richardson, Adela Rohena, Imtiaz Syed, Jaime Vazquez, Ray Velazquez and Nabil Youssef. Please visit the [Jersey City Independent](#) for coverage of the candidates.

RNA, as a 501(c)(3) corporation does not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. As such **we do not endorse any candidate.** Forums are sponsored for the sole purpose of educating our members about the candidates. **In addition to RNA, the At-Large Candidates' Forum is being sponsored by AARP Chapter 5012, Jersey City Independent, Washington Park Association, Heights Community Coalition and The Hope Center.**

Next Regular RNA Meeting - October 11th

The **regular monthly meeting of the Riverview Neighborhood Association will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:30PM** at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (corner of Franklin) in the 1st Floor Cafeteria. This month we will be discussing plans for the Candidate Forum on October 13th and the Big Dig, a city-wide effort to plant flower bulbs all across Jersey City on October 22nd as well as other important issues in our community. **Our guest speaker will be JerseyCats, a non-profit group that supports cats and kittens in New Jersey, doing much of their work in Jersey City and Hoboken.** Since our area includes many stray cats, we hope that our community can work with JerseyCats to help cats in need in our area.

Make our Park More Beautiful

On October 22nd, as part of National Make A Difference Day, the Jersey City Parks Coalition (RNA is a member) and the City of Jersey City, are taking part in the Big Dig, a city-wide effort to plant over 10,000 flower bulbs throughout public spaces in Jersey City. **RNA is seeking volunteers to plant bulbs in Riverview-Fisk Park and Janet Moore Park on Saturday, October 22nd from 9AM-Noon.** Please come out and help us plant! **This is a great community service opportunity for school kids and their families** and we will all be able to see the fruits of our labors come spring. Please [email us](#) or call us at 201-876-1980 if you can help out and please ask your family, friends and neighbors to come out as well.

Community Garden Tour October 23rd

Jersey City is hosting a Community Garden Tour on Sunday, October 23rd starting at 11AM at the Riverview Community Garden (Ogden Avenue near Griffith Street). A van will then take you to five other gardens. As of publication the gardens on the tour include: Brunswick St. Garden, Sgt. Anthony Garden, Enos Jones Garden, City Hall Children's Garden and the Storms Avenue Garden. If you are interested in attending, please [email us](#) and we will forward your information to the city to reserve your spot.

In addition, Jersey City and the Jersey City Independent are hosting the first ever amateur garden competition for all of you urban gardeners. You must submit 3 photos and a minimum of 100 words about why your garden is the bees knees **by email no later than October 15th. Winners will be announced at the Riverview Farmers Market on October 23rd. Submit entries to: tanyam@jcnj.org.**

Save the Date - Halloween Dog Parade!

The annual Halloween Dog Parade will be held Sunday, October 30th in Riverview-Fisk Park during the Riverview Farmers Market. This is a great opportunity to dress up your dog (you can dress up to) and visit the Farmers Market on its last day of its first season. Prizes will be awarded. Time and additional details to follow.

Galaxy Recycling - Upper lot usage to be reduced

Galaxy Recycling located on New York Avenue (aka Ravine Road) has informed us that it has leased another location to park its trucks (the Recycling transfer station is NOT moving) and will greatly reduce the number of trucks and in and out of the lot along Ravine Road (at the bend) in about 60 days. This should reduce some of the noise from this local business as well as the wear and tear on Ravine Road. The Hudson Regional Health Commission has been out to visit the area after receiving noise and odor complaints but as far as we know, no violations have been issued as of publication. If you wish to lodge a formal complaint, please contact the Hudson Regional Health Commission at 201-223-1133 or email them at 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.

Have flooding, blocked catch basins or Municipal Utilities issue?

At RNA's September meeting, residents of New York Avenue who have had flooding and sewage back ups, shared their troubles with Eileen Gaughan, Chairwoman of the Municipal Utilities Authority and Rich Hyatas, an MUA Chief Engineer. The MUA assured residents that they would be responsive to their complaints. **Any resident who is still having an issue (or a new problem) including noticing when catch basins are blocked are asked to contact the MUA at 201-432-1150.** If you do not get satisfaction, you can call Eileen Gaughan directly on her cellphone at 201-456-3970 (released with her permission).

[website](#) Upcoming Events

There will be a public hearing on the proposed Spectra Pipeline (New York/NJ expansion project) on Wednesday, October 19th at 7PM at James J. Ferris High School auditorium, 35 Colgate Street. There are too many events to publish here. Upcoming events are posted to our [website](#) (see [Events tab](#)) and posted regularly on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Google +](#) sites. Please visit these locations for this month's updates.