

RIVERVIEW

Neighborhood Association

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VOTE: RNA ELECTIONS

!! ALERT !!

It's time once again, to elect the individuals who will hold the RNA executive positions of **Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Sgt.-at-Arms** for the 2003-2004 term. Nominations were opened during the February meeting and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. at the March 11th meeting - at which time the nominations will be closed and the general election will take place.

To hold office, individuals must satisfy the following requirements:

- a) reside within the following area: Ogden and Palisade Avenues from Cuneo Place to Congress Street;
- b) be at least 18 years old; and
- c) paid their 2003 membership dues of \$7.00.

To be nominated, the name of a eligible member is offered by either another person or themselves and then seconded by another person.

To be eligible to vote, an individual must either reside or own a business or residence with the above area.

During the February meeting, the following names were placed in nomination for RNA executive positions:

CHAIRPERSON

Clif Steinbring (*incumbent*)

VICE-CHAIR

Margi Daly (*inc.*)
Rick Leon

SECRETARY

Gail Nicholson
Maria Tuzzo (*inc.*)

TREASURER

Roger Heitmann
Becky Hoffman

SGT.-AT-ARMS

Doris Brown (*inc.*)
Steve Carr

The success and longevity of Riverview Neighborhood Association as a voice of the community is based on the participation of our members, neighbors and friends. Get involved by either nominating someone or being nominated yourself! More important, come to the March 11th meeting and vote in this election. Remember, by participating in this annual activity you will have a voice in the decisions being made in your community.

Palisade Cliff Preservation

Once again the Jersey City Palisade Cliff is being endangered by another development project!

A newly proposed project in the "Heights" at 76-78 Palisade Avenue is a major concern for all of us and everyone in Jersey City. As it appears now, this 20 unit residential project will be seeking an **enormous 50% variance** from the Palisade Preservation Overlay District (PPOD). The PPOD requires two different setbacks from the top of the Cliff and the slope of the Cliff. Clearly shown in the drawings the building is twice as close to the top of the Cliff than allowed and that cars will be parked 4 feet from the top of the Cliff. What is unclear is why the drawings that have been submitted to the Planning Department do not contain the other necessary information the PPOD requires.

The Jersey City Palisade Cliff provides a natural green belt and open space to everyone. Buildings, parking lots and cyclone fencing to its very edge will destroy the Palisades for all of us.

The Jersey City Planning Board will be voting on the approval of this project on March 11th, City Hall Council Chambers - 280 Grove Street, 6:00pm.

For more information call Clif (201) 386-9481

Annual Spring Events

This winter has given everyone a severe case of "cabin fever". Spring will eventually come and RNA will be making plans at the March 11th meeting to be outside and in the parks to welcome it! Clean-ups for Riverview-Fisk and Janet Moore Parks will be planned. The Nineteenth Annual Park Fair/flea market will be discussed. Other excuses to

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be outside on warm and sunny days with your neighbors are encouraged.

for April. For more info, or to join this campaign, call (201) 420-1885 or visit www.jclandmarks.org.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Cliff-Side Project: On February 20th the Jersey City Board of Adjustment granted approval of the preliminary and final site plan for the Cliff-Side project. The vote was five for, zero opposed and zero abstaining. During the past year RNA representatives negotiated with the Manhattan Building Company (MBC) and the Planning Department to protect the community's interest. Many of the community's concerns were incorporated as conditions to the approval and as soon as the final document is prepared for memorialization by the Board of Adjustment it will be distributed to the RNA membership. A major condition for the approval is the "Developer's Agreement" that is to be negotiated in the future between MBC and the City of Jersey City. Many aspects of this project (i.e. the reconstruction of the "100 Steps", the stabilization of the Cliff Face, etc.) will be covered in greater detail in the "Developer's Agreement". RNA will be able to review, advise and make recommendations regarding this agreement. Even so, the individual property owners at the top of the Cliff must maintain their own responsibility for the protection of their property. Keep informed and be aware of what you must do!

101 Marshall Street: "Face The Music and Dance". The Hudson County Alliance's fundraiser in its legal appeal of the 101 Marshall St/Gateway project Saturday, March 8, 8:00 p.m. to ?. In the backroom of "The Shannon" on 1st Street, between Washington St/Bloomfield St, in Hoboken. Cost: \$20. If your dancing shoes are out for repair, you have a broken leg from all the snow and ice, or otherwise can't attend -- send donations to: Hudson County Alliance, Inc., P.O. Box 2023, Hoboken, NJ 07030 or call (201) 217-3456

Reservoir 3: Long abandoned, neglected and abused by illegal dumping, Reservoir 3 at Pershing Field is making a comeback. Various Heights groups are beginning to work together to preserve Reservoir 3 as an open space wetland and historical site. RNA has been asked to be represented in meetings with the Sherman Place Block Association, Pershing Field Garden Friends and the Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy. A clean-up of the surrounding grassy perimeter is planned



Miss Minnie Gilliar
Queen of Jersey City Mardi Gras
1908

To the readers of the RNA newsletter: After many inquires around town we have been unable to find any information about a Jersey City Mardi Gras celebration in the early 1900's. There was a hand written note along with the two postcards featured in this month's issue that the Mardi Gras was on Central Avenue in the Heights. If you can help us learn any more, please let us know what you know, contact RNA at: (201) 386-9481 or RNA@gitch.net

RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER,
PASS IT ON TO A FRIEND!

Meeting Minutes:

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

The meeting was started at 7:40 pm by Margi Daly the vice-chair. Chair Clif Steinbring was delayed while waiting for the "Planning & Zoning Report" of the Cliff-Side project to be faxed.

Officers Ed Rakowski and Mike Tamburri came as representatives of the police department. A discussion of the recent rash of break-ins in our area and how to prevent them followed. Reporting of strange "characters" or behavior with a detailed description of their physical appearance would be the best deterrent. Some members complained that the radio room personnel do not know where Mountain Road is, both the "paper" Mountain Road behind Ogden Avenue and the active Mountain Road that runs up the Cliff from Paterson Plank Road to Franklin Street. Also, complaints were made about the large gatherings (gangs) of people in the Park in spite of the harsh weather. Complaints were also voiced about late night noise on weekends coming from the old Roxy Restaurant on Franklin Street.

Nominations for RNA's executive officers for 2003-2004 were opened and will remain open into the March 11th meeting at which time the elections will be held.

The nominees are:

chairperson: Clif Steinbring
vice chairperson: Margi Daly, Rick Leon
secretary: Gail Nicholson, Maria Tuzzo
treasurer: Roger Heitmann, Becky Hoffman
sgt.-at-arms: Doris Brown, Steve Carr

The remainder of the evening was taken up with the discussion of the Cliff-Side project at 100 Paterson Plank Road. Chair Clif Steinbring circulated copies of the Planning & Zoning Report that had been faxed to him earlier in the evening. A general discussion of the report, especially the "Staff Recommendations"/conditions of approval were discussed at great length. There are many concerns about the safety and stability of the homes on the Cliff directly above the project. Noise from the roof top air conditioning units, traffic, and sewage/flooding were discussed. The role of RNA in the "Developer's Agreement" is a primary concern. Members were asked to attend the Board of Adjustment meeting on February 20th. The RNA meeting ended at 10:30 pm.

BULLETIN BOARD

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POLICE BEAT: 201-547-5477

Report any problems, safety concerns or knowledge of a criminal or suspicious activity to the police radio room at the above number. Leave your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem, an accurate description of the individual(s) and/or vehicle involved and date and time of the message. All call will be strictly confidential. To report drug dealing, contact the **Narcotics Unit** at **(201) 547-5391**. Call **911** for all health, safety or criminal emergencies.

RECYCLE GARBAGE & DISPOSABLES - IT'S THE LAW!

The **Incinerator Authority** recycles the following materials:

PAPER: newspapers, magazines, junk mail, school and office paper, computer paper, telephone books, cardboard/corrugated boxes, cereal boxes, pasta boxes, laundry detergent boxes

PLASTICS: milk cartons, drink boxes, plastic milk containers, food containers, household cleaner containers, laundry detergent bottles, shampoo bottles

GLASS: soda bottles, beer bottles, food jars, liquor bottles

CANS: aluminum, tin, steel (no chemical or paint cans)

WEDNESDAY is our neighborhood pick-up day for recycling.

For more information, call **(201) 432-4645**.

Contribute to Your Community Newsletter

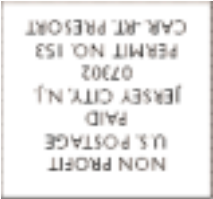
Send your articles, opinions, announcements, poems and recipes to: RNA, 469 Palisade Avenue or to: RNA@gitch.net.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Support RNA by paying your annual membership dues of **\$7.00 per person** at the next RNA meeting or sending a check, payable to RNA, to 232 Ogden Avenue.

Membership entitles you to the monthly newsletter and voting privileges, if you live on **Ogden** or **Palisade Avenue** between **Cuneo Place** and **Congress Street** within the RNA boundaries.

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COME TO THE NEXT RNA MEETING on
March 11th at 7:30 PM
at the Harbor View Health care Facility
Election of RNA Officers

COMING EVENTS

RNA MEETING:

Tuesday, March 11th at 7:30 pm
Location: Harbor View Health Care Ctr.

AGENDA:

- 1) Election of RNA Officers.
Come early to pay your annual dues and receive your ballot.
Doors open at 7:00 pm.
- 2) Police Report
- 3) Planning of Spring Events
- 4) Update of the Cliff-Side Project at the Zoning Board hearing



Mr. Thomas Carroll
King of Jersey City Mardi Gras, 1908
(postcard)