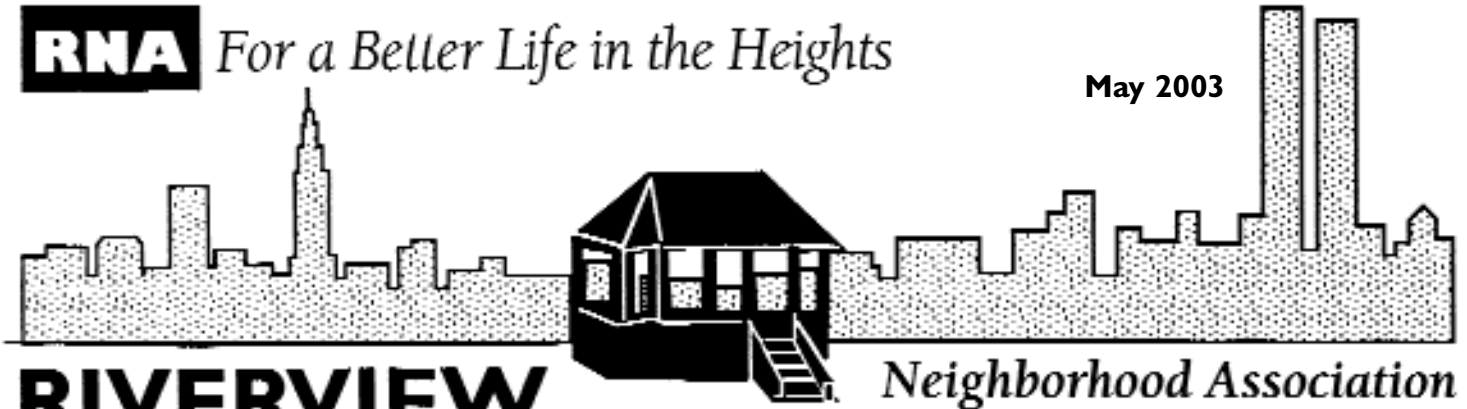


**RNA***For a Better Life in the Heights*

May 2003

**RIVERVIEW***Neighborhood Association*

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## 19th ANNUAL PARK FAIR

Be sure and mark you calendar for Saturday, June 7th !! RNA will be sponsoring the **19th Annual Park Fair & Flea Market** in Riverview-Fisk Park. This year's event will be between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. The raindate is the following Saturday, June 14th.

Volunteers are needed throughout the day to help make this event even more successful than last year's. Spend a few hours or even all day outdoors at the Park Fair helping it to run smoothly. Whether it be selling items at the RNA Donations Table, setting up tables and supplies or coming by for the cleanup at the end of the day, a couple of your hours will make the day's event more successful. Volunteers are also needed to assist residents of the Harbor View Health Care Center to and from the Park Fair.

Any items that you want to give for the RNA Donations Table or baked goods for the Coffee Table should be brought to the park before 9:00 am. If you are planning to have your own table at the Flea Market or know a friend who would like to have a table, vendor contracts are available from Maria Tuzzo (201) 659-2245. Please be aware that there are different forms and cost for RNA members and non-RNA members. Please specify if you are a RNA member or not.

If you can sing, dance, juggle, do magic or have other entertainment talents they are always welcomed at the Park Fair. Just let us know in advance so you can be scheduled during the day.

For further information about the Park Fair & Flea Market call Margi Daly (201) 963-6564 or Maria Tuzzo (201) 659-2245.

Membership dues are necessary to continue receiving the RNA newsletter. Please pay on or before the June 10th RNA meeting.

## HOLLAND STREET

**!!! HISTORIC DESIGNATION !!!**

### ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP

On April 23rd the City Council voted 7-0 in favor of placing Holland Street on the Jersey City Municipal Register! The designation of Holland Street as a Jersey City Historical Landmark will help insure that the cobblestone roadway will remain undisturbed. Out of the five remaining cobblestone streets in Jersey City, Holland Street is the finest example of this type of road construction and the first to receive landmark status. Over the past three years the dedicated efforts of many neighborhood residents and others through out Jersey City have shown what a committed community effort can achieve. All of Jersey City will benefit in the preservation of Holland Street not only as a wonderful example of a past era of road construction, but with its new future will provide everyone who visits a slice of Jersey City history. RNA would like to thank Mayor Glenn Cunningham for his continual support of Holland Street, the Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy for the inspiration they provided and the City Council members for their vote of historical designation.

Saturday, May 17th, will be the annual spring cleanup of Holland Street, from 9:00 until 3:00. The raindate is the next day, Sunday, May 18th. Please bring your own work gloves and brooms if possible. For more information call Cindy Zuanich at (201) 420-5174

**Visit Holland Street on the internet at:  
[www.savethepalisades.org](http://www.savethepalisades.org)**

## 436-438 Palisade Avenue

Preliminary plans for the construction of two new residential buildings at the southeast corner of Palisade Avenue and Griffith Street will be discussed at the May RNA meeting. This is the vacant lot between the auto body shop and Palisade Lumber.

## COMMUNITY UPDATES

**76-78 Palisade Avenue:** The Planning Board hearing for this project has been postponed to May 20th. Discussions are continuing with the developer and the Planning Department concerning variances to the Palisade Preservation Overlay District (PPOD).

**101 Marshall Street:** The Hudson County Alliance, the City of Jersey City and the City of Hoboken have filed an appeal that is now pending in the courts.

**360 Ogden Avenue:** Construction of a stilted deck along Holland St. was halted by City officials for lack of permits and being in violation of the PPOD.

**Cliff-Side Project:** At this time there is no draft of the “developer’s agreement”.

**Reservoir 3:** In an effort to save this historical site next to Pershing Field as open/passive park space community groups have formed an alliance in conjunction with the Jersey City Landmarks Conservancy to preserve the reservoir.

### Riverview-Fisk Park annual spring cleanup, April 26th



Tilling for the sunflower seed planting

## 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt



On April 13th the **4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt** was held in the community garden. The event was sponsored by RNA, the Jersey City Police Dept., Lee Sims Chocolates and McDonald’s Restaurant. Thanks to police officers Mike Sherbeneau and Lorenzo Tosado for helping to organize the hunt. A very special thanks to Partytime Productions for bringing the giant Easter Rabbit.



Goofing off

## Meeting Minutes:

Tuesday, March 11, 2003

The meeting was started at 7:45 pm.

The first speaker was police officer Lorenzo Tosado. The officer discussed problems with “wanna be” gang members and what the police department is doing to disperse congregating teens in the park and the surrounding neighborhood. Also, complaints were made about strangers in the neighborhood going door-to-door and offering free giveaways. There is a likelihood that these solicitations are for the purpose of criminal activities and everyone was urged to immediately contact the police.

The second speaker was Mr. Pat O’Melia host of the radio talk show “Hudson County is Talking” and the new public relations man for the Parking Authority. He discussed when the booting of cars is enforced and the chain of command to pursue when making complaints about Parking Authority personnel.

Becky Hoffman then gave a brief update on the the 101 Marshall St./Gateway project lawsuit. An appeal has been filed by the Hudson County Alliance, the City of Jersey City and the City of Hoboken.

The remainder of the meeting was a discussion about the upcoming vote by the Planning Board on the proposed R-1 zoning changes. Major concerns were expressed about : 1) the additional five feet allowed in building height and depth, 2) the sliding scale of front yard setbacks that would allow for front yard parking, 3) increases in the width of curb cuts and garage doors and 4) the potential loss of privacy, light and air in the rear yards of existing home owners. The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm.

Tuesday, April 14, 2003

The regular meeting of RNA was adjourned and members were urged to attend the Planning Board hearing for the vote on the R-1 zoning amendments. Strong opposition to the proposed amendments was voiced by community groups across Jersey City. No one spoke in favor of the amendments. The Planning Board carried the amendments to a June hearing to allow time for further review and redrafting.

## 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](mailto: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.

COME TO THE NEXT RNA MEETING ON  
MAY 13TH AT 7:30 PM  
AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE FACILITY



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# COMING EVENTS

## RNA MEETING:

Tuesday, May 13th at 7:30 pm  
Location: Harbor View Health Care Ctr.

## AGENDA:

- 1) Police Report
- 2) Planning of Spring Events
  - annual spring cleanup of Holland Street, May 17th
  - 19th Annual RNA Park Fair & Flea Market, June 7th
- 3) Discussion of proposal for two new buildings at the southeast corner of Palisade & Griffith



Central Avenue looking north  
from Zabriskey Street  
1906 postcard