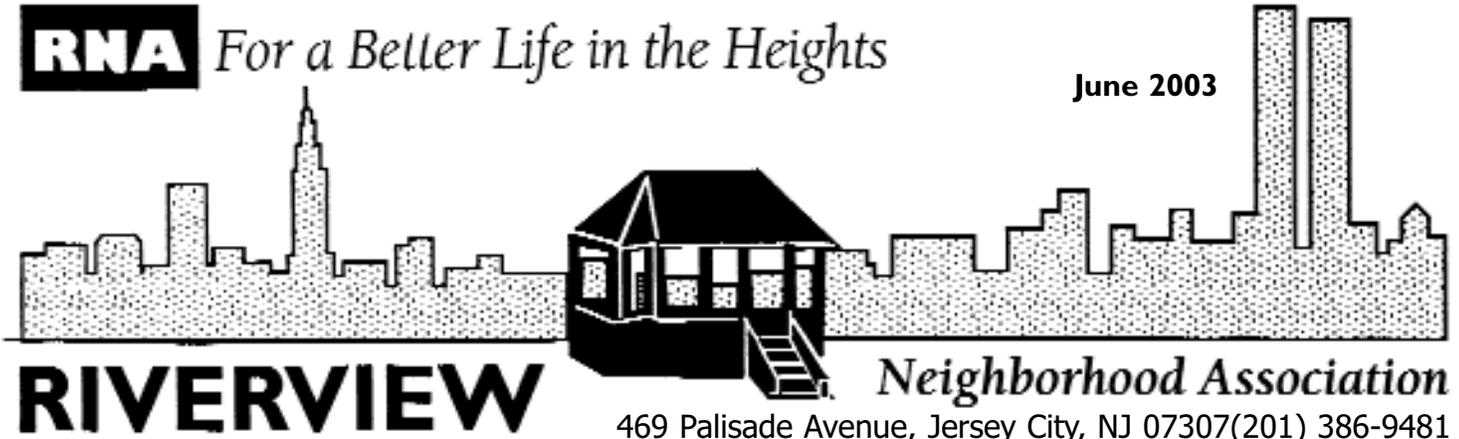


RNA*For a Better Life in the Heights*

June 2003

**RIVERVIEW****Neighborhood Association**

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19th ANNUAL PARK FAIR

This Saturday is the big day! Be sure and set aside a few hours to come and visit 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 still needed for the day to help assist the residents of the Harbor View Health Care Center to and from the Park Fair. Also, help is needed at the end of the day from 4 pm to 6 pm to help break down and remove the numerous tables. The park will need a good cleaning before the garbage truck arrives at the end of the day. A couple of your hours will make the day's event more successful. .

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. RNA organizers will be in the park starting at 6 :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.

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.

In memory of a Friend and Neighbor

[RNA dedicates this June 2003 issue of our newsletter to the memory of our neighbor and friend, Madeline Rea]

Madeline Tuzzo Rea passed away on Saturday May 17th after a rather long hospital stay. She is finally at peace. Madeline for those of you, who never met her, was one of our original RNA members, along with her husband Jack and daughter Valerie. She was the group's unofficial poet laureate whose work was published in our monthly newsletter from 1991 to 2000. She would create a monthly haiku poem, celebrating the changing seasons, coming holiday and next community event.

Although she rarely attended our monthly meetings, she was always active behind the scenes by helping her family to organize community activities or contacting public officials on behalf of our block. She would always participate in RNA's annual Park Fair and Flea Market either as a vendor or just a visitor enjoying the day in Riverview Park.

Madeline was also known throughout the neighborhood as a local real estate agent who helped many of us find our first and subsequent tenants for our apartments. She worked many years for Severino Realtors where you would always see her sitting at her desk through the window of their storefront office in Hoboken. She always seemed to know who was selling their house on our block and what price they finally got from the sale.

In her later life, she discovered a passion for dogs. She had her own dogs, which her husband Jack

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COMMUNITY UPDATES

76-78 Palisade Avenue: At the May 20th Planning Board hearing the application for this project was rejected 8-0, with one abstention.

101 Marshall Street: The Hudson County Alliance (HCA) has appealed the trial court's dismissal of its lawsuit against the controversial project, known as 101 Marshall, to the Appellate Division. 101 Marshall consists of two seventeen story towers being built in the southwest corner of Hoboken at the Jersey City border. Both the City of Jersey City and the City Council of Hoboken are continuing as co-plaintiffs with HCA in this suit against the project developer, the Hoboken Planning Board and the Hoboken Construction official. HCA's attorney Michael Kates recently attended a conference with the Appellate Judge and the other parties. Simultaneously, HCA has filed an appeal with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to object to the agency's approval of the project's sewer hookup through the North Hudson Sewerage Authority.

Holland Street Clean Up

May 17th. Removing weeds that had for years grown over the cobblestones. Over 70 people participated in the fourth annual spring clean up.



would walk every morning before the two of them would go off to work. She was devoted to them – treating them as members of the family. When Muffin her first pet died, she got her Cocoa within a month. She knew the names of all the pets on our block and would ask after them when she encountered the owner. [On a personal note, after the passing of my two dogs, Jed and Louie, Madeline went out of her way to console us by calling and sending cards. And in some mysterious way, I think one of Madeline's final deeds was in helping my little dog Trixie find her way home.]

Madeline lived in her house on Ogden Avenue nearly all her life – growing up as young girl and then returning as a wife and mother when Valerie was a baby. For those of you fortunate to be invited inside, Madeline presided over the occasion as a queen in her castle. She was always sitting at the dining room table that doubled as her desk and workspace. The room was the center of her family from which all other activities emanated. She would enviably question you about the latest rumor circulating the neighborhood and then give you her opinion about the latest issue in our community. There was always a sweet or delicacy that she would ask you to sample. And she made sure that you never left her house empty handed.

RNA will always be in the debt of people like the Reas, who devote their time and energy to their community. Madeline will be missed because she was a unique individual who cared about her neighborhood. RNA dedicates this issue of the newsletter that she helped publish to her memory.

The following are two samples of her work written for the month of June:

June is the month of graduations, proms and weddings,

It is a time to spend outdoors...a day in the sun

June is also the month of the RNA flea market – June 15th

Come, Enjoy, All. (6/1991)

Proms, graduations, RNA flea market on June 1st,
Share Good News with a friend,

Discover something new today,

You gotta relax more often,

Go see what is for sale at our flea market. Enjoy!
(6/1996)

Vito Brunetti and Maria Tuzzo

Meeting Minutes:

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

The first speaker of the night was police officer Lt. Mark Ruby of the North District. Lt. Ruby reported that criminal activity in the district is no worse than this time last year. There have been many drug arrest in our immediate area due to the combined efforts of the narcotics squad and the plain clothes officers in the North Precinct. Lt. Ruby also reported that robbery arrest are at the highest percent ever and burglary arrest are also up in our district. Also mentioned was the possibility of two evening/night foot patrol post for this summer. One to be at Griffith St. and Palisade Ave. and the other at Franklin St. and Palisade Ave.. These post are contingent on Jersey City receiving specific grant monies. When asked about the motorized scooters running wild in our streets Lt. Ruby told the members that for motorized scooters it is questionable whether they are required to be licensed, registered or insured. Jersey City may need a resolution/ordinance passed by the city council for the police department to effectively deal with the hazards that the motorized scooters are creating. A law passed by the state legislature would be the most effective. Lt. Ruby also took complaints about loud music from an upper floor at 202 Ogden Ave..

The next order of business was the announcement that Holland Street and been placed on the Jersey City Municipal Landmarks Register by a unanimous vote of the city council on April 23. The annual spring clean up of Holland Street will be on May 17th, from 9 am to 3 pm.

Other topics discussed were the proposed R-1 zoning amendments with increased building height, changes to the front yard/rear yard/side yard setback requirements and the allowing of front yard parking. Updates were given on 101 Marshall St., the tennis court at 234-236 Ogden Ave., construction at 520 Palisade Ave. and the proposed project at 76-78 Palisade Ave..

Plans for a new project on the corner lot at 436-438 Palisade Ave. were reviewed by the members. The issue of a curb cut to allow for one parking space was discussed and the membership vote was a tie. Recommendations were for a redesign of the two entry door porticos, no roof top decks and an increase in the ceiling heights.

The last speaker of the night was Gail Sasson who reported on keeping Reservoir #3 as an open green space. The meeting ended at 9:10.

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 170 Ogden Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07307.

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

COME TO THE NEXT RNA MEETING
JUNE 10TH AT 7:30 PM
AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE FACILITY



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COMING EVENTS

19th Annual Park Fair & Flea Market

Saturday, June 7th, 9am to 4 pm
Riverview-Fisk Park, Ogden Ave
between Griffith and Bowers Streets.
Raindate: June 14th

RNA MEETING:

Tuesday, June 10th at 7:30 pm
Location: Harbor View Health Care Ctr
178 Ogden Avenue

AGENDA:

- 1) Police Report.
- 2) Video of Reservoir #3 at Pershing Field presented by the Pershing Field Garden Friends. Discussion of the future uses for Reservoir

#3.

- 3) Revisions of the proposed R-1

