

RNA*For a Better Life in the Heights*

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**RIVERVIEW***Neighborhood Association*

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COMMUNITY UPDATES

R-1 Zoning Amendments: On July 8th the Jersey City Planning Board voted for the recommendation of the amendments. However, many of the amendments that were opposed by community groups throughout Jersey City had been withdrawn, i.e., increased building height, the sliding scale for front/rear yard setbacks and wider curb cuts with wider garage doors.

Cliff-Side Project: Further testing by the developer has found minor contamination at the site. The closing date for the sale of the property has been postponed. There is no "Developer's Agreement" for review at this time.

520 Palisade Ave: Representatives from RNA have met with the Planning Department concerning the conversion of the old firehouse first floor to a retail outlet store. The new occupant is "Tatak Pilipino", an importer of arts, crafts and manufactured goods from the Philippines. Tatak Pilipino is currently operating a store at 535 Newark Ave.. Issues concerning deliveries/shipping, the apparent addition of a structure that is not shown on building plans and the type of use permitted on the second and third floors are being reviewed. A meeting with Tatak Pilipino, the Planning Department and RNA representatives is being set up. At this time there is no hearing date set for the major site plan review by the Planning Board .

101 Marshall Street/Gateway project: A settlement offer of \$50,000 by the developer was rejected by the City of Jersey City. Mayor Cunningham said "With the number of apparent shortcuts that were taken in the project, and the impact the project will have, I believe a settlement offer to the city has to be more realistic and capable of having a like impact upon our residents". The Hudson County Alliance (members are residents of Hoboken and Jersey City), the City of Jersey City and the City Council of Hoboken are currently before the Appellate division with briefs due in mid August.

234-236 Ogden Ave.: In November 2002 local residents appealed to the Zoning Board to prohibit the construction of a roof top tennis court and won. The Superior Court has now remanded the owner's appeal back to the Zoning Board for a new hearing scheduled for Sept. 18.

2003 Theodore Conrad Prize

The 2003 winner of the Theodore Conrad Prize for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of History was Juliet Girard. Juliet, who graduated from Dickinson High School this June won nationwide attention as the winner of the Siemens Westinghouse Science Award. She shared \$100,000 in scholarships with another Dickinson graduate and was featured on national news programs and in the press for her study of how to make rice plants more productive. She also won first place in the Hudson County Science Fair and second place in the New Jersey Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. At Dickinson she was editor-in-chief of the school newspaper and captain of the varsity soccer team. Juliet studied Advanced Placement U. S. History courses and was achieved the highest score (5) in the AP US History exam. She will attend Harvard University this fall.

The Theodore Conrad Prize was established in 1998 by Barbara Petrick to honor the memory of Ted Conrad, distinguished local historian and a founding member of the Riverview Neighborhood Association. It is awarded each year to a Dickinson graduate who achieves the highest average in history.

RNA MEETING

Enjoy the last days of summer!
RNA will not be meeting in August.

See you September 9th!
We will plan our fall activities.

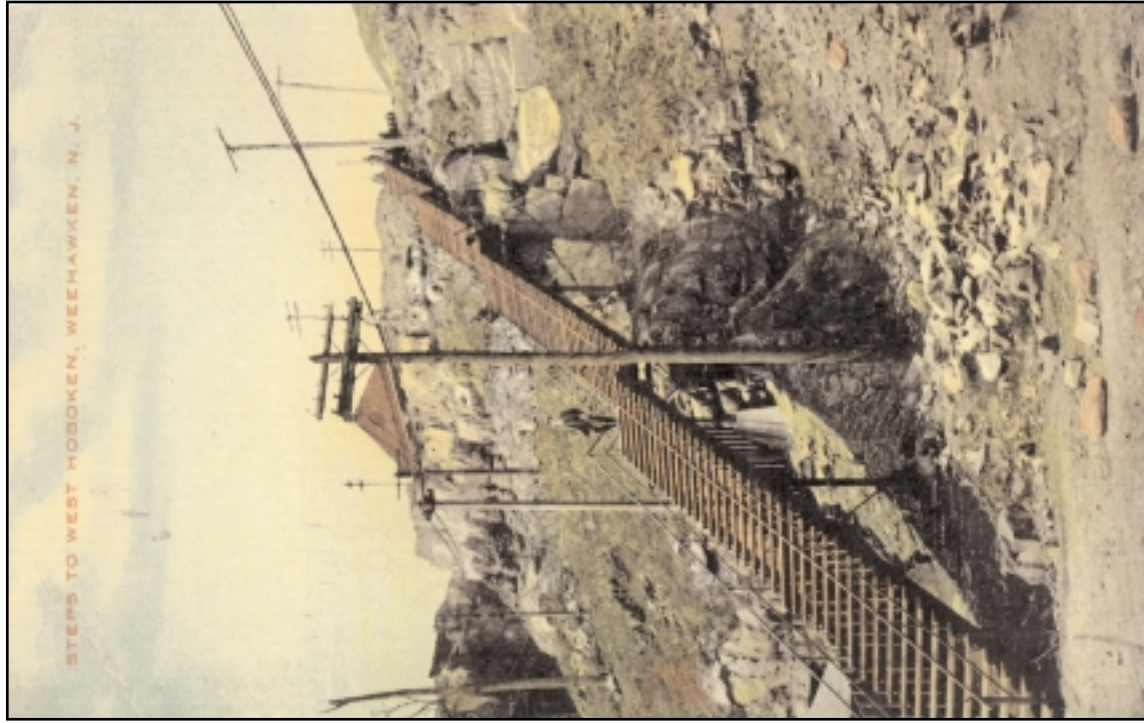
Location: 178 Ogden Avenue at the
Harbor View Health Care Center,
2nd floor, 7:30pm

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