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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, February 14th at 7:30 PM

Location:

Harbor View Health Care Center
1st Floor Cafeteria
178 Ogden Avenue

Agenda:

Board Nominations, Journal Square CSA, Police & Mayor's Action Bureau & RNA 2012 planning

Other:

Please bring socks or underpants (new!) to donate to local homeless shelters.

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!

Please join us on Tuesday, February 14th, at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave, for our monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Whirlwind of Activity

At January's meeting there was a **lively discussion about small steps that we could take together in 2012 that would get many people involved and add up to significant improvement in the community. In just one short month, based on those discussions, three committees formed, met and scheduled (and even held) events!**

The committee now known as **RNA's Taste of the Heights** met, planned and held their first social event of the year, the **Super Bowl Party at the Trolley Car Bar and Grill**.



Super Bowl at the Trolley Bar and Grill

Dozens of neighbors came out and enjoyed the game together while supporting this new local business. (Well, a Patriot fan here and there didn't have a very good time.) The committee welcomes ideas and additional members and is in the process of planning monthly potluck and other social events.

The cleanup committee formed and discussed numerous ways to cleanup our neighborhood AND hold the city accountable for service quality. They have scheduled their first event, a cleanup on Palisade Avenue from Cuneo Place to Griffith St, on Sunday, February 12th, from noon to 12. (See below for details.) They are planning additional cleanups as well as a larger "spring cleaning" event featuring personal paper shredding, e-waste recycling, and are seeking solutions to the overwhelming amount of dog waste on neighborhood sidewalks.

The business outreach committee met for the first time and is in the early stages of establishing an RNA discount program or other mutual benefits for both businesses and residents of the area. They welcome additional members (including business owners) to join in their efforts.

In addition to this phenomenal effort in just one month, other ideas suggested in January are still being addressed by the board and there are many more topics that we did not complete in January, but will try to get to at this month's meeting. Let's keep the ball rolling! **Whether you are able to attend our regular meeting or not, we welcome your participation - whether for a cleanup, a committee, or any area that you are passionate about. Contact us at riverneighborhood@comcast.net or call 201-876-1980.**

Show Some Love!

Our monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month and this month that falls on Valentine's Day, February 14th. No need to be lonely or wait in line at a crowded romantic bistro - there's plenty of warmth, love and room at our meeting.

Our guest this month is Katie Sheehan, from the Journal Square CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) who will talk about the benefits of the CSA and provide registration details. We will also continue our brainstorming process from the January meeting to see how else we can create positive change in our neighborhood in 2012.

February is also the month when we open up the annual nominations for the RNA executive board. To be eligible for the board, you need only be 18 or older, reside within our borders and be a paid member. Being on the board is a great way to feel more connected to where you live. If you wish to be nominated, you can let us know or nominate yourself. The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms. Nominations will remain open until the March meeting when the election will take place.

In keeping with our 2012 theme, please bring new socks or underpants to the meeting that will be donated to The Hoboken Shelter. We will also accept unopened toiletry items or non-perishable food for St. Lucy's Shelter.

The meeting will begin at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Avenue (corner of Franklin). All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Action Day! Sunday, February 12th

The first of many RNA Action Days will be held this Sunday, February 12th from Noon-2PM (weather permitting) sponsored by RNAs new Cleanup Committee. Our goal? To pick up litter and spruce up Palisade Ave from Cuneo Place to Riverview Fisk Park (Griffith St). If a few of us volunteer for up to 2 hours, we can make a huge difference in how this area looks. **MEET UP AT THE SOUTH EAST CORNER OF PALISADE & FRANKLIN AT NOON.** Garbage bags and gloves will be provided, but please dress appropriately and bring any other helpful tools for picking up litter with you. Community Service hours can be documented. The participation of young children is at the discretion of the parent/guardian and they must be accompanied. The Jersey City Incinerator Authority will pick up all the trash we collect on Sunday afternoon.

Call For Artists!

Are you an artist who lives or works in the Heights? We want you! **RNA will participate in JC Fridays, a city-wide celebration of the arts, by holding an art exhibit, entitled Community Supported Art (RNA CSA) at the Trolley Car Bar & Grill (Palisade & Ferry) on Friday, March 2nd.**



As part of JC Fridays, RNA invites local artists to submit work for this upcoming exhibit that will endeavor to highlight the creativity of residents in our area - in particular those who live in the Heights. Submit work that speaks to who you are or that presents your vision of community. Space at the venue is limited so this exhibit is limited to small paintings, photographs, mosaics, collages and the like. **The deadline for submissions is February 17, 2012.** If chosen, art must be dropped off by February 26th. (Location to be determined.) Ready to hang art only. Please be sure to submit 1-4 jpeg images (TOTAL) along with your contact information, a brief artist profile and description of your art. Please email images to: riverviewneighborhood@gmail.com. Submissions by artists who live or work in the Heights only, please.

New Trees Planted

While it may be a bit unusual, new trees were planted in January along Palisade Ave in Riverview Park, on Congress Street by the firehouse and on Hutton Street in front of The Distillery by the JC Dept of Public Works. The trees replaced ones that had died and been removed long ago. Check them out.

Time to Join or Renew your Membership in RNA

It is that time of year again: **Time to renew (or join!) RNA** or, if you live outside our boundaries, become an RNA supporter. It only costs \$10! The money we raise helps to pay for our newsletter and other communications, fund events like the annual flea market and Movie Nights in the Park, and enables us to support the Riverview Farmers Market. Look for a membership letter in the mail shortly, pay via Paypal, or mail a check made out to Riverview Neighborhood Association at 154 Ogden Ave, 3E, Jersey City, NJ 07307.

Keep up in between Newsletters/Meetings

Did you know that in addition to this newsletter and the website, RNA is on [Facebook](#), [Google +](#) and [Twitter](#)? These sites are the best way to stay informed about neighborhood issues, events and activities in between newsletters and our monthly meeting. You can post questions or comments to these sites as well. Please connect with us!