

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, March 13th at 7:30 PM

Location:

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

Agenda:

* Annual Elections
* JCPD & Mayor's Action Bureau
* Discussion of proposal to reverse the direction of traffic on Ogden Avenue between South St. & Bowers.

Other:

Please bring plastic grocery bags for recycling.

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 March 13th, at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave, for our monthly meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Time to Vote for RNA Officers

Spring is almost here and that means it is time to elect officers to serve on the Riverview Neighborhood board of directors from March 2012-March 2013. At our February meeting, nominations were opened and they remain open until the election takes place at our monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 13th.

The nominees are currently all incumbents but do not let that deter you from nominating yourself or someone else! The nominees are:

- President - Becky Hoffman
- Vice President - Kern Weissman
- Treasurer - Roger Heitmann
- Secretary - Jason Burch
- Sgt-at-Arms - Jessica Howse

In order to vote, you must have paid your annual membership dues and reside within RNA's boundaries. Please come out on Tuesday and show support for the organization by voting.

On the agenda this month, we will be seeking feedback on a proposal to reverse the direction of traffic on Ogden Avenue between South Street and Bowers Street in order to prevent cars from speeding on this section of Ogden. It is particularly important for those residents who live on Ogden Avenue between South & Bowers to come to the meeting to discuss this proposal (or email us your feedback if you cannot make it).

In keeping with our 2012 theme of taking small steps that make a big difference, please bring any plastic grocery bags that you have or find. We will take them to be recycled.

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.

RNA's Art Exhibit takes JC Fridays by Storm

RNA participated in JC Fridays for this first time on March 2nd and it was amazing! JC Fridays is a city-wide celebration of the arts and our first event, entitled Community Supported Art (RNA CSA) featured paintings and photographs from fourteen local artists and was held at the Trolley Car Bar & Grill (Palisade & Ferry).

Well over 200 people came to the Trolley Car Bar over the course of the evening including many who ventured to the Heights from downtown to take in the show. Many more are continuing to visit each day as the exhibit runs through March 16th. If you haven't made it yet, please stop by and support our local arts community. The artists in the show include Alexis Rotter, Brooke Hansson & Dennis Whittinghill, Nancy Randall, Eric Gunther, Cheryl Sylviant, John Crittenden, Brian McCarty, Maureen Gallagher, Richard LaRovere, Jim Carlock, Alanna Hutt, Christy Whitney, and Jessica Siemens.

RNA wishes to thank Christine Goodman and JC Fridays, Esteban Castro & Nick Petrocelli and the entire staff of the Trolley Car Bar, the RNA Taste of the Heights Committee, Michelle Mumoli, Becky Hoffman and Olga Weissman for curating, and all the artists who shared their talents.



Trolley Car Bar & Grill



Public Meeting: Save Christ Hospital March 8th

Christ Hospital has filed for bankruptcy protection and its future is unclear. Please come out this Thursday, March 8th at 7PM for a community meeting to report on bids to buy the hospital, and demonstrate community support for the kind of Christ Hospital that should emerge from bankruptcy.

RNA is part of the Community Coalition to Save Christ Hospital. The hospital provides critical medical care, including charity care, in our neighborhood and a loss of that service would overburden the one non-profit, the Jersey City Medical Center, for this care. In addition, Christ Hospital is the major holder of real estate along the Palisade Cliffs, and the sale of this property would potentially change the character of our area.

This community meeting will inform you about the reorganization of Christ Hospital, and calls upon the bidders and elected officials to produce a reorganization plan that meets the community health care needs and is consistent with the hospital's charitable mission. Bidders and elected officials have been invited to attend.

Details

WHO: Community Coalition to Save Christ Hospital, NJ Citizen Action

WHAT: Community meeting to report on bids to buy the hospital and demonstrate community support for the kind of Christ Hospital that should emerge from bankruptcy

WHEN: Thursday, March 8, 2012, 7PM

WHERE: [Second Reformed Church, 940 Summit Ave, Jersey City](#)

For more information contact:

Paul Bellan-Boyer, 201.238.5987, savechristhospital@gmail.com

See savechristhospital.org for a full list of goals, background, and participating organizations.

Benefit to support fire victims

A fire on February 19th destroyed eight residences and five businesses on Monticello and Fairmount Avenues and displaced 19 residents. Bergen Communities United is sponsoring a benefit evening for those impacted by the fire directly adjacent to the fire site on the corner of Fairmount and Monticello. The goal of the evening is to raise funds and show support for those whose lives were affected by the fire. There will be light refreshments served and community performers will share brief entertainment. **The benefit evening will take place on Saturday, March 10th, 2012, from 5:00-7:00pm at New City Kids at 240 Fairmount Avenue.** Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. To purchase tickets, contact Rosemary Nwabueze at rnwabueze@womenrising.org or (201) 860-4031. **Monetary donations or gift cards to grocery or clothing stores can be donated at the event.** The event is endorsed by Councilwoman Michele Massey, Councilwoman Viola Richardson, Freeholder Bill O'Dea, Women Rising, New City Kids, Garden State Episcopal Community Development Corporation, and the West Bergen Lincoln Park Neighborhood Coalition (WBLPNC). For more information on how to be a part of the fire assistance effort, call (201) 915-9896 or email info@newcitykids.com

Committee Meetings & Volunteer Opportunities

Everything that RNA does is done by volunteers. There is so much more that we all would like to accomplish but need additional volunteer support in order to do so. It does not have to be a BIG commitment. There are many ways to help that can just take a few minutes to a few hours. We have created a list of specific volunteer activities that we can share with you from helping us set up chairs for our monthly meetings to participating on committees. These will be highlighted at our next meeting but here are a few opportunities to help on our new committees:

RNA's business committee would like to invite residents and business owners to be part of the dialogue about how local businesses and community members can work together. The next committee meeting is on March 21st at 7:30PM. Please email Mark (mm@performx.net) for location details and more information.

RNA's Clean-up/Action Day Committee is holding its next meeting on Wednesday, March 14th at 7:30. Please email Julie (jreimann10@gmail.com) for additional information. The committee has several Action Days scheduled and is planning a large "spring cleanup" event tentatively scheduled for April 28th in Riverview Park. All those interested in cleaning up our area of all kinds of waste, graffiti, and the like should participate.

RNA's Taste of the Heights Committee is working on social and outreach events for RNA members and area residents. They are in the planning stages of a beer tasting, a family event, pot lucks, and other social events. Please email Jenna Firshein (Jennaleslie@gmail.com) for additional information.

Save the Date - Farms in the Heights Fundraiser

Farms in the Heights, the amazing folks who created and run the Riverview Farmers Market (resuming May 6th!) are holding their annual fundraiser on Sunday, April 1st at **[TIME]** at the Distillery Gallery and Art Space, 7 Hutton Street. Come out and taste some beers and support the continuation of this wonderful weekly farmers market right in our neighborhood. Tickets are \$____. For additional information please email: farmsintheheights@gmail.com

More Action Days Coming

The first of many RNA Action Days was held on Sunday, February 12th sponsored by RNAs Cleanup Committee. About 15 hearty souls braved the coldest day of the winter and picked up litter of all kinds along Palisade Ave from Cuneo Place to Riverview Fisk Park (Griffith St) and along Franklin St. In just a little over an hour, the area looked significantly better.



Other Heights organizations will be joining together with us to host several Action Days throughout the Heights leading up to Earth Day and the larger Spring Cleaning Event on April 28th. Please like our Facebook page, Google + or follow us on Twitter to learn about these events or join our cleanup committee.

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Remember to Mail Back Your Dues or Donations

Recently, you should have received our annual membership mailing. Please don't let it collect dust in your pile of bills. Your annual dues and contributions enable us to have power in numbers and the resources to send out this newsletter and other communications, hold events like JC Fridays, the annual flea market, and Movie Nights in the Park as well as sponsor the Riverview Farmers Market. Dues and contributions can be made via Paypal, brought to the monthly meeting, or mail a check made out to Riverview Neighborhood Association at 154 Ogden Ave, 3E, Jersey City, NJ 07307. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Becky Hoffman
Riverview Neighborhood Association