

## May 2012

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### Join Our Mailing List!

**Next RNA Meeting:**  
Tuesday, May 8th at 7:30 PM

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

**Agenda:**  
Community updates, Police & Mayor's Action Bureau and Get to know the RNA committees  
**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.



## Amalfi Pizzeria Daily Specials

- Philly Cheese Steak with French Fries - \$6.95
- Gyro platter with French Fries - \$4.50
- Gyro platter with Onion Rings - \$5.75
- Cold sandwich or sub - \$5.95
- Garden or Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken - \$6.95

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## Greetings!

Please join us this Tuesday, May 8th at 7:30PM for our monthly meeting at 178 Ogden Ave, 1st Floor Cafeteria.

## Volunteer Power!

In January, RNA created three committees based on the interests members identified during our strategic planning session: Taste of the Heights (TOTH) our social/outreach committee, the Business Committee which is reaching out to the local business community to identify ways we can better support each other, and the Cleanup Committee which is working hard on initiatives that will spruce up the neighborhood and help change the culture of litter here.

**At this month's meeting, you will have an opportunity to hear from each committee about the amazing achievements they have had so far and better understand their volunteer needs going forward.** Just some highlights from their first four months in existence:

- **TOTH:** Superbowl Party, JC Fridays support, Meet up at Amalfi's after the Big Spring Cleanup
- **Business Committee** - personal outreach to dozens of businesses along Palisade and Central Ave (and others in between!) and held its first forum with these businesses.
- **Cleanup Committee** - participated in the cleanup of Mountain Road and the six Spring Into Action cleanups throughout the Heights, and helped plan and manage the Big Spring Cleanup, where we created a JCIA outpost right in Riverview Park (see below).

Their efforts have made a huge impact and we thank them. Come to the meeting on **May 8th at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center (178 Ogden at Franklin)** and get to know the amazing individuals who are making it happen. In keeping with our 2012 theme of taking small steps that make a big difference, **please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to St. Lucy's Shelter.**

## The Riverview Farmers Market is Back!

The second season of the Riverview Farmers Market begins this Sunday, May 6th at 9AM in Riverview-Fisk Park (Palisade Ave bet. Griffith & Bowers) RNA is honored to be a sponsor of the market which is run by Farms in the City Heights. The market will be open each Sunday from May through October from **9:00am to 2:00pm**. There will be a lot of special activities this week for the opening so please come out and support the market.

Your favorite food vendors from last season will be returning along with a few new ones. The vendors include Alstede Farms, Made with Love, Nature's Own, Saucy Sara's Salsa, Sassy Sweet Treats, Senor Snacks, Stella's Empanadas, and Vesco Foods (got a love those pickles). There are also some great non-food vendors to check out in the coming weeks--knife sharpening anyone? And Not Yo Mama's Crafts Fair will be at the market on July 1 and October 21st, so save those dates!

**RNA will have a table at the market and we are again seeking volunteers to tend to it. Volunteering is easy and it is a great opportunity to meet people. To volunteer please email [riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net](mailto:riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net).**

## Riverview-Fisk Park

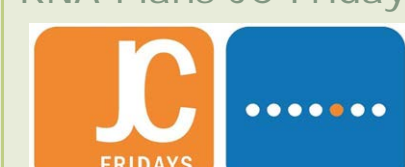
Palisade Ave between Griffith and Bowers  
May 6<sup>th</sup> - October 28th  
Every Sunday from 9am-2pm

Locally Grown and Organic Fruits & Veggies  
Eggs & Meats from a Small Family Farm  
Nuts  
Pies & Sweets  
Pickles & Salsa  
Fresh Baked Bread  
Empanadas  
And much more!  
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The Riverview Farmers Market, located at the Riverview-Fisk Park in the Heights, will also include free community programming focusing on health and wellness. To stay up to date on events, "Like" Farms in the City Heights on Facebook or email [farmsintheheights@gmail.com](mailto:farmsintheheights@gmail.com)

The Market is an initiative of the Farms in the Heights and sponsored by Riverview Neighborhood Association and Jersey City.

## RNA Plans JC Fridays Extravaganza for June 1st



You won't believe what we have planned for JC Fridays on June 1st right here in our neighborhood! Save the date!

**RNA will participate in JC Fridays, a city-wide celebration of the arts, by holding multiple arts events to show off the talents of the artists and musicians who reside in our neighborhood. Under the banner Discover the Riverview Arts District, the scheduled events include:**

- An Opening Reception for "**Contrasts and Change**," a **group art show at the Trolley Car Bar & Grill (328 Palisade Ave)** featuring works that capture the old with the new and the energy of contrasting images or emotions.
- **The R.A.D. Popup Gallery and Steam Cafe at 433 Palisade** featuring "**Revitalization, Transformation and Rediscovery**," the Jersey City Heights evolving Riverview Arts District curated by Michelle Mumoli. The gallery space is made possible by the generous donation by Joseph Branco (RM 84, Scotland Yard).
- **R.A.D Jam: Live Music outdoors in the lumber yard at Palisade Lumber** featuring The Benson Ridge Project and other local bands plus DJ Meghan of WFMU between sets. Thank you to Palisade Lumber for the use of the lumber yard!
- **A closing reception at the Distillery Gallery & Art Space (7 Hutton St) for "The Third Dimension"** group sculpture exhibit that engages the viewer and requires new ways of showing and observing artwork. Featuring Joseph Chichirillo, Alanna Hutt, Lee Levine, David Medina, Marcos Rosales and others. Curated by Gabriel Pacheco.
- **A street level video installation at 469 Palisade** viewable by car/bus/bike or walking featuring videos by Jason Burch, William Lamson and Erin Hudak.
- **A tour of iron worker Greg Seliciano's studio** on Webster Ave. Greg only works in metal and artists contract with him to create stands, meld pieces and provide finishing work.

If you are an artist and wish to have your work considered for inclusion, please email photos of your work (max 3-4 pieces) with sizes and pricing to us at [riverviewneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:riverviewneighborhood@gmail.com) no later than Saturday, May 13th. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. More details will be available soon on our website and our social media sites.

## A Clean Sweep



**RNA held its first Big Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 28th in Riverview Fisk Park.** We asked you to bring all your ewaste and hazardous waste, trash, and donations to the Salvation Army to the park and you did NOT disappoint. Three JCIA dumpsters were filled to the brim and the Salvation Army received some phenomenal donations. Best of all, your homes are free of all this clutter!

We wish to thank the JCIA for providing the dumpsters and informational brochures on how to properly dispose of items throughout the year, the Dept of Cultural Affairs for providing a sound system for music to keep us moving, the Salvation Army for having their truck there all day, and everyone who volunteered throughout the day at the RNA booth, to help folks unload, and to pick up trash as part of the Spring Into Action cleanup.



For the Spring Into Action cleanup, volunteers picked up 24 bags of trash and recyclables along Ogden & Palisade Avenues as well as in the park, yielding a total of 101 bags in just six cleanups. Spring Into Action is co-sponsored by Riverview Neighborhood Association, AARP Chapter 5102, the Central Avenue Special Improvement District, Farms in the Heights, the Heights Community Coalition, the Pershing Field Garden and the Washington Park Association of Hudson County. Stay tuned for the next series of cleanups and related efforts to rid our area of trash!

## Taste of the Heights Pot Luck Dinner - May 20th

RNA isn't just about Tuesday meetings and committees, it is about building a community of neighbors and Taste of the Heights is doing just that with food! On May 20th we will be hosting our first Pot Luck Dinner at one of our members houses. The Pot Luck will run from 4-7pm on Sunday with a suggested donation of \$10.

If you are interested in coming please RSVP to [TOTH@riverviewneighborhood.org](mailto:TOTH@riverviewneighborhood.org) with the food item you plan on bringing and well as how many are in your party. We will then email you the address. Some other items besides food that we will need are plates, cups, napkins, and cutlery. Also, please note that 30 people is the maximum capacity so RSVP sooner than later.

If you have any questions concerning this event or would like to join the Taste of the Heights Committee please feel free to contact [TOTH@riverviewneighborhood.org](mailto:TOTH@riverviewneighborhood.org).

## This Month's Volunteer Opportunities

- May 5th, 10AM-3PM: Holland Street Cleanup (give an hour or more)
- May 6, 13, 20, 27th, 8:30AM-2:30PM: Riverview Farmers Market. Email [riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net](mailto:riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net) for access to the Google doc signup sheet
- May 19th, 9AM-6PM: Everything Jersey City Festival

Email us at [riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net](mailto:riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net) with your availability. Any help is welcome.