

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, June 12th 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 discussion of new community garden adjacent to Janet Moore Park.

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, June 12th at 7:30PM for our monthly meeting at 178 Ogden Ave, 1st Floor Cafeteria. In keeping with our 2012 theme of taking small steps that make a big difference, please bring a unopened toiletry item for donation to St. Lucy's Shelter.

Be Part of a New Volunteer-Run Park

Preparations have begun for a new, community-run park at the southern end of Ogden Avenue adjacent to Janet Moore Park (Ogden & Cuneo). The Riverview Neighborhood Association, Farms in the Heights and the Riverview Community Garden jointly signed a lease for the space through the Jersey City Adopt-a-Lot program. The two year lease, for \$1/year, enables us to turn this empty city lot into a communal space.

Last week, the City cleared the space of asphalt and graded it. The rest is now up to the community. We will need to create raised beds and are considering planting in hay bales. The working concept for the space is to create a public community garden with flower beds, vegetables, a tree nursery, walking paths and benches. **Please join us at this month's RNA meeting on Tuesday, June 12th at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (at Franklin) to hear more about the garden, make your suggestions and to volunteer to work on the space and raise funds for it.**



Beer Tasting June 10th and more TOTH events

Taste of the Heights has some great events planned for families, friends, and fun. First we would like to thank Julie, the chair of the clean up committee, for hosting our first potluck on May 20th. We had wonderful food, met new faces, and talked for hours. Check out the RNA Facebook  page for photos.

This Sunday, June 10th at from 2-5PM, Kern will show off his culinary and beer pairing chops! Primarily choosing beers from NY and NJ we will be able to taste the amazing flavors and combinations of local micro brews. Some light appetizers will also be provided by the grilling master himself. There is a suggested donation of \$10. **To receive the emails/evites for this and upcoming events with the event location details or if you are interested in joining the TOTH Committee please email tasteoftheheights@gmail.com (please note the email change).**

Upcoming TOTH events:

The Family BBQ and Potluck is on Saturday, July 7th from 1PM-3PM. We will start at Marcella's house and then spend some time at Janet Moore park. Families: We will be providing chalk and bubbles for the park, but please feel free to bring toys, balls, etc. There is a suggested donation of \$10.

On July 19th at 7:30PM we will be starting our summer TOTH Happy Hour sessions (either at the Trolley Bar or the Corkscrew). Start dusting off your board games because we are having our Back to School/End of Summer game night for adults on September 14th. We hope you will join us for one (or more) of these events!

Movies in the Park(s) Fundraiser -- June 23rd

RNA and the WPA will again be presenting Movies in the Park(s) on the first four Friday's in August. Together we need to raise about \$7,500 so that we can offer these movies (and popcorn) for free. **We are hosting a Tequila Tasting and BBQ on Saturday, June 23rd from 3PM-7PM at 662 Palisade Ave and tickets are \$40 in advance.** Please make checks payable to Riverview Neighborhood Association (154 Ogden Ave, 3E) or pay via [Paypal](#) Space is limited so please get your tickets today!

Still time to Visit the R.A.D. Gallery & Steam Café!



We had a great turnout for JC Fridays on June 1st but if you didn't get enough or missed it there is still time to check it out. **RNA created a pop-up (meaning temporary) 1,800 square foot art gallery at 433 Palisade Ave (at Griffith St) and Steam Café has taken up residence there for the next two weekends. Come and see the work of 15 local artists in a show curated by Michelle Mumoli and grab a coffee, espresso, Wonder Bagel, Sassy Sweet treat or other goodie Fridays from 7PM-10PM or Sat/Sun from 9AM-2PM. 30% of the proceeds from any sales supports the ongoing activities of the association so please consider purchasing a work of art or goods from Steam Café. The space was generously donated by Joseph Branco.**

There is also a new collection of photographs, paintings and other works at the Trolley Car Bar & Grill at 328 Palisade Ave (through August). Please look for the brochure that describes all the art--they should have some behind the bar.

Two video installations can be seen after dark for the next week or more-- one by Ann Lepore in the window of 433 Palisade and another at 469 Palisade by Jason Burch, William Lamson and Erin Hudak.

RNA participated in JC Fridays, the 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 goal is to get the arts district codified in the zoning and to show the residents and the development community the striking potential of our neighborhood.

So many individuals and businesses contributed to the success of these events and we thank everyone, in particular, Olga Weissman worked tirelessly to paint, clean and decorate the space at 433 Palisade and Kevin Condrack lit it. Without them, the event could not have happened. Special thanks is also due to the in-kind contributions from Palisade Lumber, The Trolley Car Bar & Grill, Palisade Wine and Liquor, Craft Signs, Hudson Drapery Services, Remco Press, Benson Ridge Project, Jersey City Division of Cultural Affairs, and Steam Café. A special shout-out to Christine Goodman, executive director of Art House Productions, the Division of Planning, the Zoning Official, the RNA Board, the RNA committees, the Distillery, the artists, and everyone who publicized the event, bought art, contributed a light fixture or participated in any way.

Volunteers Needed

RNA is completely run by volunteers. If you can contribute in any way, please let us know. Some simple ways to make a big difference:

- **Set up/clean up at monthly meetings (10-15 minutes before/after)**
- **Get the word out about RNA events via flyers, email, Facebook, etc.**
- **Manage the RNA booth at the Farmers Market (2 hour shifts, Sundays)**