

RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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Next RNA Meeting:
Tuesday, July 10th
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 guest True Mentors
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 this Tuesday, July 10th 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 non-perishable food item for donation to St. Lucy's Shelter

Summer Meeting - July 10th

Please join us at **this month's RNA meeting on Tuesday, July 10th at 7:30PM** at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (at Franklin) for our last meeting before September. We will learn about TRUE Mentors, a local non-profit organization, as well as hear more about setting up a Neighborhood Awareness program in our area (crime-prevention "phone" chain and other deterrents).

TRUE Mentors is a one-to-one mentoring program that connects youth ages 7 - 17 in and around Hoboken and JC Heights with responsible, caring same-sex adults who are their biggest fans. Learn how you can become a mentor or be involved in another capacity. For more information, check out truementors.org or look them up on Facebook.

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TOTH Family BBQ, Restaurant Week

RNA's Taste of the Heights Committee (TOTH) continues its summer social series with a Family BBQ this Saturday at 1pm. The event will start at a member's house and then move to Janet Moore Park (south end of Ogden) where we will provide chalk and bubbles for kids.

Later in the month (starting July 23), TOTH members will hit the town and visit some local eateries for Hudson Restaurant Week. Join them in this fun and popular county-wide event.

Taste of the Heights hosts food-related events with the intention of bringing the community/neighbors together and promoting/supporting RNA. For more information on these events or to RSVP, email tasteoftheheights@gmail.com.

Ogden's End Community Garden

The first walk-thru of the future home of a new community-run park at the southern end of Ogden Avenue adjacent to Janet Moore Park (Ogden & Cuneo) took place on Sunday, June 24th. Volunteers from the Riverview Neighborhood Association, Farms in the Heights and the Riverview Community Garden brainstormed about how to best use the space and named the lot "Ogden's End Community Garden." The three organizations adopted the lot for \$1/year through the city's new adopt-a-lot ordinance.



The first fundraiser, hosted by RNA's Taste of the Heights Committee and Farms in the Heights, will be held on Thursday, July 19th at 7:30PM at the Trolley Car Bar & Grill (328 Palisade). It will feature a farm-fresh Sangria, raffles and friendly faces.

It is not too late to volunteer! If you wish to be involved, email us, join the Ogden's End Community Garden page on Facebook, stop by our booth at the Farmers market or come to the fundraiser. Transforming this lot into a community garden will take a large volunteer response.

Movies in the Park(s) Lineup Announced!

RNA and Washington Park Association (WPA) will again be presenting Movies in the Park(s) on the first four Friday's in August. This summer's lineup is (drum roll please):

- August 3rd - Young Frankenstein (1974) in Riverview Park
- August 10th - Spider-Man (2002) in Washington Park
- August 17th - True Grit (2010) in Riverview Park
- August 24th - Take the Lead (2006) in Washington Park

The movies start at sundown (after 8PM), will have Spanish subtitles, and are free. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy the movies and free popcorn. In Riverview Park (Palisade & Griffith) the movies are shown just south of the flagpole. In Washington Park, the movies are shown on the baseball field at Paterson Plank Road and 2nd Street (enter on 2nd Street).

RNA and WPA wish to thank everyone who supported our fundraiser for this season's movies held on June 23rd including all our ticket holders, Corkscrew Bar & Grill, Palisade Fine Wine & Liquors and DJ Smoke and all the local businesses that contributed silent auction items (and those who purchased them). These businesses include: Mark Monchek/Oppportunity Lab, Trolley Car Bar & Grill, American Christmas, Hudson Drapery Services, Central Avenue Liquors, Palisade Lumber, Landmark Loew's Jersey Theatre, Premier Travel Services/Harold Wilkerson, LovePrint Jewelry, Legal Shield/Kroll Identity Theft/Simone Sterling among others. A special thanks to Mory Thomas and Nick Caballero for hosting and Mory for the fine food, Olga for dessert and keeping the place clean, and to all of our volunteers.

We are still raising money. If you wish to make an individual contribution or become a corporate sponsor (or if your employer would like to do so), please contact us at riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net.

Our sponsors to date include Jersey City Independent/NEW Magazine, Jersey City Division of Cultural Affairs, Landmark Loew's Jersey Theatre, Hudson County, Nick Caballero Ideas for Living, Palisade Wine, Spirits and Liquor, New Jersey City University/NJCU Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs and The Corkscrew Bar and Grill. More sponsors are coming on board every day!

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Are you ready for some football?!

Our Condolences

On behalf of the board and membership of RNA, we would like to express our condolences to long-time member Cindy Zuanich who lost her mother at the end of June. We wish you and your family peace in this difficult time.

Flea Market Registration Open!

RNA's 26th Annual Park Fest and Flea Market will be held on Saturday, September 15th (rain date Sept 16th). Start putting aside those gently used items to sell at the flea market--it will be a benefit to you and to us! This year's fest will feature arts and music events, kids activities, and more. RNA members can reserve a space in advance for \$15, non-members \$20 by visiting our website or you can download a reservation form here (<http://bit.ly/MqKF7a>). For additional information call Jennifer Rice at (201) 687-9561 or email RNAFleaMarket@gmail.com

Volunteer with RNA

As many of you know, RNA is run solely by volunteers and we need everyone's help to keep our group strong. Some simple ways you can contribute:

- Forward this newsletter to a friend/neighbor.
- Connect with RNA on Facebook, Twitter, and/or Google+.
- Ask a business or your employer to sponsor an RNA event.
- Visit the RNA booth at the Farmers Market.
- Buy an RNA T-shirt or hat.

Big or small, everyone's contribution adds to our mission of making our neighborhood great. If you have a particular skill or just want to become more involved, email riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net.