

# RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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### Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, December 11th  
at 7:00 PM

### Location:

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

### Agenda:

**Holiday Party!**

### 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, Dec. 11th for our annual holiday party (in lieu of our monthly meeting). We look forward to celebrating with you.

## PARTY!

It has been one heck of a year! Our community has grown closer and stronger despite facing hardships and we'd like to take a breather and celebrate together before the holiday madness is in full swing. **We invite you to join us at our annual holiday party at the Harborview Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (at Franklin) at 7:00PM on Tuesday, December 11th.** The holiday party is a great opportunity to socialize with neighbors and reflect on 2012 as a community (all are welcome). This year **we will honor all of the wonderful volunteers who have donated numerous hours to better our neighborhood.** A light dinner (from Rizzo's) and refreshments will be served. **Donations for dessert are encouraged and welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item or unopened socks, underwear or a personal hygiene item to be donated to St. Lucy's Shelter.**



## BIG WEEKEND OF ARTS AND CRAFTS EVENTS

**Start your weekend with JC Fridays and end it on Sunday with the Heights Holiday Market!** This Friday, December 7th is JC Fridays, a citywide celebration of the arts. There are four Discover the Riverview Arts District events right on Palisade Ave!



Friday Night - Dec. 7th (JC Fridays events)

- **7PM - 11PM Opening Reception - Sparkle & Shine at the Trolley Car Bar (328 Palisade at Ferry St)** RNA and The Trolley Car Bar and Grill present our latest exhibit - Sparkle & Shine curated by Meghan McKee. It features a selection of art that shows off the wonders of all that sparkle, shine and glow. It features the art of Andrea Artemis Morin, Joseph Barna, John Crittenden, Jessica Siemans, AJ Romano, Kathleen Patricia, Fran Brown, Meghan McKee, Luca Cusolito and Robyn Thompson. **Forty percent of art sales will go to a fund to replace the Gazebo and repair damage in Riverview-Fisk Park caused by Hurricane Sandy.**



Corn Field by Fran Brown

- **7PM- 10PM - The Art of Giving and 4th Annual Hygiene Hijinks for the Homeless holiday party (500 Palisade Ave at Bowers, 2nd Fl)** - a small works show, and the 4th Annual Hygiene Hijinks for the Homeless holiday party. Sponsored by RNA and Peace by Piece studio, please join us for an evening of music, local artists and a whole lot of giving. **Please bring 3 hygiene items to donate to the homeless to gain entry.**
- **7PM - 10PM - Yoga in the Heights** presents **Strike a Pose**, a unique participatory event that celebrates the beauty of the human silhouette. Stop by, strike a yoga pose and **have your silhouette photographed.** Yoga instructors will be available to help you find the best pose for your portrait. **(500 Palisade Ave, 2nd Fl at Bowers)**
- Any time - **"MO-ME-HOOD"**, a photographic essay in the window at 357 Palisade (near Franklin) by E. Jan Kounitz. It features photographs of neighborhood people, places and events from an ongoing 12-year photographic essay called "ME-HOOD."

Saturday, Dec. 8th

- **6:30 PM - The Landmark Loew's Jersey Theatre** (54 Journal Square) presents a holiday music concert featuring Taresa Blunda Howard Richman, The Choir of St. Dominic's Academy, Bernie Anderson on the Wonder Organ, Santa and audience sing-alongs. **Tickets at \$5 and proceeds benefit Jersey City Sandy Recovery.** Santa will also be visiting at the Loew's from 12-3PM. Call 201-798-6055 or visit [loewsjersey.org](#) for more information.

Sunday, Dec. 9th

- **11AM - 5PM - Heights Holiday Market (Elks Club- 81-83 Hutton St)** Farms in the Heights invites you to celebrate the holiday season at the Heights Holiday Market. This one-day event will feature local food and craft vendors, DJ Pastiche, kids activities, drinks raffle, a cookie swap and more. Vendors Celebrate the holiday season at the Heights Holiday Market! This one-day event will feature local food and craft vendors, DJ Pastiche, kids activities, drinks, raffle, a cookie swap and more. **Vendors include: Wise Woman Contemporary Quilts, Kelly & Jones, Recyclights Candle Co., Ananda Jewelry, Made Especially 4 U, Growing Hands Urban Farm, Richard La Rovere, Home Economics, Aurora Naturals of Hunterdon, Uncle Bud's Sauces & Rubs, Handmade Jewelry by Jade, Geekilicious, Snowmen & Santa, Laryssa Wirstiuk, X-Calibur Knife & Scissor Sharpening, The Bread Company, Honey Bakery, and Caprice Beauty Bar.**

## Community Updates

As is our tradition, we will not conduct any business at the December meeting (holiday party) so here are a few brief updates for your review.

- **100 Steps**  
The city received viable bids and **needs to award the contract at the December 19th city council meeting or lose the \$300,000 NJ Dept of Transportation grant** it received (an extension to this date was granted but no further extensions will be given). Rosemary McFadden, Chief of Staff to Mayor Healy, assured us in a telephone conversation on Dec 4th that the city will award the contract at the Dec. 19th council meeting. We will remain vigilant as the construction of the Steps is important to our neighborhood and was a condition of approval for The Cliffs apartments.
- **Ravine Road/New York Avenue**  
A contract has been awarded (\$1 million+ funded with a NJ DOT grant) by the city to AJM for the renovation of Ravine Road. RNA attended the pre-construction meeting and learned **that construction is expected to begin in March 2013 and continue for 9 months.** Ravine Road is expected to be closed during this entire time.
- **Gazebo/Sandy damage**  
We have been told by the City that **replacing the gazebo will be part of Jersey City's FEMA request for funding.** We are trying to find out a) the level of funding - does it cover the entire cost or a percentage b) the timing of the funding. RNA has tentatively scheduled a benefit on February 1 at the Landmark Loew's Theatre to raise money toward replacing the gazebo and the trees that were felled. Details will follow.

## RNA to be Honored at the Snow Ball

Art House Productions offers innovative arts programs throughout the year including JC Fridays, open mic nights, theater programs, a modern dance festival, art exhibits and so much more and is a big reason why Jersey City has such a vibrant arts community. **Art House's 7th Annual Snow Ball, a gala to benefit Art House Productions innovative arts programs will be held Saturday, January 26th at 8PM** at One McWilliams Place (SE Corner of Hamilton Park, near Erie & 8th). **This year Art House will be honoring Jersey City neighborhood associations - including RNA - at this event. We invite you to come out to support Art House and to celebrate this acknowledgement of RNA's and other neighborhood association's efforts to promote the arts.** Lots of dancing and fun - Black Tie Creative- not a stodgy event at all! Special pre-sale tickets are available through Dec. 10th for \$70; tickets will be \$80 thereafter until January 21st and \$90 after Jan. 21st. Visit [www.arthouseproductions.org](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

## Happy Holidays

We hope to see all of you at the holiday party on Dec. 11th and wish each of you Happy Holidays and a happier New Year.

Becky Hoffman  
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