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Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, January 8th
at **7:30 PM**

Location:

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

Agenda:

2013 Brainstorming Session!
Neighborhood Updates

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!

Riverview Neighborhood Association wishes you a healthy and Happy New Year. We thank all of you who participated in RNA in 2012 and invite everyone to be a part of improving the quality of life and bettering our community in 2013. Please join us this Tuesday, January 8th for our monthly meeting at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (corner of Franklin), 1st Floor Cafeteria at 7:30PM.

Positive Changes for our Neighborhood in 2013

In 2012, we honored the spirit of founding member Maria Tuzzo by engaging as many of you as possible in taking small steps that added up to significant improvements in the community. Many of you participated in cleanups, planted flower bulbs, brought donations for St. Lucy's shelter to our monthly meetings, joined a committee, attended RNA events, and/or reached out to a neighbor. We pulled together in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy as well as when neighbors were in need and these efforts made a difference.

For 2013, we wish to increase participation in order to further improve our neighborhood. The board has been meeting to discuss our objectives for 2013 and will present them at the January meeting. **We welcome everyone to join us in a group discussion about these objectives and to help us finalize priorities for 2013 as well as to brainstorm about the most effective ways to achieve our goals.**

The areas the board have been discussing include:

- Broadening membership and participation by the Heights community in order to be more representative of the population in our neighborhood.
- Working with the city to change the zoning in our neighborhood to support the arts and artists who live here. (Codifying the Riverview Arts District in order to legally allow for live/work artists spaces and related changes.)
- "Branding" our neighborhood to define the qualities that make this area special and desirable as a place to live or run a business and promoting same.
- Improving the quality of life in the Heights by lobbying for and coming up with innovative ways to increase transportation to/from the Heights; benchmarking quality of city services (garbage, graffiti cleanup effectiveness); beautification projects (tree plantings, volunteer-run efforts like Ogden's End Community Garden), establishing a community center, a neighborhood watch, and the like
- Honoring our History by restoring the gazebo and repairing damage to Riverview-Fisk Park; restoring the Hudson Statue, and increasing knowledge of the history of our area.
- Providing oversight for the construction of the 100 Steps, New York Ave/Ravine Road renovation, and the Gazebo.
- Improving internal operations of the association to put it on a sound footing for the future.

We are certain that this will be a lively discussion that will lead to greater clarity of objectives and that your ideas will be the catalyst for fantastic improvements in our area in 2013. Please join us on Tuesday at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (at Franklin), 1st floor cafeteria.

Networking Night!

Resolve to get to know your neighbors in 2013. RNA will hold its first Networking Night on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:30PM at the Trolley Car Bar & Grill (328 Palisade Ave at Ferry Street). The people who live and work right here in the Heights are employed in various professions and have all kinds of unique talents but many of us are unaware of the details. This evening will be an opportunity for you to share what you do or what your interests are and to learn the same from your neighbors.

Bring business cards, an open mind, and get ready to get to know your neighbors in a new way. A great opportunity whether you have a job you love, are currently looking, or just want to hear about what others do. Business owners (home-based or not) and local residents are all encouraged to attend.

Wine and snacks will be served. Suggested donation \$10.

Interested in becoming an RNA member? Talk to a board member at the event.

Still time to get Snow Ball Tickets

Art House Productions is a not-for-profit organization that promotes the arts in Jersey City, including projects such as JC Fridays in which RNA actively participates. **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. Many RNA members have already purchased tickets. Don't be shy-- come along with us! Lots of dancing and fun--Black Tie Creative. Tickets are \$80 until January 21st and \$90 after. Visit www.arthouseproductions.org or contact riverviewneighborhood@comcast.net for details.



Join RNA members at the Snow Ball, January 26th.

Helping Stray Cats in the Heights

Neighbors in our area have organized a TNR (trap, neuter, return) project in the Heights to help control the stray cat population. They are very much in need of cat food, litter, and linens to line the cages (sheets, towels, blankets, curtains, etc). If you would like to contribute to this effort, please bring items for donation to the meeting on Tuesday, January 8 at 178 Ogden Ave. For more information, please contact Jade at jadesjewelry72@yahoo.com or 201-204-8514.



Bring cat food, litter, and linens for donation to the meeting January 8.

Community Updates

Here are a few brief community updates for your review:

- **100 Steps**
The city council approved the awarding of the contract to construct the 100 Steps at its Dec. 19th meeting! (details to be provided at the Jan. RNA meeting)
- **Citywide Christmas Tree Collection Schedule**
JCIA will be picking up Christmas trees on the following schedule:
THURSDAY COLLECTION ONLY
JANUARY 3, 2013
JANUARY 10, 2013
JANUARY 17, 2013
JANUARY 24, 2013
JANUARY 31, 2013

Christmas trees must be free of ornaments and/or lights and placed curbside Wednesday night between the hours of 7:00 PM and 10:00 PM for Thursday's collection. Once curbside, any and all bags must be removed from tree.

WREATHS AND/OR ARTIFICIAL TREES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED WITH CHRISTMAS TREES. PLEASE PLACE THESE ITEMS CURBSIDE WITH YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE.