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Next RNA Meeting:
Tuesday, May 14th
at **7:30 PM**

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

Agenda:
Where to Eat in JC with Kern
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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, May 14th (AFTER YOU VOTE!) at our regular monthly meeting at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (corner of Franklin), 1st Floor Cafeteria at 7:30PM. Donations of non-perishable food items for St. Lucy's Shelter will be accepted at this meeting.

Rock for the Park!

ROCK FOR THE PARK!
MAY 10TH 7PM
@ THE LANDMARK LOEW'S JERSEY THEATRE
FEATURING: RYE COALITION / LIFE EATERS
THE ASTER PHOENYX PROJECT / AMINAL
TICKETS \$40 (BUY TICKETS ONLINE AT RIVERVIEWNEIGHBORHOOD.ORG OR CALL 800-838-3006)
ROCK FOR THE PARK IS A FUNDRAISER TO REPAIR SUPERSTORM SANDY DAMAGE IN RIVERVIEW-FISK PARK

Good beer and great bands, all while helping our community! What's not to like? This Friday, May 10th, RNA will host a benefit concert, **Rock for the Park**, at 7PM at The Landmark Loew's Jersey Theatre featuring Aminal, Life Eaters, The Aster Phoenyx Project (People's Choice Award winner at the Hoboken Music Awards) and Rye Coalition. WFMU DJ Meghan McKee and Ladies on the Mic host Beth Achenbach will MC. The money raised will go toward rebuilding the gazebo, replacing damaged trees, and making other repairs in Riverview-Fisk Park. Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased by visiting riverview.brownpapertickets.com, calling 1-800-838-3006 or buying them at the door. Additional donations (whether you buy a ticket or not) can also be made through Brown Paper Tickets.

At the benefit, we will be holding a silent auction featuring artwork by area artists as well as other great products and services. Read all about Rock for the Park in this article in the [Jersey City Independent](#).

We wish to thank all of the artists and businesses that have donated silent auction items and our sponsors: Heineken USA, Joseph Branco/Scotland Yard, Remco Press, Rock-It Docket, Jersey City Independent, and Friends of the Loews.



RNA is a 501(c)3 non-profit and donations are eligible for corporate matching funds. Please invite your friends, promote this event, and help us raise the money to restore the gazebo (in addition to FEMA resources) and make other needed repairs in Riverview-Fisk Park.

VOTE--May 14th!

This coming Tuesday, May 14th, is the **Mayoral and Council election**. Turnout for this democratic right has been dismal in the past (just over 30,000 city-wide votes in 2009). Please exercise your right to vote and make your voice heard. You can look up your **polling place here**. RNA, along with the WPA and many other Heights organizations, held a Heights Mayoral Forum and a Heights At-Large Council Candidate Forum to ask candidates about issues that are important to Heights residents. You can review the video of the **Mayoral Forum** and the **At-Large Forum** on YouTube to help you make a decision. (These videos are broken into segments) In addition, you can review the **Word D debate** (if you live north of Franklin Street) or read the candidate profiles posted on the **Jersey City Independent website**. Polls will be open from 6AM to 8PM. If no Mayoral candidate reaches 50%, a runoff between the top two candidates would be held on June 14.

Good Eats in Jersey City

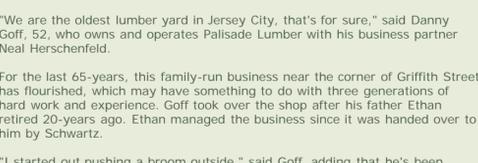
With restaurants like 30 Acres (Jersey Avenue) topping best restaurant lists throughout the metro area, it is time to pay attention to all the great eateries that are right here in Jersey City. At our meeting on May 14th, board member and resident foodie Kern Weissman will tell you his favorite places to dine on and off the beaten JC path. Bring your favorites to the conversation and learn about some new places. The meeting is at 7:30PM at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (at Franklin) in the first floor cafeteria. We will also have community updates and representatives from the Mayor's Action Bureau and the JCPD present.

Gazebo Design Challenge--Deadline extended

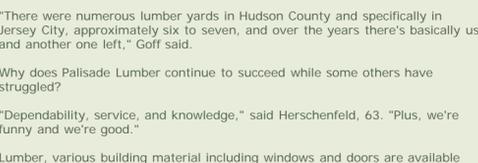
RNA has extended the deadline for The Gazebo Restoration Design Challenge to May 31st. Design submissions will be reviewed by the Challenge Committee and the Chief Landscape Architect of Jersey City. There is no monetary award for the winning design, however the winner will have the opportunity to consult with the office of Brian Weller during the development of the design and construction documents in an effort to insure that the integrity of the selected scheme, or schemes, is maintained.

Download the following documents/files for full information:
[Design Challenge Document](#)
[AutoCad File](#)

Local Business Profile: Palisade Lumber



Danny Goff (left) and Neal Herschenfeld, owners of Palisade Lumber & Supply Inc.



Palisade Lumber & Supply Inc., located at 432 Palisade Avenue near Griffith Street.

by Rafal Rogoza

Jack Schwartz, a general contractor and Jersey City native who was born in the Heights, ran a small building materials shop at 418 Palisade Avenue that expanded in 1947 to become Palisade Lumber & Supply Inc.

"We are the oldest lumber yard in Jersey City, that's for sure," said Danny Goff, 52, who owns and operates Palisade Lumber with his business partner Neal Herschenfeld.

For the last 65-years, this family-run business near the corner of Griffith Street has flourished, which may have something to do with three generations of hard work and experience. Goff took over the shop after his father Ethan retired 20-years ago. Ethan managed the business since it was handed over to him by Schwartz.

"I started out pushing a broom outside," said Goff, adding that he's been assisting customers and helping around the shop since the age of six.

Today, Palisade Lumber stretches from 418 to 434 Palisade Avenue, employs eight, and helps Goff pay for his daughter's college education. The same can't be said for many of the lumber yards that have closed throughout the city.

"There were numerous lumber yards in Hudson County and specifically in Jersey City, approximately six to seven, and over the years there's basically us and another one left," Goff said.

Why does Palisade Lumber continue to succeed while some others have struggled?

"Dependability, service, and knowledge," said Herschenfeld, 63. "Plus, we're funny and we're good."

Lumber, various building material including windows and doors are available for sale. Shoppers in need of plumbing and electrical supplies will also find what they need at Palisade Lumber. The shop also provides a delivery service.

Store hours are 7:30AM to 5PM Monday through Friday and 8AM to 12:30PM on Saturdays. For more information, Palisade Lumber can be reached at 201-656-4400 or visit www.palisadelumbernj.com.

Save the Date for JC Fridays - June 7th

RNA has several wonderful arts events planned as part of **JC Fridays on June 7th:**



- Riverview Neighborhood Association and The Trolley Car Bar & Grill (328 Palisade Ave) will hold an opening reception from 7PM to 11 PM for **The Power of Art**, a group art show featuring works that capture the emotional, economic, inspirational or communicative power of art as defined by the artist.

- **Live at the Lumber Yard** from 7PM to 10PM at Palisade Lumber (424-428 Palisade Ave) will feature The Benson Ridge Project and other music to be announced.

- **The Let It Glow Show**--A series of street-level video projections along Palisade Ave viewable by just happening by. Featuring Ann LaFore, Chrissy Falkenberg, Nikolette Sirawsky, Christopher Mangano, Melissa Bonilla, Jillian Diblasio, Michael Garcia, Jason Engel, Chris Falco, Rebecca Horowitz, Vince Salvati, Jason Burch, Amalia Maldonado and Venessa Nilsson. Videos can be viewed after dark, 8:45PM to 10:30PM along Palisade Ave just north and south of Hutton Street.

Local Artist Profile: Kit Sailer

by Rafal Rogoza

In the heart of the Riverview Arts District, on New York Avenue near Griffith Street, sits what would appear to a passerby as nothing more than a defunct three garage auto shop. But inside it is, in fact, a marvel of residential architecture adorned with mesmerizing works of art.

A visitor invited into the vestibule can gaze over aged black and white photographs of life as it was, be laid down a hallway where tomes of literary classics are neatly stocked on a tall and long handmade wooden bookshelf, before, finally arriving in a spacious living room furnished with antiques--and a Norfolk Island pine tree which reaches up from the concrete floor in the center of the room to the high ceiling.

But with so much to look at, it's the large painting on display near the living room entrance that lures the eyes to its colors and resemblance of a coral reef.

This acrylic painting of coral heads, coral stars, and brains on a 10 x 10 ft. piece of muslin is the work of **Kit Sailer**. A 56-year-old painter who says it was inspired by the intricacies of subtle life as she saw it on the surface of the seabed during a scuba diving trip.

Her paintings and prints of sea-life adorn much of her home where they are on display among other works by Picasso, China Marx, and Sailer's mother, Katherine, who shared her daughter's passion for the arts.

This fascination for the deep blue world and its spectacular oddities was a common theme for the Syracuse University Bachelor of Fine Arts undergraduate who, after earning her degree, moved to Hoboken where she perfected her craft with like minded local artists.

"Hoboken in the 70s...it was a place where you could really do what you really wanted to," Sailer said of the art scene during that time. "There was just this feeling of freedom."

It was also the place where Sailer fell in love with Charlie Trowbridge, who she married and, since 1990, has shared this wonderfully decorated home.

Outside her artistic pursuits, Sailer has previously worked with an architectural firm helping with home improvement projects. But for the last 12-years she has taught art at such venues as the Newark Museum and Artists Teacher Institute. Her work with children and art teachers earned her a Governor's Award in Arts Education in 2012.

"I've become so much more articulate about my artwork," answered Sailer, when asked how teaching helped her as an artist.

Sailer has moved on from sea life to painting landscapes. Her workspace, on the second floor of a neighboring residence, is filled with tools, brushes, and a few recently painted pieces. This studio is a tell that there is more to expect from the arts in the Heights.

Painter Kit Sailer at her art studio on New York Avenue.

Trash in Park is Good at Big Spring Cleanup

For once, trash in Riverview Park is a good thing. On April 20th, RNA hosted the 2nd Annual Big Spring Cleanup in Riverview-Fisk Park and the neighborhood did not disappoint. **Heights residents filled two large dumpsters with e-waste items, hazardous waste, wood, dirt/leaves and worn out household tires; filled most of the Salvation Army truck with gently used items and protected their identity by securely shredding four containers of personal documents.** In addition, the volunteers who came out for the park cleanup, picked up dozens of bags of bottles/cans, plastic grocery bags and other unsavory trash throughout Riverview Park.

We would like to thank the Cleanup Committee and all of the volunteers who worked on this event and all of the neighbors who came out to properly dispose of hazardous and e-waste. A special thanks to Frank from the Jersey City Incinerator Authority for his assistance and to the agency for providing the dumpsters, to DJ Wise and the JC Parking Authority for posting no parking signs and assisting throughout the day, to the Salvation Army for accepting donations in the Park, and to Bill Gannon III, Miriam, and Nehemias from All American Recycling for providing the secure paper shredding and for pitching in wherever they could throughout the day.

If you missed the event, please visit the **JCIA** website for information about how to properly dispose of e-waste and hazardous items throughout the year or **pick up a copy of RNA's Trash It Right! brochure** at our booth at the Farmer's Market or at our meetings. If this effort inspired you, please consider coming out for our next community cleanup on May 26th at 10AM at Palisade & Griffith Streets.

Coldwell Banker Helps Take Ogden's End to Next Level

Have you taken a walk down to the southern-most end of Ogden Avenue lately and seen what is happening there? If not, you are in for a pleasant surprise. The Ogden's End Community Garden, leased from the City by RNA, Farms in the Heights and the Riverview Community Garden under the adopt-a-lot program last summer, is taking shape. No longer weeded over, the lot is ready for the planting of vegetables and flowers.

On April 27th, volunteers from Coldwell Banker worked at Ogden's End as part of their annual volunteer day. Under the guidance of Kevin Condrack, they spread mulch, cut back branches and built the raised beds. It was a fabulous day for everyone and we really wish to thank Carme de Segun of Coldwell Banker for selecting Ogden's End and rallying the agents to spend the day with us.

Now it is up to the community to follow the example set on this one day, and commit some time to bringing the vision for the garden to fruition. Please contact Ogdensendcommunitygarden@gmail.com or like their **Facebook** page to take part in upcoming volunteer days.

Riverview Farmers Market is Back!

The third season of **Farms in the Height's Riverview Farmers Market** opened on **Sunday, May 5th** and will continue each Sunday through the end of October. The market is held in Riverview-Fisk Park (Palisade between Griffith & Bowers) between 9AM and 2PM. Farm fresh eggs, vegetables, fruit, flowers, pickles, nuts and baked goods, are just a few of the items you can find at the market. In addition, Yoga in the Heights will be offering by donation yoga classes at 11AM each week. The market also offers kids activities and other programming throughout the season. The market needs your regular support to be maintained in our community so please make stopping by the market part of your Sunday routine. **On June 2nd, the first annual Riverview Jazz Festival will be held in conjunction with the market.** Put this special day on your calendar and visit their page on **Facebook** to learn more. RNA is a proud sponsor of the Riverview Farmers Market. Stop by our booth and say hello--we will be there about every other week throughout the season (next time is May 19th). For more information visit Farms in the Heights on **Facebook**.

North District Captain's Meeting

Captain Martinez has instituted a monthly meeting to share information with the public about the Jersey City Police Department and police activity in the district and to hear your concerns. The meetings will be held each month on the 3rd Wednesday at 7PM at the Frank L. Williams Middle School 7 at 222 Laidlaw Ave. The next meeting is May 15th. There is plenty of parking available.

Keep up with the latest news and activities

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