

# RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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#### Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, November 12th  
at 7:30 PM

#### Location:

Harbor View Health Care Center 1st  
Floor Cafeteria  
178 Ogden Avenue  
(corner of Franklin)

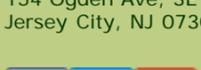
#### Agenda:

Guests from JCMUA/United Water  
for Ogden Ave Water Project.  
Representatives from JCPD and  
Resident Response Center.

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are \$10. Please contribute on our  
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Neighborhood Association and mail  
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RNA  
154 Ogden Ave, 3E  
Jersey City, NJ 07307



Greetings!

Please join us this Tuesday, November 12, for our regular monthly meeting. Our guest speaker, a representative from the emergency water line project taking place along Ogden Avenue, will address your questions and concerns. The meeting will be held at the Harbor View Health Center, 178 Ogden Ave (corner of Franklin), 1st Floor Cafeteria at 7:30 PM.

## Emergency Water Project Along Ogden Ave

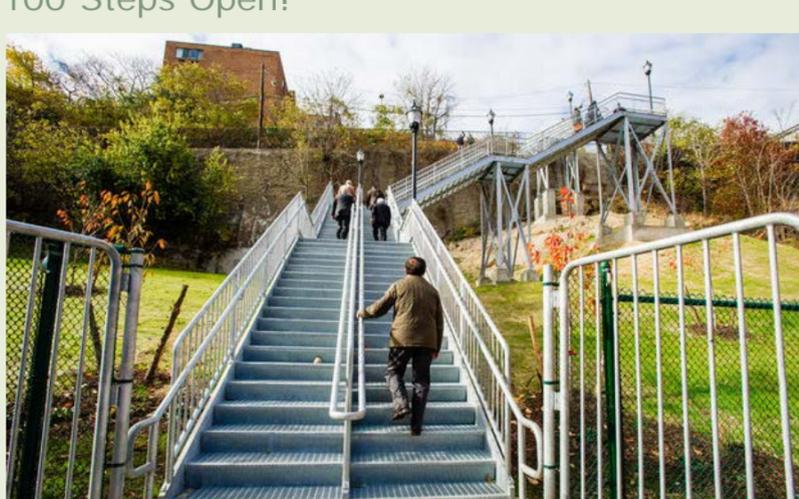
United Water and the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority (JCMUA) determined that the water line serving Ogden Ave needed an emergency cleaning and lining (or water service could be disrupted as temperatures drop). Unfortunately, neither UW or JCMUA provided any notice to the community other than the "no parking" signs. **We have requested that a knowledgeable representative from either JCMUA or UW, or the contractor J. Fletcher Creamer, attend our meeting this Tuesday (11/12) to provide additional information about the project and to address your questions and concerns. We have been assured that they will attend.**

This is what United Water has told us thus far:

*"The cast iron water main in Ogden Street is tuberculated, which restricts available fire flows. As a result, The JCMUA has hired J. Fletcher Creamer to clean and line the water in Ogden Ave between Congress St and Franklin St. The water mains in Franklin, Griffith, South, Hobson and Congress Streets, between Palisades Ave and Ogden Ave, will also be cleaned and lined. The project includes cleaning and lining approximately 3,800 LF of 6-inch pipe and replacement of approximately 300 LF of 4-inch pipe with new 8-inch pipe. The project also includes the replacement of all valves and hydrants in the project area. The work started on October 28, 2013 and **will be completed by the week ending December 13, 2013.** Lastly, parking restrictions will be posted with as much notice as possible."*

In a follow up to this information, we were told that **water quality will not be affected**, and that "streets will be closed as needed; there is no schedule for these closures. Any residents that need to get in or out will have no problems; there are two police officers on site when we are working to assist them."

## 100 Steps Open!



Lauren Casselberry/For The Jersey Journal

In February 2003, the Jersey City Board of Adjustment granted approval of the preliminary and final site plan for what was then known as the "Cliff-Side" project and has since been constructed as The Cliffs apartments. A condition of approval for that development was the construction of the 100 Steps. **On Wednesday, November 6, the city held a ribbon cutting ceremony and opened the 100 Steps for public use after more than ten years.** We are very gratified that the Steps have been completed and believe that this would not have happened without the diligence of Clif Steinbring, former president of RNA and the RNA Board, for insisting that the Steps be included in an extensive Developer's Agreement, and for the persistence and support of the RNA community for reminding our city officials the importance of this project to our community. Thank you!

## Some Improvements Noted in NJ Transit Service

RNA has been meeting with Councilman Michael Yun and NJ Transit to address resident complaints about service quality on the 119, 123 and 87 bus routes. While there is still along way to go, some riders have noted improvements since steps were taken to address driver shortages, use fill in buses and to place monitors at the beginning and end of the lines. We have another meeting scheduled to discuss problems with the 87 bus route (bunching of buses) and to follow up on the other lines next week. In the interim, please continue to report any service issues to NJ Transit (and let us know you did) by calling 973-275-5555 during business hours or using NJ Transit's [online form](#).

## Big Dig

Thank you to the Jersey City Park Coalition for another successful "Big Dig" in Jersey City. On October 26th, RNA volunteers planted hundreds of flower bulbs at the Cambridge Apartments, a senior housing facility at 80 Cambridge Street. JCPC volunteers planted over 50,000 bulbs at public housing locations throughout the city. We can all look forward to seeing these flowers bloom next spring along with the thousands of bulbs that have been planted throughout our parks in previous years. Thank you to the volunteers and city agencies that made this a reality!

## Farmers Market Season Concludes

The 2013 season of the Riverview Farmers Market, operated by Farms in the Heights, came to a close on Sunday, October 27th. **We wish to congratulate Farms in the Heights and all of the vendors for making this market such an asset to our neighborhood and thank you to all of you for making it a part of your Sunday routine.** One of RNA's most popular annual events, **the Halloween Dog Parade, topped off the final Sunday and the costumes (see below) were fantastic.** Congratulations to the winners. The Farmers Market will return next spring -- not soon enough for many of us.



## NY Ave/Ravine Road Construction Stalls

Despite having perfect weather, the completion of construction on NY Avenue/Ravine road has been **pushed back from Halloween to the end of November.** Paving and striping, lighting, and some curb and sidewalk work remain. We will provide updates on our Facebook page (publicly available whether you are on Facebook or not).

## Upcoming Events

- Friday, November 15th at 6:30 PM - The Distillery Gallery & Artspace (7 Hutton) hosts an opening reception for "Introducing the Heights," featuring Heights' artists John Crittenden, Daniel Guzman, Christine Johans, Beth Whitney, Sarah Johns, Sarah Veloso, Michael McNally, Bojana Coklyat, Olga Guerra, Jerry Khan, Ann LePore, Edward Jose, Jill Koproski, Phillip A. Robinson, Jr. and others.
- Friday, December 6th - JC Fridays - RNA hosts an opening reception at the Trolley Car Bar & Grill (328 Palisade Ave) for a photography exhibit featuring Heights' photographers including Mickey Mathis, Alexis Rotter, John Crittenden, Christy Whitney and more.
- Tuesday, December 10th - RNA's annual Holiday Party - this year celebrating RNA's 30th anniversary. Be sure to save the date!

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