

RIVERVIEW *Neighborhood Association*

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For a Better Life in the Heights

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What Goes Up Can Come Down!



The illegal fourth floor constructed at 202-204 Ogden Avenue has been removed! Removal of the fourth floor was a stipulation of the approval insisted upon by RNA and included in the Planning Board's resolution in May. After vocal complaints from residents, a stop work order was issued last Winter after it was determined that the project had been issued building permits despite the never applying for needed variances from the Planning Board. Thereafter, the developer filed an application with the Planning Board for the project and the project was approved with stipulations.

As stated by the developer at the July 2006 RNA meeting, financial problems have beset the developer since construction was stopped and they are working to establish new financing to complete the project. An update will be provided on the project status at the September RNA meeting.

Parks Master Plan Draft — Meeting

On Thursday, Sept. 14 from 6-9 PM, the City will hold a public meeting for Ward C and D residents to discuss the draft of the Parks Master Plan at the Pershing Field Community Center. The draft of the Parks Master Plan should be available for public review in early September at <http://www.cityofjerseycity.com/arch/index.html> and a copy will be available for review at the September RNA meeting. Residents concerned about the plans for Riverview-Fiske Park, Janet Moore Park and other municipal parks should be sure to attend.

ZONING AMENDMENTS TABLED!

Thanks to scores of e-mails from RNA members and residents from throughout Jersey City, the City Council voted on August 16th to table the ill-conceived amendments to the R1 Zoning (predominantly 1- and 2-family homes).

We prevailed despite a lack of support from Ward D Councilman Bill Gaughan. In the Jersey Journal on August 14th, Gaughan said: "Just because we get 50 yuppies that send e-mails about saving the trees doesn't mean that we shouldn't consider it [R1 amendments]. Most people who want carports don't even have e-mail."

We now need to make sure that the troubled amendments never see the light of day. RNA will be working with other community groups, residents and the City to ensure that any changes to R1 zoning will be well-considered and works for all of Jersey City.

Gang Activity on Ogden Avenue:

Several private homes and other properties have been marred by gang-related graffiti in the past month. This development indicates an increase in gang activity in our neighborhood. Graffiti of this kind should be reported immediately to the police so they can document it. Residents are asked not to remove the graffiti before the police can document it. The police will be available to address this disturbing development at the September meeting.

A Pictorial Tour of Jersey City Heights

Slide talk by Leon Yost: Photographed from above, below, and on the street, Jersey City Heights is a geological, architectural, and engineering treasure. Volcanic basalt forms the base of the mile-wide barrier that was climbed over, tunneled under, and built upon from its first discovery to this very moment. A 45-minute slide talk features unexpected views of this intriguing island in the sky. *Sponsored by the Jersey City Free Public Library and the Jersey City Historical Project.*



PARKS MASTER PLAN MEETING!
ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 14 FROM 6-9 PM

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COMING EVENTS

RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, Sept. 12th at 7:30 PM
Location: Harbor View Health Care Center
178 Ogden Avenue

Agenda:

- Police Report & NID
- Guest - Leon Yost slide presentation
- Site Plan for 230-232 Ogden Avenue
- Parks Master Plan
- Update on 202-204 Ogden and other neighborhood issues

Membership Dues

Membership dues and donations help sustain the RNA. Annual dues are \$10 for residents and \$15 for those outside RNA boundaries. 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.

A Pictorial Tour of Jersey City Heights Slide talk by Leon Yost



Photo above from the 1914 silent film
"The Perils of Pauline".
Filmed on the Cliffs of Jersey City Heights.