

RIVERVIEW *Neighborhood Association*

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For a Better Life in the Heights

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One-on-One with Councilmen Gaughan & Lipski

Heights Councilmen Steve Lipski (Ward C) and Bill Gaughan (Ward D) are scheduled to be guests at the RNA meeting on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Gaughan represents RNA members who live north of Franklin St. while Councilman Lipski represents those who live south of Franklin.

The councilmen will fill us in on their efforts to help our neighborhood and then members and guests will have an opportunity to ask questions. If you have concerns about our parks, crime, gangs, overdevelopment, taxes, city services or related questions, please do not miss this opportunity to bring them directly to your representative.

Councilman Steve Lipski is now serving his third term, representing Ward C. Councilman Gaughan also serves as chief-of-staff for County Executive Tom DeGise.

Mountain Road To Be Closed to All – Jan. 3rd –?

Despite repeated assurances from The Cliffs developer, Mountain Road will be closed to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, 24 hours a day, starting on or about January 3rd for approximately three weeks. The road will be closed for the installation of a new 12" water line to serve The Cliffs development at 100 Paterson Ave. RNA had repeatedly asked for signs to be posted in advance with more specific dates of closure, as well as advanced notice of any changes to pedestrian access or water service. These requests have not been heeded. Residents are advised to use Congress Street or Ravine Road as alternatives to Mountain Road during this closure.

Community Updates

Evening Trash & Recycling Pick Up Begins.

Effective January 7, 2007 the City will commence residential trash pick up and recycling between the hours of 10 P.M. and 6 A.M. replacing daytime pick ups. The City believes night collection will reduce traffic congestion and pollution and may act as a deterrent for illegal activity or crime. Residents are advised to place receptacles to the curb for collection no earlier than 7 p.m.

Views from Riverview Park Endangered

The recently released draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan includes needed improvements for Riverview-Fiske Park but also **includes the future addition of a volleyball court and a tennis court on the EASTERN side of the park.** The inclusion of these courts are **inappropriate for our historic park and will impair the views that so many now enjoy.**

Jersey City will hold two public meetings about the draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan on January 9 and January 16, 2007. We encourage you to review the plan and attend the meeting on January 16 (so you can be present at the RNA meeting on January 9). It is available for download at www.cityofjerseycity.com/arch/MasterPlan.pdf and additional information can be found at www.savethepalisades.org. Those without Internet access can review the Plan at any Jersey City Library or obtain it from the City Clerk's office (City Hall). A copy will be available for review at the January RNA meeting.

We encourage you to raise your concerns about the park with Councilman Gaughan and Lipski at the January 9th RNA meeting and to write letters to city officials addressing your concerns. E-mails can be automatically sent from www.citizenspeak.org/node/960.

Public Meeting Dates are as follows: January 9, 2007 6:00 – 9:00 PM Mary McLeod Bethune Life Center, 140 Martin Luther King Drive

January 16, 2007 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Moose Hall, 60 West Side Avenue

Please contact Becky Hoffman at 201-876-1980 for more information or to learn how you can help protect our park.

Hepburn Weekend At the Loew's

If you haven't yet been to the restored Loew's Theater in Journal Square, here's a wonderful time to visit. On the weekend of January 26th, the Loew's will be screening Philadelphia Story, Woman of the Year and African Queen – 3 classic Katharine Hepburn films. For more information go to www.loewsjersey.org or call 201-798-6055.

HEIGHTS COUNCILMEN GAUGHAN & LIPSKI
JANUARY 9TH RNA MEETING!

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COMING EVENTS

RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 7:30 PM
Location: Harbor View Health Care Center
Cafeteria
178 Ogden Avenue

Agenda:

- Guests: Councilmen Gaughan & Lipski

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.



The Fountain in Riverview Park 1906 Postcard