

RPNA PRESIDENT STEPS DOWN AFTER OVER 10 YEARS

Dear Neighbors:

Greetings and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year. Every year seems to go by faster and faster and I always wonder does it ever slow down, but so far not so. This year I have decided to slow down and take some time and think about what I want to do in the next few years. Therefore, I have stepped down as President of the Residence Park Neighborhood Association. It has been a privilege and honor to serve our neighbors and I thank you for supporting me over these many years.

I also wanted to thank the board members for all their hard work and dedication. I have enjoyed working with them and more importantly thank them for their friendship, particularly Betty Ann Lewin who has always been there for me and the neighborhood. I will work with this year's officers for a smooth transition to insure the continuation of the work of Residence Park.

The board has elected Lisa Davis as our new President and I am confident she will continue the work of the board and also bring a new energy and creative spirit to our work. The other elected officers include: Bill Mullen, Vice President; Frank DiMarco, Treasurer; and Regina Teran, Secretary.

I hope and encourage you to become active in the neighborhood association. New board members and Committee members are always welcome. Thank you again and may God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Joan E. Bristol

Joan Bristol receives an award for outstanding service as the RPNA President during the 2009 Dinner Dance. Left to right: Bill Mullen, Joan Bristol, Lisa Davis, Regina Teran, Frank DiMarco.



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Special News:

March 8, 2009 was named Elizabeth Lewin Day on the Sound Shore by George Latimer in recognition of Betty Ann's service as an RPNA Board Member.

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WORDS FROM OUR NEW RPNA PRESIDENT

Community. Peace. Assistance. Friendship. Home. Fun... NEIGHBORHOOD

When I moved to Residence Park almost twenty years ago, like you I was looking for more than a place to live. I was looking to find a home for my family with good schools, friendly neighbors and convenient access to services. Over the years, other issues like home values, safety, development in the broader community, the environment and overall quality of life became more important.

For over forty years the Residence Park Neighborhood and Civic Association has been a voice for members of our neighborhood. The Association's goals are simple... for neighbors to work together to:

- Maintain the residential nature and character of Residence Park.
- Have a voice in the development and improvement of the City of New Rochelle
- Act as a cohesive force for the welfare and benefit of Residence Park and the City of New Rochelle

As the new president of the Association I am looking forward to collaborating with neighbors and the city of New Rochelle to enhance the living experience for all residents of Residence Park. I would like to thank Joan Bristol for the leadership and compassion she brought to the role as well as the significant time she invested in the betterment of our neighborhood.

I invite all neighbors in Residence Park to join me in the Association going forward. Together we can help our neighborhood blossom.

Lisa Davis

REVIEW OF 2008

Traffic Committee

Throughout 2008, the RPNA engaged in city, neighborhood and community service projects. Our Traffic Committee, led by Mari Miceli, successfully voiced neighborhood concerns about traffic issues like excessive speeding, pedestrian safety and traffic enforcement with city officials. While more work is being done as part of the City's traffic calming efforts, one immediate benefit is the addition of crosswalks for students walking along Elm Street.

Construction Projects

As several large construction projects proceeded in our residential area, association members ensured that neighborhood concerns were adequately addressed. Frank DiMarco was the liaison for The College of New Rochelle's new Wellness Center and Kim Florin worked with United Hebrew Home on their new building.

Neighborhood Events

Neighborhood events like the annual Dinner Dance and Breakfast with Santa were opportunities for neighbors to get together, relax and enjoy the community. Last year, children at the breakfast created beautiful crafts which were donated to Meals-on-Wheels of New Rochelle for delivery with the meals during the week before Christmas. These fun events also served another purpose, to raise funds which were used for our neighborhood scholarship and beautification activities.



Above: 2008 Breakfast with Santa.

RPNA BOARD MEMBER ON THE ZONING BOARD



Above: Mr. & Mrs. Lang enjoying the 2009 Dinner Dance.

Congratulations to one of our board members, Tom Lang, on his appointment to the zoning board. His perspective as a resident of the south end of New Rochelle and his experience in the field make him a valuable addition to the City's board.

RPNA SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Association awards a scholarship to a deserving neighborhood high school senior whose family is a member in good standing with the Residence Park Neighborhood Association. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must submit their college essay, an official transcript of their high school grades and activities, and one letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor. The eligible students may also include a description of civic and community activities in which they have participated. If they know the school they will be attending in the fall, we would like that information as well.

The nomination and information must be received no later than April 13, 2009 and should be sent to the address noted on this newsletter, attention: Scholarship Committee.

Right:

Sean Vitti receives the 2008 RPNA Scholarship.



UPCOMING EVENTS

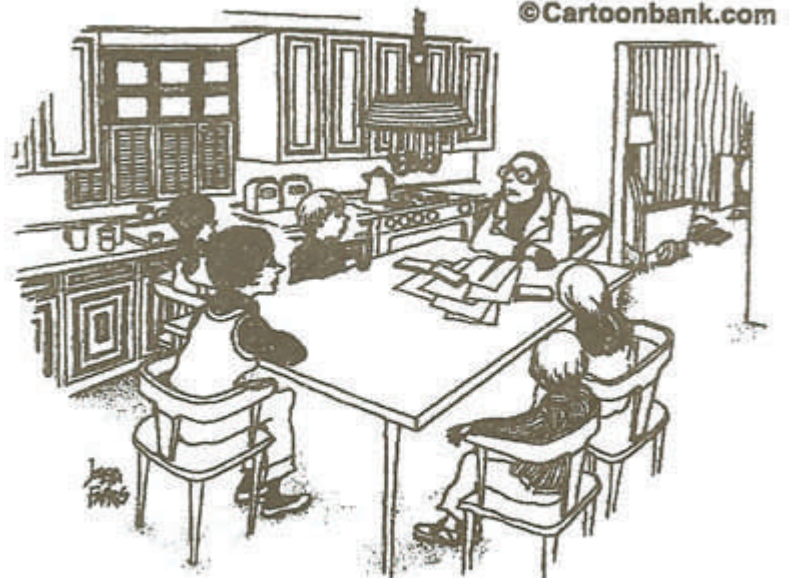


Scholarship
Applications Due
April 13

Earth Day
Neighborhood Cleanup
April 18

Spring General Meeting
Hugh Doyle Senior Center
April 29

Neighborhood Tag Sale
October 4



*"I've called the family together to announce that, because of inflation,
I'm going to have to let two of you go."*

OUR NEWSLETTER

- Coming soon! "Interview Corner" - interview with a member of our community.
- Coming soon! "Recipe Corner" - a recipe from a member of our community.
- Coming soon! "Family Corner" - announcements from members of our community. We want to hear about your children, grand children, pets, garden and any other news you would like to share.
- Coming soon! "On the Streets" - information on potential new developments in New Rochelle.

*Note: Submissions only accepted from RPNA members for the RPNA Newsletter.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

All homeowners within Residence Park are invited to join the Association. Annual dues are \$20 per household and \$15 for seniors. Please use the enclosed card to send in your dues and remember to identify areas where you would like to get more involved or need help.

Membership Benefits: Your dues share in the Association's efforts to support our neighborhood. Additional benefits include:

- ✦ Access to the library at The College of New Rochelle (200,000 volumes, 1,200 periodicals, Internet, Academic databases, Word processing stations)
- ✦ Ability to join the Wellness Center (brand new equipment) at The College of New Rochelle.
- ✦ Use of the Post Office at The College of New Rochelle.
- ✦ Reduced rate for all RPNA events.
- ✦ E-mail notification of important news related to RPNA.
- ✦ Submit information topics, announcements by e-mail Board@ResidencePark.org or by mail to the address noted on this newsletter, Attention: Newsletter Article.



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**FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Would you like to know your neighbors by name when you take a walk around the block?



Ever wish your children could setup play dates with children in your neighborhood?



Would you like to know what is being done in the surrounding blocks about cars driving too fast on our roads?

The first step to all of these is getting involved in the Residence Park Neighborhood & Civic association. People like you come together monthly to discuss what is happening in our community and to come up with creative ideas to bring us closer together. Join us!

Contact us via e-mail, phone, or walk up to one of the Board Members the next time you see one. We would love to have you join us.

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