

**SOCIETY  
HILL 2  
NEWS**

The Society Hill 2 at Jersey City Community Newsletter  
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2011



ANOTHER YEAR'S GONE BY...  
YET TRIPPING HAZARDS REMAIN.

*Spring/Summer 2011*

...AND THE  
DPWA STUMBLES ALONG!

# CONCERNED RESIDENTS “DROP IN” ON DPWA MEETING.




On Monday, May 23, 2011, a group of concerned Society Hill residents felt compelled to “drop in” on a DPWA board meeting. Their intent was to find out why there had not been an Open DPWA meeting since March 2011.

## RESIDENTS DEMAND TO BE HEARD

In attendance at the board meeting were DPWA Property Manager Rolando Villalobos, DP Rep Eric Rouse and SH2 Rep Denise Bailey. SH1 Rep Mark Jacobson did not attend. Manager Villalobos and DP Rep Rouse were not happy to see the group of residents and asked them to leave. Only SH2 Rep Denise Bailey welcomed the group. When it became clear that the group of residents: Roya Bianchi, Michele Bibb, Hugh Brown, Vern Carlson, Amarilis Etayem, Jeff Kaplowitz and Richard Westby-Gibson would not leave until they were heard, Manager Villalobos and DP Rep Rouse reluctantly agreed to go on with the meeting.

## DISMAY EXPRESSED THAT NO WALKWAY REPAIRS BEGUN

The DPWA Board had convened the meeting to interview Russell Bodmar, Bodmar Architect & Associates, whom they had invited to present yet another Walkway repair proposal. This was odd since most residents were under the impression that the Walkway repair plans were in the final stages. Odd as well because at the March 2011 meeting Mr. Villalobos had agreed to produce written confirmation documenting his claim that an engineering company needed to be hired. To date, he has not produced any valid documentation whatsoever to substantiate his claim. Waiting for Mr. Villalobos to make good on his agreement, continues to delay the repair process.



In support of beginning the repairs, Denise Bailey produced a letter from Robert D. Cotter, Jersey City Planning Director in support of the proposal endorsed by the Friends of the Walkway. The letter (see page 4) indicated the following: that this is a simple matter of “repair and maintenance”. That formal surveying, engineering, architectural or landscaping planning are not required. The City has reviewed and approved the plan (i.e. supporting documents, scope of work, etc.) and declared them sufficient to implement the repairs immediately.

## CITY AGENCIES SUPPORT REPAIR PLAN

Ms. Bailey also stated that in accord with the letter that Parks Department Director Rodney Hadley wrote over a year ago, the community had more than enough approval from Jersey City to begin the repair. Manager Rolando Villalobos dismissed the letters as irrelevant, saying that Jersey City had no jurisdiction over Walkway repairs. In fact, according to Jersey City Ordinance McC-99, as cited by the SH2 attorney, K. Hovnanian Developers created the Walkway and dedicated it to Jersey City. This ordinance would seem to characterize Mr. Villalobos’ assertion as unfounded. (*Cont.'d on Page 3*)

EDITOR’S NOTE: THIS ARTICLE WAS SUBMITTED  
BY A GROUP OF CONCERNED RESIDENTS.

# CONCERNED RESIDENTS “DROP IN” ON DPWA MEETING

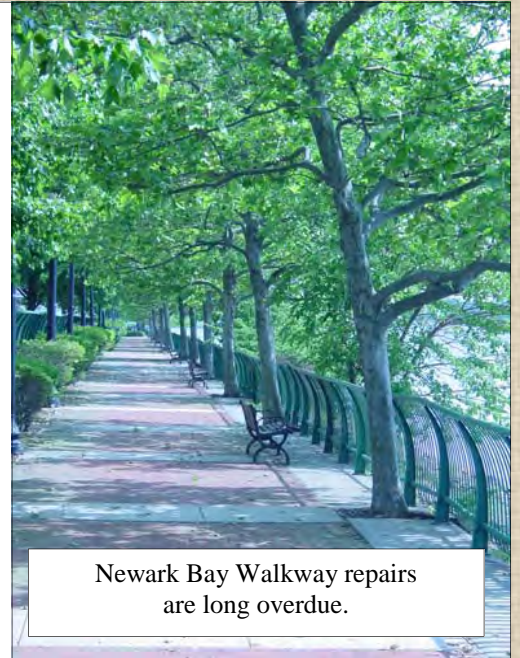
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## OTHER COMMON AREA CONCERNS REQUIRE DPWA ATTENTION

In an eerie and frustrating repeat of meetings held by the former DPWA Board, verbal exchanges continue to be heated and more than a little contentious. Meanwhile no Open board meetings are being held and residents remain literally in the dark about other necessary repairs. For example, an outage of numerous Walkway lampposts, several electronic gates not working properly, the Society Hill Drive fence privacy screen down in two places and unsightly, weather-damaged arches at the main gatehouse entrance continue to decay. (Please see page 5.)

Residents also made the point that having monthly open meetings (as the DPWA Board had promised to do) would help residents feel that DPWA business was being conducted in an open and inclusive manner, not conducted secretly behind closed doors as the former board did. Resident Jeff Kaplowitz urged compromise and the Board tentatively agreed to the following:

- The DPWA would convene the next Open meeting in a timely manner, yet no concrete date for the meeting was set.
- The DPWA Board okayed the formation of a DPWA Finance committee, which it promised to formally adopt at the next “soon to be announced” open meeting. Initial committee members are to include residents Roya Bianchi and Greg Brown.



Newark Bay Walkway repairs  
are long overdue.



## DPWA BOARD HAS NOT KEPT PROMISES

The DPWA Board has promised to move the Walkway repair forward but have unfortunately reneged on that promise. In recent developments, SH1 has just completed elections and is expected to appoint a new DPWA Rep. Only time will tell if this altered DPWA board can come together in order to fulfill its fiduciary and moral duties to the communities. The Walkway has remained in disrepair for far too long. It's time to hire a contractor and fix these superficial repairs as supported and documented by our City authorities.

## YOU CAN TAKE ACTION!

What can you as concerned homeowners do?

- Demand that the DPWA hold monthly Open meetings as they promised.
- Assert your right to receive monthly updates and meeting minutes.
- Demand that your representatives prove they have the best interest of your community at heart by requesting and making sure they get all the facts.
- Demand that they get YOUR input—not just rely on their own opinion.

**The DPWA Reps need to make the Walkway repairs happen ASAP--before we incur the dear price that multiple injury lawsuits will cause all residents.**



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May 20, 2011

Ms. Denise Bailey  
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### **RE: Society Hill I & II Walkway Repair**

Dear Ms. Bailey:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Friends of the Walkway, Hackensack River Walkway Repair Proposal for Society Hill I & II. We find that although the City of Jersey City has jurisdiction on construction requirements and zoning code for the walkway, this is an issue of repair and maintenance and it does not require a site plan application to the Jersey City Planning Board or any formal supporting surveying and engineering, architectural or landscape plans. We concur with Director Hadley that it is an appropriate solution requiring no tree removal and it maintains the existing walkway design. The scope of work submitted, in conjunction with the material detail sheets; the Walkway Repair Proposal, dated April 22, 2011; and the letter from Rodney Hadley, the Director of Public Works, dated August 13, 2010; are sufficient for you to implement the improvements and hire contractors. We support the implementation of either alternative outlined in the Walkway Repair Proposal.

The NJDEP regulations, in conjunction with the waterfront development permit, control the functioning and public access component of the walkway. They should be notified of this repair and maintenance and the timing of same so that any closures for the repair work are identified. The person to contact at NJDEP is Christopher Jones, in the Bureau of Urban Growth and Redevelopment. He can be reached at 609-984-6216.

We believe that walkway repairs need to be implemented immediately, especially to the oldest segment, and we support the swift and simple repairs that are proposed.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Cotter, PP, AICP

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# LIGHTS OUT... on proper DPWA management!



WHILE THE NEWARK BAY WALKWAY HAS REMAINED AN INJURY LIABILITY FOR MORE THAN MORE THAN TWO YEARS, OTHER COMMON AREA REPAIRS ARE NEGLECTED. A. NUMEROUS LAMP POSTS (10 IN SH2 ALONE) HAVE REMAINED OUT; B. THE SOCIETY HILL DRIVE FENCE PRIVACY SCREEN, MEANT TO BLOCK SIGHT OF THE PATHMARK LOADING DOCK, IS DOWN IN TWO PLACES; C. SEVERAL ELECTRONIC WALKWAY GATES REMAIN NON-FUNCTIONAL; & D. ALL OF THE MAIN GATEHOUSE ARCHES REMAIN WEATHER-DAMAGED AND UNSIGHTLY.

WOULD YOU SAY THE DPWA IS BEING MANAGED PROPERLY?

## RESIDENTS STRUT “STUFF” ON TAG SALE DAY



**O**n Saturday, June 4, 2011, SH2 held a community-wide Tag Sale from 10 am to 5 pm. Several streets were abuzz with a festive atmosphere as residents artfully displayed their wares under tents and on tables outside their homes.

Some offered refreshments, some offered music but everyone offered plenty of smiles and camaraderie. All In all, it was just what the SH2 Board hoped it would be—a chance for residents to find new homes for things they no longer needed and for others to browse for treasures. Most importantly, it was an opportunity for neighbors to interact and get to know each other better.

Thanks to all who participated!

## SOCIETY HILL RESIDENTS TAKE HACKENSACK RIVER NATURE WALK.



Left to right: Society Hill residents Vern Carlson, Richard Westby-Gibson, Michele Bibb, SH2 Board Vice President Hugh Brown and SH2 Board President Denise Bailey pose on the Newark Bay Walkway during Hackensack Waterfront tour.

**On Friday, May 13, 2011, a group of Society Hill residents, including Denise Bailey, SH2 Board President and Hugh Brown, SH2 Board Vice President, attended a presentation entitled, *Taking Back the Hackensack: Revitalization of Jersey City's Western Waterfront*. Held in the Francis X. Burke Administration Building located in Jersey City's Lincoln Park, the Powerpoint™ slide show previewed the City's plans to revitalize parts of the Hackensack Riverfront.**

Presentations were made by Robert D. Cotter, Planning Director, City of Jersey City, whose topic was *Transforming Jersey City's Western Waterfront*. He was followed by William J. Hague, Director Remediation, Design & Construction, Honeywell, Inc., who described the *Bayfront I Redevelopment Plan*. The ambitious Bayfront project will incorporate both residential and commercial buildings—with nearly 25% of the project devoted to green space!

Of particular note to Society Hill residents, is that the Bayfront will occupy the parcel of land adjacent to Kellogg Street, directly north of Droyers Point.



Hugh Carola, Project Director of Hackensack Riverkeeper® chats with tour attendees.

The third speaker of the afternoon, was Stephen Marks, Planning Director, County of Hudson, who spoke about *Open Space and Public Access in Hudson County*.

Following a question and answer period, attendees boarded a bus and were driven to the Newark Bay Walkway. Once there, Hugh Carola, Program Director, Hackensack RiverKeeper, Inc. led the attendees on an approximately 1.2 mile walking tour of the Hackensack River waterfront. ☒

**SH 2 ELECTION RETURNS ARE IN!  
ADRIAN MURRAY ELECTED TO 3-YEAR TERM.**



Newly elected Treasurer Adrian Murray is a graduate of Princeton University and a Senior Project Manager at a prominent NY-based firm.

**A**drian Murray has served faithfully as Treasurer during 2010. Having been elected to a 3-year term in the SH2 Board elections in April 2011, he will continue to serve in that capacity.

This year, a quorum number of 120 votes was needed to validate the election. That number was 1/3 of the number of residents who were entitled to vote.

The return results are as follows:

**SH2 ELECTION RESULTS:**

VOTES FOR ADRIAN MURRAY.....	71
VOTES TOWARD QUORUM.....	48
<u>PROXY VOTES.....</u>	<u>8</u>
TOTAL VOTES CAST	127

Two 1-year Board Trustee spots remain open. If you or someone you know would like to serve as a Board member, please contact SH2 community Manager Wendy Weisman at: [wweisman@taylormgt.com](mailto:wweisman@taylormgt.com)



**POOL  
SEASON'S  
HERE!**

The SH2 pool opened on Memorial Day.

Come take a dip and be refreshed!



## MEET SH2'S NEW COMMUNITY MANAGER

She's been on the job a little less than a year, yet Wendy Weissman, SH2's Community Manager, has had a positive impact on the community. Due in large part to her 25 years of experience in both commercial and residential property management and her efficient, friendly managerial style.

A manager's job description requires that the person filling it wear many hats. In the course of a busy day, a manager handles requests from all directions. Whether it's consulting with the Board on any number of matters or answering or attending to all manner of requests from residents, it's a big job. Says Wendy, "Yes, it's challenging, but solving problems validates me. I take pride in giving both the Board and residents the very best effort I can to keep SH2 running smoothly."

On any given day, Wendy puts into motion the directives the Board has voted on. She may be setting up appointments or meeting with vendors one minute and assisting residents with everything from small concerns to life or property-threatening emergencies the next. It is indeed more than a 9 to 5 position—often requiring Wendy to handle community-related business on weekends as well.

Being manager to a 428-unit community requires someone who genuinely likes people and just as importantly someone able to effectively get a myriad of things accomplished in a timely manner. That describes Wendy to a tee. When you see her around the community, please stop to say "hello". If you drop by the office, Monday through Friday her "Open-Door Policy" will most likely impress you...as will her cheery smile. ☒



GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?

SEND A LETTER TO THE EDITOR  
AT [hubrown@comcast.net](mailto:hubrown@comcast.net)

WHETHER THEY CONTAIN POSITIVE  
FEEDBACK OR SUGGESTIONS,  
OPINIONS OR MERE OBSERVATIONS  
ABOUT LIFE IN SOCIETY HILL 2,  
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CAN BE A GOOD WAY  
FOR COMMUNITY RESIDENTS  
TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS.

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# THE SH2 WEBSITE—A WEALTH OF INFORMATION

**N**ever visited the SH2 Private Web site? You're missing a lot. First log on to the public web page at: <http://taylormgt.ahn6.com//societyhillJCII> Once at the site, click on "Request Login". Simply fill out and submit the Login Request Form. The Web Administrator will verify the info you send and e-mail your User Name and password to you.

When you receive your User Name and Password, click "Resident Login", enter them, and a wealth of community-related info lies in wait for you. For example, under the "Documents" tab alone, you'll find:

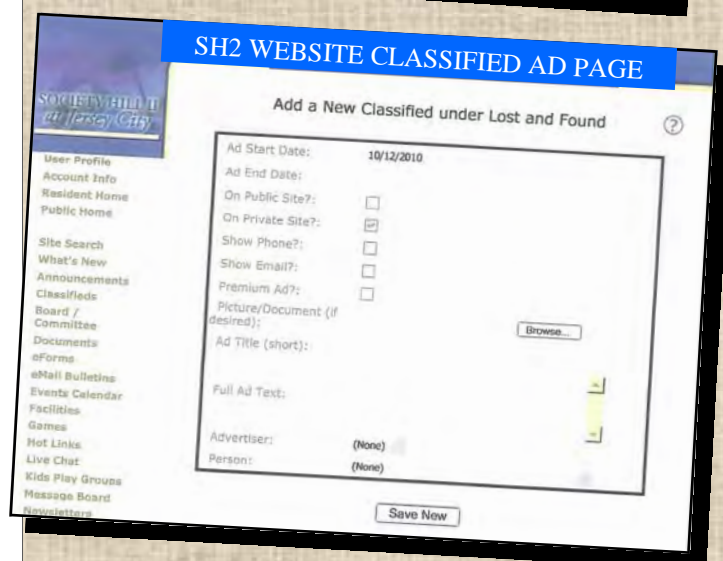
- The latest issues of our newsletter, *Society Hill 2 News*
- Draft Minutes from the most recent Open Meetings
- The latest Budget and Audit of the community's finances
- How to contact our Manager
- Special announcements from the SH2 Board
- Even the community's irrigation schedule!

## **BONUS!**

### **SH2 RESIDENTS CAN POST CLASSIFIED ADS FREE OF CHARGE!**

To post your own classified ad, simply login as usual, click "Classifieds" from the list of options. Select or create a Classified Category. Once the Classified Ad Page Form appears, just enter your classified particulars, press "Save New" and you're done.

Now selling furniture, clothing or objects or requesting tutors or reporting a lost pet couldn't be easier—at no cost to you! Now isn't that indeed a BONUS?





## JACQUES' HOW TO SCOOP POOP TIPS *as told to Elaine Gardner*

**H**ello, my name is Jacques. I live at 47 Locust Street. Perhaps

you've seen me walking around the neighborhood. I'm the goodlooking guy with the curly white hair. I'm a Bichon Frise breed. That's French, you know. Even though my house mates have sent me to Carolina Canine College, I admit I'm still a bit uncouth. Yet, even a "diamond in the ruff" like me has sense enough to want to keep his home and surroundings clean. That's why I decided to pen this *How to Scoop Poop* article.

Obviously, a lot of dogs out there are either too lazy or just don't know how to train their owners in the finer points of "pooper scooping". Not to worry. I'm here to assure them of success, if they follow these simple steps:

1. Grab a leash as soon as your house mate arrives home. Keep jumping up and down until he/she realizes you have to go and takes you for a walk.
2. Be sure to remind him/her to take a clean-up utensil. There are formal and informal devices that serve that purpose quite well. If he/she is a "hands-on" type, but a little queasy, direct them to wear a plastic glove on the pick-up hand. My owner is a hands-on type and uses Pathmark plastic bags, newspaper bags, or small garbage liners. The load should be tied and properly dumped in the appropriate containers—not in gutter drains or Newark Bay.

3. Speaking of Newark Bay, did you know that Pet Poop Scoop Stations have been installed along the SH2 Walkway, complete with plastic bags for our use? (See below)
4. Remind your owner not to send a child to do an adult's job, unless the child has been trained in the proper procedures. By the way, that includes properly disposing of people trash at the Recycling Center as well.
5. In addition, your owner(s) should be reminded not to let you disrespect the front lawns and plants of other residents. It's bad enough trying to avoid stepping into pet waste when you have two feet. Imagine how difficult this is when you have four!
6. Last, but not least, we must all cooperate to maintain what my owner calls "the best quality of life". It's what happy residents need and deserve. For now, Bow Wow!



Pet Waste Station along SH2 Bay Walkway.

## Do you want to...

- organize a game night?
- share news on a great restaurant you've found?
- find recommendations for a painter?
- see some of your neighbors' favorite recipes?
- post a free classified ad?
- find out about what's going on in JC for the weekend?

### **Join the newly formed Society Hill Yahoo! Group!**

This new discussion group is an easy way for residents to communicate directly with each other and to find out about what's happening in their neighborhood.

This group is meant to foster better communication amongst Society Hill residents and strengthen our community. The Yahoo! Group is free to join and limited to community residents.



**Subscribe at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/society-hill-jc/>.**

Contact Kate or Adrian at [kateandadrian@gmail.com](mailto:kateandadrian@gmail.com) with any questions.

## QUARTERLY BOARD UPDATE



HERE'S  
WHAT'S BEEN  
ACCOMPLISHED!

**CLUBHOUSE SAFETY AND COACH LIGHTS REPAIRED**—The Board is happy to report that the Exit lights at the front and rear Clubhouse doors have been restored to working order. In addition, the coach lights along clubhouse side facing the tot lot and tennis courts are again illuminating these areas at night.

**FLOWERBED REVAMP CONTINUES**—In the Fall of 2010, the Buildings & Grounds Committee, began an extensive program to revamp our flowerbeds. Dead plants were removed, perennial plants were trimmed to encourage new growth next season and an attempt was made to regrade the beds and return the borders to the original Belgian block edging. The result will be a more uniform look throughout SH2. Says Amarilis Etayem, Building & Grounds Committee Chair. "Our grounds have taken on a haphazard look. With a little effort on everyone's part, they can have a prettier, more consistent look." B&G committee members Roya Bianchi and Yael Isreal are also involved in making sure our grounds look as good as they possibly can.

Residents who enjoy gardening can indicate this by placing a red flag in their beds; however those who do so agree to observe the garden standards and to keep their gardens tidy throughout all seasons. Residents without a "green thumb" can let our professional landscapers do their job. The Droyers Point and SH1 communities have noticed how much better our beds look and have asked for help forming their own B&G committees. Amarilis has gladly helped them get started. "We are all neighbors," she says, "and what benefits one benefits all." Now that the good weather's here, the beautification project is in full swing.

**2011 BUDGET APPROVED**—At the November 2010 Open meeting, The Board proposed the 2011 budget, which was approved and audited a short time after. Mindful of the difficult economic times we're facing, it re-allocated certain budget lines items and kept maintenance fees at 2010 levels.

**YEARLY CENSUS ALMOST COMPLETE**—All residents must complete a Census Form yearly. The form will help update the Gatehouse files so that Gate Attendants can admit visitors more efficiently. To date, three quarters of our residents have complied. The board urges the other quarter (you know who you are!) to complete your Census Forms today. Census Forms can be picked up at the holder beside the clubhouse or down-loaded from the "Documents" heading on the SH2 website: <http://taylormgt.ahn6.com/societyhillJCII>

**YEARLY PARKING STICKERS**—Also part of the Census, is space for residents to register all vehicles. This information will help solve some of the illegal parking problems. In order to keep the information as up to date as possible, residents will be asked to register each year for each car they own and each key fob they have. If you have not filled out your Census Form, and received and displayed your parking sticker(s) in your vehicles, the Board urges you do so today.

**MOST USED FORMS ON SH2 WEBSITE**—Residents can now find many most-used forms on the community website: <http://taylormgt.ahn6.com/societyhillJCII> For example: you'll find **The BHB Insurance Form** for residents who need to prove their home is covered under the SH2 insurance contract. And the **Frequent Visitor Form**, which lets the Gate House attendants know which people (i.e. relatives, cleaning personnel, baby sitters, etc.) residents have authorized to enter the community on a regular basis.

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# MEMO

**TO: SOCIETY HILL II RESIDENTS**

**DATE: JANUARY 25, 2011**

**FROM: MANAGEMENT**

**RE: ILLEGAL PARKING**

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Please be advised that the **Jersey City Parking Authority** will be monitoring the community on a daily basis to ensure that all parking restrictions are strictly enforced.

**The Authority will be issuing tickets directly to all violators who illegally park along the streets within the community.** Parking along the streets creates a serious problem that impairs emergency vehicles from gaining access to the property should they need to do so, thus putting all homeowners at risk.

**Your cooperation in this matter is MANDATORY.**

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**SH 2 OPEN BOARD MEETINGS ARE USUALLY  
HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE THE FOURTH  
THURSDAY EACH MONTH AT 7:30 P.M.**

**MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND TO FIND OUT  
FIRST HAND ABOUT ISSUES THAT  
AFFECT YOUR COMMUNITY!**

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# WE MUST INSIST THE WALKWAY BE FIXED!



Hugh Brown,  
Editor,  
Society Hill 2  
News

**H**ave you wondered why another year's gone by and the tripping hazards on the Walkway have not been repaired?

Please read "Concerned Residents "Drop In" on DPWA Meeting" (Pages 2 to 5). The article is somewhat long, but it's worth reading. It was submitted by a group of concerned residents who feel that all residents need to know the many nonsensical reasons that have prevented any Walkway repairs from being made. The article also documents that two knowledgeable Jersey City government agencies have deemed the Walkway fix to be a simple repair.



A TRIP AND FALL ACCIDENT  
WAITING TO HAPPEN...

At the last DPWA Open meeting in March 2011, Access Manager Rolando Villalobos promised he would provide documentation supporting his claim that an engineering survey would be needed before the repairs could commence. To date he has not given the community one iota of pertinent documentation supporting a need for an engineering survey. What's more, there hasn't been a DPWA Open meeting in two months!

The question remains then: why is the DPWA Board allowing Mr. Villalobos to steer us down the path of an unnecessary and much more involved repair process? One that will surely cost us all more money in the long run. Each day we delay repairing the Walkway increases the chances people will be injured and lawsuits will be filed against our communities.

The repair plan endorsed by the Friends of the Walkway was presented to residents well over a year ago. This plan offers a simple solution to repairing the Walkway and is supported by two Jersey City Officials. Yet on more than one occasion, Mr. Villalobos has dismissed the City's support as irrelevant. Each year SH 2 residents contribute \$189,000 to the DPWA coffers to help maintain our common areas. SH1 and Droyers Point residents pay their fair share as well. All three communities must band together to insist that their money is not spent unnecessarily. The Walkway must be repaired NOW! ✘

For more info about how to repair the Walkway, log on to: <http://friendsofthewalkway.shutterfly.com/>

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