



Journal Square

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Journal Square - Home and workplace to people from all walks of life, Journal Square is Jersey City's central business district as well as one of the city's four Special Improvement Districts (SID). The Square is an ever-present force in Hudson County serving as a hub for "Journal Square offers opportunity for new investors and small business owners alike working together with the city of Jersey City and the district's businesses and property owners. We are improving Journal Square every day," said Allen Magrini, president of the Board of Trustees of the Journal Square Restoration Corporation and assistant corporation council for Hartz Mountain Industries.

Serving as a back-office operation center for regional corporations, such as ADP. Provident Bank and others, Journal Square also functions as an employment center for Jersey City, Hudson County and the region.

The Journal Square Path Station, bus lines and taxi cab services offer ample transportation to New York City, Newark Penn Station and serve 40,000 commuters daily.

Higher education has played a significant role in the vigor of Journal Square, where the district serves as a campus for Hudson County Community College, which brings over 10,000 students to the Square each year. Aside from housing the college's campuses, Journal Square is also home to the college bookstore and its business offices.

Education and transportation are not the only benefits at Journal Square. There are also plenty of parking lots in and around the area for those commuters.

"The mission of the special improvement district together with the city, the county and the private sector, is to maintain the cleanliness, appearance and safety of the respective districts," said Scott Harwood, a former president of the Journal Square Restoration Corporation which operates the SID and a principal at Harwood Properties.

But Journal Square's revitalization is rooted in tradition. The area is host to landmarks like the Loew's Theatre, still sporting that old-world charm

exterior and eye-catching Rococo interior, where Bing Crosby, Duke Ellington and many more storied performers once played. There is also the Canton Tea Garden Restaurant, long familiar to visitors and residents alike along with Laico's at the Summit House Restaurant, 510 Summit Ave. located in one of the oldest buildings in Hudson County.

Representing Journal Square's diversity is a wide-range of ethnic restaurants in and around area where people can enjoy authentic cuisines. A good example is Little India on Newark Avenue, a center for members of the Asian-Indian community from throughout the state.

Journal Square's trademark building, the Trust-Company of New Jersey, has been renovated and ADP has added a newly constructed 250,000 square foot facility to its already prominent building across from the Path Station.

Journal Square contains many other landmark buildings. Included among them are the recently renovated 26 Journal Square, 30 Journal Square (home of the Jersey Journal newspaper), the Provident Bank headquarters on Bergen Avenue and 880 Bergen Avenue, the home of the International Institute and the former site of Jersey City's own radio station.

To accommodate the growing community, new homes have been constructed with the conversion of a vacant hotel property to market rental apartments. Other homes can be found on Bergen, Newark and Sip avenues and on Kennedy Boulevard. New construction on the site of the State Theater will offer over 100 new apartments at the Square when completed, as well as new parking and retail stores.

Shopping at Journal Square is also as diverse as its people, with smaller venues and leading retailers working side by side. Some retailers include Radio Shack, Foot Locker, Payless Shoes, Rite Aid and Lord's Children's Wear,

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