10 DAYS 0FTASTING



PAN SEARED scallops with artichoke risotto and chive butter sauce at O'Connell's is a delicious dish.



OPEN SINCE OCTOBER, O'Connell's in Jersey City joins Hudson Restaurant

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Hudson Restaurant Week is back, giving you 10 days of sampling some of the areas best menus on a budget. Today through Feb. 9, nearly 30 restaurants in Jersey City, Hoboken, Weehawken and North Bergen will offer prix-fixe lunches and dinners at discounted prices with no coupons or passes required.

Participating restaurants range from sushi bars to Irish pubs to classic bistros, representing Hudson County's finest cuisine. In addition to long-standing favorites like the Brass Rail in Hoboken, several brand-new dining spots have joined the event. Newcomers include Mercy "I'm not sure what to expect because it's our first time, but the idea for me is to show off our food."

> PATRICK HENNESSY O'CONNELL'S

Grill and Shades of Hoboken, which both opened on New Year's Eve, and O'Connell's, which arrived in Downtown Jersey City in October.

"I think it's a great event for restaurants in the area," said Patrick Hennessy, owner of O'Connell's, an Irish bar and grill. "I'm not sure what to expect because it's our first time, but the idea for me is to show off our food."

Hudson Restaurant Week is a bi-annual culinary celebration that promotes Hudson County as a premier dining destination in New Jersey. The event was created in 2005 by Tamara Remedios of Get Out Hudson magazine and is held in January and July, the restaurant business's slowest times of the year. Get Out Hudson has also created www.HudsonMenus.com, featuring downloadable menus from more than 150 area restaurants, as well as the Hudson Deck, a deck of dining cards that can be redeemed at participating restaurants for \$10 off a \$40 meal.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF RESTAU-RANTS participating in the event, visit www.HudsonRestaurantWeek.com.



PICK YOUR SPOT

There are plenty of places to tantalize your tastebuds:

- 3Forty Grill, 340 Sinatra Drive, Hoboken, 201-217-3406, www.3fortygrill.com
- 95 Greene, 95 Greene St., Jersey City, 201-209-9120, www.95greenerestaurant.com
- Amanda's, 908 Washington St., Hoboken, 201-798-0101, www.amandasrestaurant.com
- Antonia's By The Park, 9011 Palisades Ave., North Bergen, 201-868-0750
- Arthur's Tavern, 237 Washington St., Hoboken, 201-656-5009, www.arthurstavern.com
- Black Bear, 205 Washington St., Hoboken, 201-656-5511, www.blackbear-bar.com
- Brass Rail, 135 Washington St., Hoboken, 201-659-7079, www.thebras-srailnj.com
- C-Side, Harborside Financial Center (Plaza II), Jersey City, 201-915-3663
- Cafe Spice, 537 Washington Blvd., Jersey City, 201-533-0111, www.cafespice.com
- Edwards Steakhouse, 239 Marin Blvd., Jersey City, 201-761-0000, www.edwardssteakhouse.com
- Elysian Cafe, 1001 Washington St., Hoboken, 201-798-5898
- Frank's Waterside, 7800B River Road, North Bergen, 201-861-0700, www.frank-swaterside.com
- Harbor Bar, 500 Harbor Blvd, Weehawken, 201-348-4444, www.harborbar.com
- Honshu, 31 Montgomery St, Jersey City, 201-324-2788, www.honshulounge.com
- Komegashi, 103 Montgomery St, Jersey City, 201-433-4567, www.komegashi.com
- Komegashi too, 99 Pavonia Ave, Jersey City, 201-533-8888, www.komegashi.com
- Liberty House, 76 Audrey Zapp Drive, Jersey City, 201-395-0300, www.liberty-houserestaurant.com
- Lounge 11, 505 Madison St, Hoboken, 201-792-2244, www.lounge11bar.com
- The Madison, 1316 Washington St, Hoboken, 201-386-0300, www.madisonbarandgrill.com
- The Merchant (1/29-2/6), 279 Grove St, Jersey City, 201- 200-0202, www.the-merchantnj.com
- Mercy Grill, 230 Washington St, Hoboken, 201-239-1400, www.mercygrill.com
- O'Connell's, 111 Montgomery St, Jersey City, 201-333-3633, www.oconnellsbarandgrill.com
- The Pointe, 2 Chapel Ave, Jersey City, 201-985-9854, www.thepointeatportliber-te.com
- Porto Leggero, Harborside Plaza V, Jersey City, 201-434-3200, www.portoleggero.net
- The Quays, 310 Sinatra Drive, Hoboken, 201-656-2521, www.thequayshoboken.com
- Sabor, 8809 River Road, North Bergen, 201-943-6366, www.saborlatinbistro.com
- Shades of Hoboken, 720 Monroe St, Hoboken, 888-3SHADES, www.shadesofhoboken.com
- South City Grill, 70 Pavonia Ave, Jersey City, 201-610-9225, www.southcitygrill.com
- Texas Arizona, 76 River St., Hoboken, 201-420-0304, www.texasarizona.com
- Trinity, 306 Sinatra Dr, Hoboken, 201-533-4446, www.hobokentrinity.com
- York Street Tavern, 247 Washington Blvd., Jersey City, 201-332-1186