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LIBERTY HOUSE is one of the participating locations in this year's Hudson Restaurant Week.

Hudson restaurants go prix-fixe for two weeks

Foodies, get ready. Now is the time to check out a local restaurant as the fourth annual Hudson Restaurant Week approaches. Starting on Monday and running through Feb. 8, discounted prix-fixe meals will be served at more than 30 Hudson restaurants, with lunches starting from \$13 and dinners from \$23.

Hudson Restaurant Week is a bi-annual event created in 2005 by Get Out Hudson magazine to draw customers to local haunts during the slow times of the culinary year — January and July.

Most restaurants provide the discounted menus on weekdays, but many will also be offering them the weekend of Feb. 1. The eight new restaurants participating this year are Azucar, City Vino, Harsimus Cove, Ox and Sawadee Thai in Jersey City, and East L.A. Gaslight and Hudson Tavern in Hoboken.

Miguel Viacava, manager of City Vino, said that the event is a great spring board for new businesses like his own.

"I think it's the premiere event in the area. We're a new restaurant, and we want to bring in more customers into

the place. I think it's a good opportunity."

In fact, it's an opportunity many restaurants have repeatedly embraced. Liberty House in Jersey City has participated in Hudson Restaurant Week since its inception. Manager John Hanson said the reason they keep returning has a lot to do with satisfying local customers.

"It's a great event for Hudson County. It allows people to come in and sample some of the menu, and it keeps them coming back year round."

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