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***Mayor Healy to Welcome New Restaurant to Jersey City's  
Growing Lafayette Neighborhood at Ribbon-Cutting  
Applauds restaurateur's commitment to Jersey City's neighborhoods***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy will take part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome one of Jersey City's newest restaurants, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue News Bar, to the Lafayette neighborhood at **2 p.m. on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007.**

The restaurant, located at 339 Communipaw Avenue, has been open since mid-March, but will officially kick-off its grand opening during the ribbon-cutting festivities.

“This is an exciting new addition to Jersey City's growing restaurant scene,” **Mayor Healy** said. “That we are seeing restaurants like 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue News Bar opening its doors in the Lafayette community is proof positive of a commitment to the neighborhoods of Jersey City.”

Housed in what was once a bar, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue News Bar serves classic American fare in what owner Caesar Johnson describes as an ambiance reminiscent of the 1940s with an original back-bar hutch, original tin ceilings and exposed brick walls.

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Johnson, a former Jersey City resident, said in addition to the proximity to the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, the growth and enthusiasm taking place in Jersey City in recent years is what inspired him to open his establishment here.

“Jersey City is extremely diverse and a great place to operate a restaurant,” Mr. Johnson said. “We have seen a tremendous boom in Jersey City, and being in the restaurant business, we wanted to bring both fine and casual dining to the people who live and work in Jersey City.”

5<sup>th</sup> Avenue News Bar serves both lunch and dinner, and is open Tuesday through Sunday, and will serve Sunday brunch starting on Mother’s Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

For more information on the ribbon cutting, **contact the Division of Cultural Affairs at (201) 547-6921.///**