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## **Royal J. Coffee Shop Diner Gets New Owner.**

*Improvements Include Staying For Dinner Hours, Broadening Menu,  
Increasing Serving Sizes.*

Ribbon-Cutting Event Scheduled for Thursday, April 7 at 1 Bank Street at 5:30 p.m.. Mayor, City Council Slated To Attend.

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PEEKSKILL, NY—New owners are of The Royal J. Coffee Shop are planning to stay open for more hours, offer a broader menu, increase portion sizes and reduce prices—at the same time they keep staff and atmosphere almost the same.

“It’s going to be a big change over here,” says manager Chris Pappas. “We’re going to have a lot more specials and bigger portions on our plates,” he says. “The menu’s going to stay almost the same, but we’re going to have a touch of something special in all of our food,” he says.

“We’re going to be open for dinners now,” says new owner Dario Abril. “We’re going to put more specials on the menu and lower the prices a bit,” he says.

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Located at the corner of Park and Bank Streets, at 1 Bank Street, Royal J. has been a Peekskill fixture for many years. Much will remain the same under the new ownership, Pappas says. The main difference will be that Abril will act as the new cook, he says.

With its new operating hours, Royal J will open earlier in the morning and stay open later at night. Full hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Items on the Royal J.'s menu include gyros, club sandwiches, and burgers. Among the restaurant's specialties are Greek dishes such as gyros, soulvaki, spinach pies and Greek Salads. Other specialties include Chicken Marsala and Chicken Francois and Shrimp Scampi.

Peekskill's growing economy and welcoming business environment are what drew him to buy the Royal J, Abril says. "It's nice here and there are good opportunities," he says.

"With the downtown becoming more vigorous and active, it's great that Royal J. will be open as a resource for people looking for a good meal at a fair price," says Mayor John Testa.

Whatever happens, the welcoming atmosphere at the Royal J. will stay the same, Pappas says. "We'll have the same people who have been working for the previous owners. It's nice. It's like family over here, even though nobody's related," he says.

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