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A GREEK REVIVAL IN PEEKSKILL

(Peekskill, New York)... Mayor John G. Testa and members of the Common Council will celebrate the reopening of the Royal J Coffee Shop at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, September 9, 2002 at 5:00 pm at 1023 Park Street.

In 1997 John and Sophia Pappas purchased the Royal J Coffee Shop from the previous owners and began their love affair with the City of Peekskill. On February 7, 2002 a fire caused the abrupt closure of the Royal J Coffee Shop with substantial damage in the kitchen and water damage to its furniture and fixtures. After a long delay, the insurance company honored the Pappas claim and renovations began on the premises in May 2002. John and Sophia Pappas have redesigned the entire layout, and installed a brand new kitchen with modern equipment and decorated with bright and colorful furniture. The Pappas are proud of their record in providing homemade food and exceptional customer service. They are anxious to welcome back their customers.

“We are appreciative of the support we’ve received from our customers and suppliers, who’ve expressed concern over the closure of Royal J. Their support has kept our confidence in the City of Peekskill and throughout the renovation process. We look forward to seeing you soon,” avowed John and Sophia Pappas.

“The Common Council and I are thrilled that John and Sophia Pappas have chosen to reopen the Royal J Coffee Shop. This business is vital to the continued success of the downtown business community. The reopening of Royal J sends a positive message that business owners want to be in Peekskill, particularly downtown Peekskill. My colleagues on the Common Council and I wish John and Sophia Pappas continued success,” noted Mayor John G. Testa.

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