# Jackson Heights, Queens

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Heights is 11372. Queens. The neighborhood is part of Queens Community Board 3. [2] The main zip code of Jackson Jackson Heights is a neighborhood in the northwestern portion of the New York City borough of

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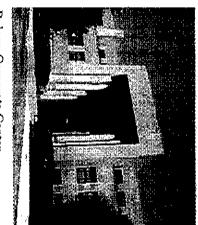
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# Geography and transportation

main terminals and operates 24 hours a day. The Q47 bus goes to the Marine Air Terminal. The Q53 bus services and five bus lines (Q32, Q33, Q47, Q49 and Q53). The Q33 bus goes to LaGuardia Airport's sheds above the Flushing line platforms. [3] It is the largest subway stop in Queens with six subway which is partially powered by solar panels built into the roof. These are located along the length of the million. [3] It includes one of the first green buildings by the MTA, the Victor A. Moore Bus Terminal, routes converge. A major renovation of this facility, completed in 2005 by the MTA, cost over \$100 Flushing Line (7 <7> trains), the IND Queens Boulevard Line (E F M R trains), and numerous bus Jackson Heights is the location of the Roosevelt Avenue / 74th Street transportation hub, where the IRT goes to Rockaway Beach, Queens.

original development, is sometimes regarded as a northward extension of the neighborhood. The the west, Roosevelt Avenue to the south, and Junction Boulevard to the east. [4] East Elmhurst, the area immediately to the north, from Northern Boulevard to the Grand Central Parkway, though not part of the Jackson Heights name comes from Jackson Avenue, the former name for Northern Boulevard. The The community is bounded by Northern Boulevard to the north, the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to the Queens Midtown Tunnel approaches in the Long Island City neighborhood. Jackson Avenue name is retained by this major road in a short stretch between Queensboro Plaza and

#### Economy



Bulova Corporate Center

corporate offices to move to a new watch factory and said it would close its Jackson Heights/East the Bulova Corporate In 1987, British headquarters in the Elmhurst area. [5] In watch factory in the United States Airways moved its 1999 British Airways Center, a converted

British Airways maintains offices in the Bulova building. [8][9] operations would move to Jacksonville, Florida. [7] As of 2008 of office space in the watch building, but that its telephone the airline said it would keep 80,000 square feet (7,400 m²) by 2002, when the airline's lease would run out. [6] By 2001 headquarters building in a location in the New York City area

#### History

and 34th and 37th Avenues was built upon during the 1940s. well as some "cut-outs", are not inside the Register Districts fronting on Northern Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue, as Districts range from 93rd Street through 69th Street between income workers from Manhattan to raise their families.[11] initially planned as a place for middle- to upper-middle between Manhattan and Flushing. The community was MacDougall's Queensboro Corporation beginning about was a planned development laid out by Edward A. apartment buildings (the term was invented for buildings in District. About half has been designated as a New York City Historic District and a New York State Historic Register Most of the original neighborhood is a National Register designated October 19, 1993. It encompasses an area between A former golf course located between 76th and 78th Streets Northern Boulevard and Roosevelt Avenue. Some property The Jackson Heights New York State and National Register 1916, and following the arrival of the No. 7 elevated line Jackson Heights)<sup>[10]</sup> and many groupings of private homes. It Preservation Commission. It comprises large garden Historic District by the New York City Landmarks 76th and 88th Streets and Roosevelt Avenue and Northern The New York City Historic District of Jackson Heights was

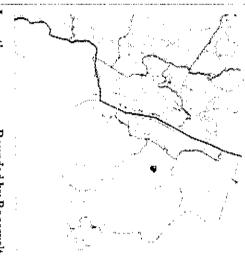
## **Jackson Heights Historic District** - Coordinates: 40°45'5"N-73°55'13"W

U.S. National Register of Historic Places

U.S. Historic district



A typical residential street in Jackson Heights



Location:

Bounded by Roosevelt

Leverich St., Northern Ave., Broadway,

Blvd., and Junction

Blvd., Queens, NYC

Coordinates:

40°45′5″N

73°53′13′′W

300 acres (120 ha)

Architectural style: Late 19th And 20th

Century Revivals

NRHP Reference#: 99000059 Governing body: Federal

Added to NRHP: Ξ January 27, 1999

Boulevard (PDF map of the District)

Districts, the local designation comes with aesthetic protections (http://www.nyc.gov/html/lpc/downloads/pdf/maps/jackson\_heights.pdf) . Unlike the State and National

Jackson Heights is believed to be<sup>[12]</sup> the first garden city community built in the United States, as part of the international garden city movement at the turn of the 20th century. There are many private parks affluent part of the neighborhood. [citation needed] built largely under the oversight of one person. The historic section of Jackson Heights is the more the parks of Jackson Heights is derived from its founding principle as a privately owned neighborhood entry is restricted to those who own a co-op around its perimeter. The basis for the private ownership of the mid-blocks, mostly hidden from view by the buildings surrounding them. Unless given an invitation, (historically called "gardens" by the residents) within walking distance of each other. They are tucked in

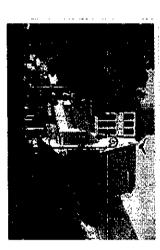
of Historic Places in 1999.[1] buildings, 19 contributing sites, and three contributing objects. [13] It was listed on the National Register The Jackson Heights Historic District is a national historic district that includes 2,203 contributing

community. The area later became the Bulova watch factory site. Primarily during the 1930s, Holmes Airport operated on 220 acres (0.89 km²) adjacent to the

### Community 5 4 1

20 to 30 minutes via the 7 train. train or 63rd Street and Lexington via the F train. It takes about minutes to 53rd Street and Lexington Avenue via the express E Many residents commute to nearby Manhattan, ten to fifteen

unit buildings, many of which are five or six stories. Many of houses, most of which are attached row houses. condominiums. There are also a number of one to three family these buildings are co-ops, some are rentals, and a few are Most housing units in Jackson Heights are apartments in multi-



82nd Street Shopping District, Jackson Heights



Indian restaurant on 74th St

The main retail thoroughfare is located

stores, and 82nd street contains many national chain stores Bengali music and movie retailers and many restaurants. 37th near 74th street tend to cater to the large South Asian population 37th and Roosevelt Avenues. [14] Stores and restaurants on and more retail on 82nd, 73rd and 74th Streets on the blocks between on 37th Avenue from 72nd Street to Junction Boulevard, with Junction Boulevard. Roosevelt Avenue is also lined with various from 80th Street east to the border of neighboring Corona at from Colombia, Ecuador and Peru dominate Northern Boulevard District. South American retailers and eateries, predominantly located in Tudor-style buildings in the Jackson Heights Historic Avenue contains a wide mix of retailers, including many grocery in the neighborhood, with sari and jewelry stores, Pakistani and

Avenue and Northem Boulevard are residential mainly Hispanic retail stores. The majority of 35th and 34th Avenues and most side streets between 37th



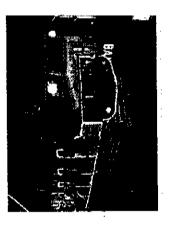
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Street and 37th Avenue. The Community United Methodist wide array of religions. Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church is Avenue between 81st and 82nd Streets. Church is on 82nd Street. St Mark's Episcopal Church is on 34th Jackson Heights Jewish Center is located on the corner of 77th located between 82nd and 83rd Street on 35th Avenue. The The community is home to various houses of worship from a

Jackson Heights is among the most diverse neighborhoods in New York City, and the nation.<sup>[15]</sup> Jackson Heights is home to

Ecuadorians and Colombians, South Asians, and East Asians large numbers of South Americans, particularly Argentinians,

central Jackson Heights. The total population of this area was 20.35% non-Hispanic Asian, 18.60% non-Hispanic White, and 66,636, of which 57.17% were Hispanic or Latino of any race, 11372 ZIP code tabulation area, which corresponds closely to The following statistics are from 2010 Census and apply to the



Chiva Bus during Colombian Independence celebration

owner occupied. There were 23,906 occupied housing units, of which 65.94% were renter occupied, with the others being The median age of the whole population is 38 years old, with 18.97% under 18 and 12.36% over 65 Americans with 29.41% of the total population, Mexicans with 10.93%, and Dominicans with 6.18% who were of another race or of more than one race. The largest Hispanic groups included South 1.78% non-Hispanic Black or African-American. The remaining population were non-Hispanic people

oriented spring and summer concerts. There is a year-round greenmarket every Sunday morning at Travers Park, as well as various family-

sizable Colombian population in the area. Colombian broadcaster RCN TV has its US-American headquarters in the neighborhood, reflecting the

issues of concern to the community. community. Periodically the Society testifies before the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission on City Trail and publish a walking guidebook to Jackson Heights. They also collect artifacts of the the Queens Borough Historian and local activists. They created and oversee the Jackson Heights Garden The Jackson Heights Garden City Society is a historical society, whose founders include local historians,

spikes in the 1980s into the 1990s, crime has declined significantly. According to New York City CompStat statistics, measured crime has declined more than 79% in the last 15 years (1993 to 2008). As of January 2008, the murder rate is down over 82% and grand larceny auto is down 90% from 1990 Jackson Heights has followed the general patterns of New York City when it comes to crime. After

#### Recreation

stickball field, a handball court and three tennis courts. Con Edison sponsored several summer tennis Travers Park is the most main local playground. It has a variety of sports, including basketball, tennis, baseball, soccer, and handball. Prior to expansion, the P.S. 69 school yard offered baseball fields, a

school yard was removed. [citation needed] compensate for the booming population of children in Jackson Heights and the public access to the camps at P.S. 69's school yard from 1982-1992. [citation needed] In 1998, P.S. 69 built an annex to

# Notable residents

Notable residents of Jackson Heights (including fictional characters said to live in the neighborhood)

- Nadia Ali (born 1980), Pakistani-American singer-songwriter Alfred Mosher Butts (1899–1993), invented Scrabble in 1938, and perfected it at Community Methodist Church. [16]
- Chester Carlson (1906-1968), invented Xerox copy machine in his Jackson Heights kitchen. [17]
- Robert P. Casey (1932-2000), Governor of Pennsylvania from 1987 to 1995. [18]
- other visual, non-verbal comedic routines. Charlie Chaplin (1889-1977), an English comic actor and director who used mime, slapstick and
- Thom Christopher (born 1940), longtime actor on One Life to Live. [19]
- Group. [20] Eleanor Clift (born 1940), Newsweek contributing editor and regular panelist on The McLaughlin
- Montgomery Clift (1920-1966), actor, moved to Jackson Heights with his family in 1933 and lived in The Chateau apartment building. [21]
- and JHS 145. [citation needed] Alan M. Davis (born 1949), professor and author, grew up in Jackson Heights, and attended PS 69
- Assistant Secretary of State. Edward Djerejian (born 1939), diplomat, former United States Ambassador to Syria and Israel and
- Kevin Dobson (born 1943), actor known for his roles on Kojak and Knots Landing. [22]
- Alfred Eisenstaedt (1898–1995), photographer, lived in Jackson Heights for many years. [23] Dave Fleming (born 1969), MLB pitcher who spent most of his career with the Seattle Mariners.
- Paul D. Ginsberg (born 1962), prominent mergers and acquisitions attorney.
- Goodman, and Louis Armstrong (NOTE:It is only provided when he left Jackson Heights). Bobby Hackett (1915-1976), a famous trumpet player who played with Henry Mancini, Benny
- Ed Hayes (born 1947) influential lawyer, journalist, and memoirist. [25]
- and model for Betty Boop. [26] Helen Kane (1904-1966), singer known for her baby talk version of I Wanna Be Loved by You
- Richard Kline (born 1944), went to IS 145 and played Jack's friend Larry on Three's Company
- John Leguizamo (born 1964), comedian / actor. [27]
- Willy Ley (1906-1969), space writer and theorist. [28]
- Lucy Liu (born 1968), actress. [29]
- Clive Lythgoe (1927–2006), classical pianist. [36]
- Victor Moore (1876–1962), actor.
- Billy Murcia (1954–1972), original drummer for the New York Dolls. [31]
- producer and actor. Colby O'Donis (born March 14, 1989), an American pop and R&B singer-songwriter, guitarist,
- Les Paul (1915–2009), jazz guitarist and guitar innovator. [32] Duncan Penwarden (1880–1930), actor. [33]

- Joe Quesada (born 1962), Editor-in-Chief of Marvel Comics. [34]
- Tommy Rettig (1941-1996), actor who appeared on the 1950s Lassie television series. [35]
- Don Rickles (born 1926), comedian. [36]
- 1954-1957.<sup>[37]</sup> Robert Tripp Ross (1903-1981), Congressman and former Assistant Secretary of Defense from
- Mercedes Ruehl (born 1948), actress. [38]
- Susan Sarandon (born 1946), actress. [39]
- Eddie August Schneider (1911–1940), record-setting early aviator. [40]
  Walter Sear (April 27, 1930 April 29, 2010) Audio Pioneer, Composer and owner of Sear Sound
- Gene Simmons (born 1949), of the rock group Kiss. [42]
- Howard Stern (born 1954), host of The Howard Stern Show. [43]
- Betty Suarez (born 1984), fictional title character of the television series Ugly Betty. [44] Rob Swift, DJ and turntablist. [45]
- Johnny Thunders (1952–1991), of the New York Dolls grew up in Jackson Heights. [citation needed] William Verdult (born 1939), Dutch artist.
- Helene White (born 1954), federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth
- Jack McGowan (born 1950) Porland, OR. Television News Anchor, director of SOLV

## Film location

- The film "Coming To America" is based in Jackson Heights
- Major portions of the Academy Award nominated Maria Full of Grace (2004) were filmed on location in Jackson Heights
- Portions of Random Hearts (1999) were filmed in Jackson Heights on 35th Avenue between 76th and 77th street. [citation needed]
- Part of The Usual Suspects was filmed in Jackson Heights around 34th Avenue and 82nd street. [47]
- Jackson Heights resident Victor Moore, a Broadway and film actor from the era of silent film to subway station, were prominently featured in the movie. The arcade was demolished and rebuilt intersection of Broadway and 74th Street. The former Victor Moore Arcade and the connecting Much of the Alfred Hitchcock film The Wrong Man takes place within a few blocks of the from 1998 to 2005 and became known as the Victor A. Moore Bus Terminal. It was named after
- Parts of director James Gray's We Own the Night (2007) were filmed between 32nd Avenue and 31st Avenue on 84th street. [citation needed]
- It is also the setting for the TV show *Ugly Betty*, where Betty and her family live. Ingrid Bergman's character Stephanie Dickinson in the movie *Cactus Flower* lives in Jackson

#### Education

New York City Department of Education operates public schools. Schools in Jackson Heights include Renaissance Charter School. [53] P.S. 69 Jackson Heights School, [48] P.S. 149 Christa McAuliffe School, [49] P.S. 212, [50] P.S. 222 FF Christopher A. Santora School, [51] I.S.145 Joseph Pulitzer School, [52] I.S. 230 and the K-12 school

Queens Library operates the Jackson Heights Library, located on 81st Street and 37th Avenue. [54]

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