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REAL QUICK

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TASTE IT: Buy your ticket to Taste of Cambridge today! (It's Main Street's biggest fundraiser.) See below.

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CANDIDATE'S FORUM: Ask questions of candidates for Cambridge City Council during a forum 7-9 p.m., July 2 at Jubilee Christian Fellowship, 415 Academy Street. Don't forget to vote July 8!

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GROWING REVITALIZATION: Cambridge Main Street was awarded a grant for Maple Street, a new residential revitalization project. See page 2.



Taste of Cambridge is July 12!

Come downtown for the
biggest event of the year

What it is

Taste of Cambridge kicks off at 5 p.m. on July 12 on the 500 block of Poplar and 400 block of Race. The Crab Cook-Off portion of the event has 10 restaurants compete for top honors by a panel of celebrity judges and by a popular vote. Admission to the Taste event is free; tickets for the Crab Cook-Off cost \$20 for samples of crab dishes and the right to cast your vote. There will also be live music, a professional crab-picking contest, and other contests (Lego building, hula hoop, watermelon eating, etc.). More info at www.cambridgemainstreet.com. Or call 410.228.1000.



[PHOTO BY DAVE HARP]

TASTE!

Buy your tickets before they sell out!

Last year, 'Taste' tickets sold out in the first hour. Buy yours in advance this year at the Dorchester Visitors' Center; Chamber of Commerce (528 Poplar Street); and at the Main Street Farmers' Market on Thursdays. Tickets cost \$20. Cash or check; or credit card at 410.228.3575.

Help! We need volunteers!

We need 100+ volunteers to pull off Taste of Cambridge. We need you! to work on everything from helping the restaurants to running the contests to cleaning up. Put in an hour or two, or spend the whole day! It's fun and you'll meet new people. Please let us know as soon as possible at 410.228.0020 or email office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

Crab Cook-Off restaurants

Your 'Taste' ticket will get you samples of crab dishes from these restaurants:

Bella Luna	Cambridge Yacht Club
Bistro Poplar	
Blue Point Provision	The Finish Line
Company (Hyatt)	Portside
Bobby's at Clearview	Snapper's
Cambridge Grill	Waterfront Café
	Water's Edge Grill at the Hyatt

EVENTS

JULY 2, 7-9 p.m.
Candidate's Forum
Jubilee Christian Fellowship,
415 Academy Street.
(Election Day is July 8!)

JULY 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31
3:30-6:30 p.m.
Main Street Farmers' Market
Parking lot at Academy and Muir Streets.

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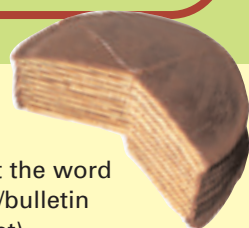
JULY 12, 5-9 p.m.
Taste of Cambridge
Crab Cook-Off,
crab-picking contest,
and much more.

JULY 19, 9-11 a.m.
Cannery Way Clean-Up

Come help spruce up plantings downtown.
400 block of Race Street.

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AUGUST 9, 5-9 p.m.
Back to School
Teacher pep rally and the hilarious Main Street Mile. Stores stay open late.



NEWS BITS

1 You can now pick up **authentic Smith Island cake** (the official state dessert), by the slice or by the cake, at A Few of My Favorite Things (414 Race Street). **2** Speaking of tasty treats, **Edy's hand-dipped ice cream** should be available beginning this week at the Snack Shack, 516 Race Street. **3** Want to get the word out on a special event or service downtown? You may be able to **post your news** in the four-sided kiosk/bulletin board in Cannery Way. To add your news, bring it to Sam Owings at Scoop Station (400 Muir Street).

More news at
[www.cambridge
mainstreet.com](http://www.cambridge
mainstreet.com)

ABOUT

Cambridge Main Street is a 501c3 organization dedicated to revitalizing downtown Cambridge. Contact Executive Director Jim Duffy at office@cambridgemainstreet.com or 410.228.0020.

Cambridge wins Maple Street grant

Cambridge recently received \$15,000 in state funding to start a new comprehensive, long-term residential revitalization project known as Maple Street.

Part of the Main Street Maryland program, Maple Street aims to strengthen the relationship between downtown commercial districts and surrounding neighborhoods by promoting affordable housing, community beautification, home ownership, public safety, and historic preservation.

Cambridge's Maple Street project will focus on key blocks of Pine, High,

Muir, and Gay streets near the downtown commercial district.

The project will be organized along the same lines as Cambridge Main Street. It will be overseen by a board of community volunteers and directed by a paid residential revitalization director. Maple Street and Main Street will often work in partnership and share expertise.

For more information or to get involved with Maple Street, contact Cambridge Main Street at 410.228.0020 or office@cambridgemainstreet.com.



Standing in front of historic Bethel AME Church on Pine Street are (from left) Tony Ennels (Cambridge Main Street board member), Jermaine Anderson (active in the Maple Street project), Cambridge Main Street President Chad Malkus, and Cambridge City Commissioner Donald Sydnor. The area's revitalization efforts are highlighted on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's online feature, **This Place Matters**. [PHOTO BY JIM DUFFY]

Cambridge Main Street honors hard-working volunteers

When May 10 rolled around this year, the morning was cold, rainy, and miserable. But it was Groove City Jazz & Blues Fest day, and the show had to go on. **Billie Jo Heister**, chair of Main Street's promotions committee and lead organizer for the fest, was undeterred. Despite slogging through mud to set up for the event, she had everyone laughing and feeling good. By the afternoon,

the sun was shining in a bright blue sky. That's just one example of the hard work, energy and spirit that volunteer Billie Jo Heister has added to Cambridge Main Street since she began volunteering last fall. A Cambridge native, she left for college and returned in 1995. For her ongoing efforts, she won Cambridge Main

Street's Volunteer of the Year Award for 2008 during Main Street's volunteer party June 20.



Billie Jo Heister

Also recognized were the **employees of the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort**, who won the 2008 Volunteer Organization of the Year Award. Dozens of Hyatt employees are regular hardcore volunteers for Cambridge Main Street. They've been key event organizers. They've lent their expertise from the tourism and hospitality industry. And they've sold a lot of beer. Congratulations to all our volunteers—Main Street would not exist without you! (Want to become a Main Street volunteer? Email office@cambridgemainstreet.com or call 410.228.0020.)



Meredith Lathbury, Jermaine Anderson, Adrienne Holmes, and Alan Girard chat—and get a sneak preview of the Main Street Gallery—during the Cambridge Main Street volunteer luau June 20.

[PHOTO BY JILL JASUTA]

Arts roundup for July

Dorchester Center for the Arts: Works by Photographer Sunday K. Kaminski on display July 3–28. Artist's reception Saturday, July 12, 6-8 p.m., with light refreshments and music by Linda Andrews. 120 High Street.

Joie de Vivre: **Joyce Ziegler** is featured artist for July at the Easel Street Gallery at Joie de Vivre Gallery (410 Race Street). Ms. Ziegler is known for her country scenes and other views of nature. Also, Paul Lockhart has new works on display at Joie.

447 Studios & Gallery: "Transitions" continues at 447 Studios & Gallery (447 Race Street) featuring the work of **George McHenry, Willy Schlossbach, Mary Ann Schindler, Jen Wagner, Patti Hopkins, Sarah Stolte, Shelly Roche, Maureen Farrell, Karen Peck, Julie Patterson, and Marty Hughes.**

Main Street Gallery: Work is under way on planning the exhibitions in the soon-to-be-open **Main Street Gallery** (413 Muir Street). A project of Cambridge Main Street, the gallery will showcase and sell the works of local and regional artists. Watch www.cambridgemainstreet.com for the latest news.



A MOSAIC GROWS ON RACE STREET: Volunteers are transforming the long plywood walkway at the fire-damaged buildings at 444–448 Race Street into a piece of public art. The **Mosaic Mural Project**, led by mosaic artist Jen Wagner, has been drawing dozens of people of all ages and abilities to help. You can pitch in (no experience necessary!) during the Taste of Cambridge, 5–9 p.m. on July 12. Thanks to NOVO Development for funding part of of the mosaic; more contributions are needed (to donate funds or materials, call Jen Wagner at 443.521.4084). [PHOTOS BY JILL JASUTA]