CAMBRIDGE



Main Street

NEWS from DOWNTOWN

JULY 2007



CALENDAR

July 9, 5:30-7 p.m. Main Street Board of Directors Meeting

Open to the public. Chamber of Commerce.

July 14, 5–9 p.m.
Taste of Cambridge
Crab Cook-Off

Crabs, contests, and fun. Race and Poplar Streets.

July 19, 3:30-6:30 p.m. New Main Street Farmer's Market Opens

Fresh produce, flowers, seafood, bison! Organized by Cambridge Main Street. Every Thursday starting July 19 through October. Academy Street parking lot (across from police station).

July 28 Arts Alive!

Come downtown to shop, browse gallery openings and more. For details, go to www.cambridgemainstreet.com.

August 11, 5–9 p.m.

Beat the Heat

Fight the dog days by going shopping! Stores will be open late.

Main Street welcomes new board members

New members joined Cambridge Main Street's board during the annual members' meeting June 28: Jerry Burroughs, head of the Cambridge Planning and Zoning Commission; John Seward, regional land use planner with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy's Cambridge office. Shelly Roche, a web guru with BCC IT and an artist at Gallery 447, heads the Organization Committee. And Laura LeBlanc, a concert producer/promoter, heads Promotions. We need volunteers for all four committees: Organization, Promotion, Economic Restructuring and Design. To get involved, call 410.228.0020 or e-mail office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

Beautifying downtown

Main Street is continuing efforts to beautify downtown. We organized the new plantings on the traffic islands at Maryland and Academy Streets and in front of City Hall. Downtown building owner Ann Damianos and her firm, Dig It, LLC, will maintain the plantings and change them seasonally. Sponsors are needed-call 410.228.0020. Streetscape improvements are also continuing on the 500 block of Race Street with buried electrical lines; trees will be planted in the fall. (Thanks to a Heritage Area grant that was matched by the city.) Main Street is meeting with the Department of Public Works to figure out financing for the next phase of streetscaping.

TASTE OF CAMBRIDGE CRAB COOK-OFF SATURDAY, JULY 14

What: Main Street's biggest party (and fundraiser!) of the year, with a crab cook-off, contests, and fun. Admission is free; buy a ticket to the crab cook-off for \$15 and sample 18 crab delicacies from 9 local restaurants. We're expecting up to 5,000 people!

When: 5 p.m., Saturday, July 14

Where: 500 block of Poplar and 400 block of Race Street

We still need volunteers to help set up, clean up, and more! Call 410.228.0020 to help out.

The Maris Elaine Gallery opens July 14

Catch a sneak preview of downtown's newest addition July 14 when The Maris Elaine Gallery opens its doors at 520 Race Street. After a complete overhaul of the old Cheetah's Pub, the store will feature distinctive, quality furniture that's meant to be lived in, not just looked at. Shop July 14 (10 a.m.–7 p.m.) and July 15 (10 a.m.–5 p.m.) and the gallery will donate 10 percent of its proceeds to Habitat for Humanity of Dorchester County.

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NEWS BITS: Meet the artists on July 14 when **Joie de Vivre** hosts metal sculptor Paul Lockhart and primitive artist John Root Hopkins, 5–8 p.m. and **Dorchester Arts Center** hosts mono clay print artist Nancy Thomas, 6–8 p.m. Visit **Alternative Outfitters** in its new location

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