

CAMBRIDGE



Main Street

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CALENDAR

March 4, 7–10 p.m. Fundraiser for Groove City Jazz & Blues Fest

Help raise money to bring Cambridge's biggest-ever jazz and blues fest to town this spring. Enjoy Cajun food, auctions, and live music at Canvasback Restaurant, 420 Race Street. For tickets (\$35 per person), call 410.228.0020.

March 11, 5–9 p.m. Las Vegas Night Downtown

It's not quite Texas Hold 'Em poker on ESPN, but you can try your luck by collecting playing cards from downtown stores. If your cards add up to 21, stop by A Few of My Favorite Things (414 Race Street), and you can join the drawing to win \$100 Main Street dollars.

March 13, 5:30–7 p.m. Chamber of Commerce

Main Street Board of
Directors Meeting
Open to the public.

April 8, 5–9 p.m. Family Fun and Fitness

Great way to spend Saturday night downtown with the whole family. In cooperation with the YMCA.

March 4 event to raise funds for Jazz & Blues Festival

This Saturday, March 4, eat some great food, listen to live jazz, and help raise money for Cambridge's Groove City Jazz & Blues Festival. The fundraiser will be held at Canvasback Restaurant, 420 Race Street. Tickets cost \$35 per person and include Cajun cuisine, silent and live auction, and live music. For tickets, call the Main Street Office at 410.228.0020. The Jazz & Blues Festival, set for Saturday, May 13, will feature Lea Gilmore (gospel and blues singer), Lafayette Gilchrist (jazz pianist/composer), Gary Thomas (director of jazz studies at Peabody Institute; saxophonist), John Lampkin (pianist and composer), and Chris English (traditional and acoustic blues).

Main Street's Top 10 List

They huddled, they brainstormed, they prioritized. The Cambridge Main Street board of directors emerged from their February 15 retreat with these top 10 priorities for Main Street in 2006:

1. Increase Main Street dollars and volunteers
2. Improve downtown's appearance
3. Decrease downtown building vacancies
4. Support and promote RUDAT (Rural/Urban Design Assistance Teams)

5. Increase diversity
6. Improve time management
7. Support Main Street-friendly legislation
8. Improve communication
9. Recruit new board members
10. Resurrect design committee

Treat yourself to good cheese, wine, chocolate

When Carol Levy visited Cambridge a decade ago, it was love at first sight. In 2003, the Philadelphia resident moved here to pursue her dream. She rehabbed a vacant downtown

building, downstairs and upstairs, doing much of the work herself. Today she lives above her store, A Few of My Favorite Things, where she serves up delectable goodies, including an excellent array of fancy cheeses, wines, sinful chocolates, gourmet treats, and decorative kitchen items. Her store was one of the featured stops during last year's national Main Street conference.

414 Race Street, 410.221.1960.

MERCHANT of the MONTH

A Few of My
Favorite Things

About this newsletter: *News from Downtown* is brought to you by Cambridge Main Street, a 501c3 organization dedicated to revitalizing downtown Cambridge. To learn more or to volunteer, contact Liddy Garcia, Main Street manager, at 410.228.0020 or liddymainstreet@comcast.net. The Main Street office is at 501 Poplar Street.

NEWS BITS: Representatives of RUDAT (Rural/Urban Design Assistance Teams) will visit Cambridge March 9–11 to plan for a public RUDAT session this spring. . . New residents are already moving into **Beazer Homes'** Deep Harbour community on Cambridge Creek . . . A farewell to **Chesapeake Shoppe** . . . **Main Street's Office** will remain at 501 Poplar Street until further notice.