

CAMBRIDGE

*Main Street*NEWS *from* DOWNTOWN

AUGUST 2007



CALENDAR

August 7, 5:30–7 p.m.
Main Street Board of Directors Meeting

Open to the public.
Chamber of Commerce.

August 11, 5–9 p.m.
Beat the Heat

2nd SAT

Win \$100 in Main Street dollars at the drumming contest! Bring your drum to the parking lot at Craig's and be ready for a two-minute solo. Practice at 6 p.m.; contest at 7 p.m. No preregistration necessary. And go shopping—stores will be open late!

September 8, 4–8 p.m.
Back 2 School Blues Festival

2nd SAT

Free concert by the Tyrone Vaughan Band from Austin, Texas highlights back-to-school festivities. Vaughan, nephew of legendary guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan, will perform at Race and Cedar streets. Plus back-to-school deals in downtown stores!

Thursdays, 3:30–6:30 p.m.
Main Street Farmer's Market

Fresh produce, flowers, and more! Through October. Academy Street parking lot (across from police station).



Cambridge's new economic development department has big plans for the future

Cambridge now has its first-ever Department of Economic Development, and its associate directors are looking forward to fostering efforts to bring in new businesses and expand existing businesses, encouraging city tourism, serving as grants administrators, and more. Since they began in July, Mary Calloway and Penny Tilghman have been introducing themselves to local officials and organizations (including Main Street) to start building the partnerships that they see as key to the department's success.

The City Council and the mayor approved the creation of the department, which was a major recommendation from the intensive city planning effort known as R/UDAT (Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team).

The associate directors bring economic development and tourism experience: Mary Calloway, a Cambridge native, managed marketing efforts with the Dorchester County Tourism Department from 1999 until this year. Eastern Shore native Penny Tilghman recently completed a master's degree in local economic development at the London School of Economics and Political Science in Great Britain. She also served as a special assistant to the minister for economic affairs and trade at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Calloway and Ms. Tilghman hope to have a feasibility study under way in the next six months to provide up-to-date facts on the city. Currently, Ms. Calloway pointed out, they have only figures from the 2000 Census to work with, and since then 4,800 houses have been built or are planned for the city.

Contact Cambridge's Economic Development Department at 410.221.6074.

Main Street Gallery awarded \$100,000 grant

An art gallery being developed by Cambridge Main Street received a powerful boost recently with the award of a \$100,000 grant from the Neighborhood Business Works Program of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. The funds will be used to transform the rear of the building at 450 Race Street into gallery space along Muir Street that will feature the exhibits, artworks and performances of local artists and promote local galleries and shops that display their work. Main Street is now soliciting show proposals from local artists. For more information, contact Kyra Kristof Pincheira at 410.221.6063.

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NEWS BITS: **Scoop Station**, at Academy and Muir Streets, is now open at 7 a.m. with Green Mountain **COFFEE and TEAS** and pastries, along with fresh fruit smoothies, to start your day right. Plus, every Friday night starting August 3, bring your classic car and get a

free scoop of ice cream. Last, head to Scoop Station for karaoke, 7 p.m., August 11 . . . **The Maris Elaine Gallery**, alas, was not able to open July 14 as reported in last month's *News*. Stay tuned for an update. . . **Have news to share?** E-mail office@cambridgemainstreet.com.