



REAL QUICK

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GOT TALENT?

Start practicing—Del-Mar-Va's Got Talent starts July 30 at Scoop Station. See page 2.

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PARKING IN SPRING VALLEY?

There's a Historic Preservation Meeting 7 p.m., July 16 to discuss a request to construct more parking in a section of the courthouse's 'Spring Valley.' City Council Chambers (305 Gay Street). Let your voice be heard.

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NEW A&E COORDINATOR: Cambridge Main Street has hired a part-time coordinator to step up efforts in downtown's Arts & Entertainment District. See page 2.



TASTE OF CAMBRIDGE

Tasted great! Taste of Cambridge draws record crowds

What a day it was! With perfect summer weather, a host of crab dishes to enjoy, contests to cheer on (or take part in), and hundreds of friends, neighbors, and visitors to mingle with—the Taste of Cambridge July 12 was a great event! This is downtown's biggest event of the year, and it was all organized by Cambridge Main Street (the event also raises funds for Main Street). In the end, we sold hundreds more tickets than last year, and we had more volunteers than ever involved—more than 100! Thanks especially to all those volunteers, and everyone else who took part and had fun.

The Taste of Cambridge winners!

Winners of the 2008 Taste of Cambridge Crab Cook-Off competition were declared both by a panel of celebrity judges and by a popular vote. And contest winners won on their own merits. Congrats to all the winners!



Kyle Lindener of Snapper's accepts the award from a Maryland Crab Queen. (PHOTO BY JILL JASUTA)

CRAB COOK-OFF JUDGE'S CHOICE

Crab Dip:
Portside Restaurant

Crab Soup:
Snapper's Waterfront Cafe

Crab Cake:
Bobby's at Clearview

Crab Specialty:
Water's Edge Grill at the Hyatt (for Crab and Shrimp Lollipop)

CRAB COOK-OFF POPULAR CHOICE

Crab Dip:
1st: Cambridge Yacht Club

Crab Cake:
1st: Bobby's at Clearview
2nd: Portside Restaurant

Crab Specialty:
1st: Water's Edge Grill at the Hyatt (Crab and Shrimp Lollipop)
2nd: Blue Point Provision Company at the Hyatt (Asian Crab Bruschetta)
3rd: Bella Luna (Crab Ravioli)

CONTEST WINNERS

Crab Picking:
1st: Hong Houy, Kool Ice & Seafood
2nd: Seccorra Herrera, Lindy's Seafood
3rd: Lorena Mendoza, Phillips Seafood

Hula Hoop:
Maggie McDonough

Watermelon-Eating:
Ronquisha Pritchett

Limbo:
Jeff Koletsky

MORE PHOTOS: Go to page 2—and online at www.cambridgemainstreet.com!

EVENTS

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

JULY 19, 9-11 a.m.
**Greenify the
Farmers' Market Area**
Come help add new
plantings to the
Farmer's Market area.
400 block of Academy
Street.

**2nd
SAT.**

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

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SEPT. 13, 5-9 p.m.
Fall Inside Out Sale
Sidewalk sale
downtown! Stores
stay open late.

SEPT. 20, 5-9 p.m.
**Summer Send-Off
Block Party**
Live music, special
events, great shopping.

NEWS BITS

1 Did you know that Blade's Farm has **25 varieties of peaches**? Check them out at the Farmers' Market every Thursday—while peach season lasts! **2** And if you're a fan of local food, come out to the County Council (501 Court Lane) at **6 p.m. tonight, July 15**, as the Main Street Farmers' Market requests that the council proclaim the month of August as **"Local Foods Month."** Because it never hurts to remind ourselves of all the social, environmental, and economic benefits that local food offers!

More news at
www.cambridgemainstreet.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.



Del-Mar-Va's Got Talent at Scoop Station!

Is there a frustrated ukulele player in you dying to get out? Do you dance, juggle, perform magic, or do amazing tricks with your dog? Here's your chance to show off your talent—whatever it may be—and win \$500! It's Cambridge's own version of America's Got Talent, and it's open to everyone of all ages in the region. **Del-Mar-Va's Got Talent, hosted by Scoop Station Stage, starts 7 p.m., July 30** and continues every Wednesday for eight weeks. To be eligible, contestants must perform every Wednesday (unless they're eliminated, of course). Contest management will consider any type of talent, but your talent must be preapproved. Top prize is \$500; second prize is \$100. To sign up, stop by Scoop Station (400 Muir Street), call 443.477.0232, or email groovecitymd@comcast.net. Not ready to share your talent? Then come on out on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and cheer on your favorites!

DID YOU KNOW? Guitarist and mandolin player William Bonham performs at Scoop every Thursday evening. 7–10 p.m. Free!

Cambridge Main Street hires Arts & Entertainment District coordinator

Now that the Arts & Entertainment District is under the Cambridge Main Street umbrella, Main Street has hired **Jeannette Silva** as a part-time coordinator for the district. (This means Cambridge Main Street now has a total of 1-1/2 employees—everything else that Main Street does happens because of our hard-working volunteers.)

Ms. Silva is passionate about the arts. A resident of St. Michaels, she's a member of the St. Michaels Art League, the Talbot County Visual Arts Center, and the Dorchester Center for the Arts.

She also brings a breadth and depth of expertise. On the Eastern Shore, she's served as interim executive director of the Talbot Hospice Foundation and as development coordinator with the Kent Center, Inc., where she designed and implemented a \$3.7 million capital campaign. In her native Philadelphia, she served as executive director of the Kardon Institute for Arts Therapy and as executive director of the Concerto Soloists Chamber Orchestra. She spent a decade with the Easter Seals in Philadelphia, ending up as vice president for communications after stints heading up public relations and special events.

"During interviews, we were deeply impressed by Jeannette's passion for taking on this A&E District," said Jim Duffy, Main Street's executive director. "We also felt that her background put her in a position to really build a strong foundation for this effort to use the arts as an economic revitalization force in our downtown."

Home seminar at Maris Elaine July 16

Has your home hit the summer doldrums?

Learn some insider decorating tips Wednesday, July 16, 7–8:30 p.m. at Maris Elaine Gallery (520 Race Street). The theme for this, the first of a quarterly seminar series, will be tabletopware. The speaker will be Lisa Mullins, managing partner of the Louisville Stoneware Company. More info at 410.228.0800.



450 Race restaurant needs your support

You may have heard that plans are in the works for a new restaurant at the old McCrory's at 450 Race Street. The restaurant, named 450 Race, is due to go in front of the Dorchester County Liquor Board **5 p.m. Monday, July 21**, at the council chambers (501 Court Lane). Chef Tony Stafford, who has moved to Cambridge from Northern Virginia, plans to open a 125-seat restaurant in early 2009 with affordable American contemporary cuisine. He needs the conditional approval of the Liquor Board at this meeting to begin construction. If you want to see another restaurant open downtown, come show your support.

Free concerts on Cambridge Creek

Enjoy live music on Cambridge Creek with the Richardson Maritime Museum's free music series at its Maritime Heritage Center, Maryland Avenue and Hayward Street. **July 15 features Bob Zentz of Norfolk at 7 p.m.** An accomplished musician and performer with six albums to his name, Mr. Zentz specializes in historical and maritime music. Watch for more live music sponsored by the Richardson on Tuesday evenings throughout July. For details, call 410.221.1871.

El Sol is now open

Cambridge welcomed its newest business two weeks ago when El Sol (601 Race Street, 410.221.1293) opened its doors. This Latino grocery store, with produce, canned goods, snacks, and more, is a second location for El Sol in Easton (on Dover Street).



[PHOTOS BY BRIAN T. AUSLEY]

'TASTE' IT: Maggie McDonough cleans up at the Hula Hoop Contest; Debbie Haynes adds a painted screen to the Mosaic Mural Project; a view of the crowd on Poplar Street.

[PHOTO BY JILL JASUTA]