

CAMBRIDGE

*Main Street*NEWS *from* DOWNTOWN

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CALENDAR

November 8,
7:30–11:30 a.m.

**Main Street Board of
Directors Strategic
Planning Meeting**

Open to board and
ex-officio members only.
Hodes, Pessin & Katz.

November 10, 5–9 p.m.

Shop Local, Stay Local

Get a jump on holiday
shopping by heading
downtown for great gifts
(and great meals)—and
keep your money in the
community. Stop by **Joie
de Vivre** and meet mixed
media artist Mary Ann
Schindler 5–8 p.m.; her
work will be on display
through December.

December 8, 5–9 p.m.

**Old-Fashioned
Christmas**

Enjoy shopping and dining
the old-fashioned way in
downtown Cambridge.
Stores will have extended
shopping hours.

December 1, 5 p.m.

**60th Annual
Cambridge-Dorchester
Christmas Parade**

Benefits the
Dorchester County
Humane Society.
Parade route is
High to Poplar to
Race Streets.

**Go
Vikings
Go!**

Artist studios available in downtown buildings

Looking for affordable studio space to flex your creativity? With help from Cambridge Main Street, a new program is offering inexpensive studio space for artists in downtown buildings slated for redevelopment. These so-called “floating studios” offer unfinished spaces at about \$100 per month. The spaces are available on a temporary basis, perhaps 12 to 18 months, while buildings are awaiting complete overhauls.

For example, NOVO Development plans to redevelop the Marshy Hope building at 431 Race Street into residential and retail space. But the project won’t be finished immediately, so in the meantime, space is available on the upper floors. While the space is not completely

finished, asbestos removal and rewiring has been completed.

These floating studios help artists who are looking for affordable spaces with good natural light—and bring life to buildings that would otherwise sit empty while awaiting development plans. While the idea has been successfully used in other cities, this is the first time it is happening on the Eastern Shore.

Artists interested in the floating studios can also register to be part of Cambridge’s Arts & Entertainment District, which allows them to bypass state income taxes on the work they create and sell in the district.

For more information, call Kyra Kristof at 410.221.6063.

Main Street director leaving in spring 2008

Cambridge Main Street executive director Liddy Garcia-Buñuel has announced that she will be leaving her position in spring 2008. She, her husband and two sons are moving to Baltimore to be closer to family, she said.



Liddy Garcia-Buñuel

In her four years as the organization’s first executive director, Ms. Garcia-Buñuel helped bring more businesses,

more people, and nearly a half-million dollars in streetscape improvements to downtown Cambridge.

“I’m sad to be leaving but I’m confident that a new executive director will be able to take Main Street to the next level,” she said. Cambridge Main Street will be hiring a new director through an open hiring process in spring 2008.

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ning. If you have thoughts to share, contact Liddy Garcia-Buñuel at 410.228.0020. . . . **Have news to share?** E-mail office@cambridgemainstreet.com.