

CAMBRIDGE



Main Street

NEWS *from* DOWNTOWN

APRIL 2006



CALENDAR

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



Bring the family for hula-hoop and jump-rope contests, three-legged races, dance, karate, and cardio-kickboxing demonstrations, and more. In cooperation with the YMCA. Race Street. Stores will be open late.

April 10, 5:30–7 p.m.
Main Street Board of
Directors Meeting

Open to the public.
Chamber of Commerce.

May 13
Heritage Day

Countywide events
celebrate Dorchester life.
410.228.1000

May 13, 2–9 p.m.
Groove City
Jazz & Blues Fest



Performers: Gary Thomas, Lafayette Gilchrist, Lea Gilmore, John Lamkin, Chris English. Race and Cedar Streets (rain or shine). Plus Second Saturday, with stores open late. 410.228.1000

May 18–22
R/UDAT

Intense community planning includes a town hall meeting May 20 and release of the final report May 22.

R/UDAT community planning set for May 18–22

Cambridge residents will have a unique opportunity to discuss the city's future in May, when a team of professional planners arrives for an intense session of listening, brainstorming, and planning. The R/UDAT (Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team) aims to help Cambridge create a plan for the future. R/UDAT is a community effort that needs as much support and participation as possible. To find out more or to get involved before, during, or after the May 18–22 team visit, call 410.228.0020 or check the website at cambridgerudat.com.

A flurry of activity among merchants in Cambridge

There's a lot going on downtown. Here's what's new this month:

- **Cambridge Grill**, 421 Race Street, now serves dinner 3–8 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. 410.228.0833.
- **JFH Designs** is opening at 518 Poplar Street with draperies, window treatments, upholstered items, and home accessories. JFH stands for Jack F. Helgeson, an interior decorator who has done merchandising for such stores as Peebles and Boscov's. 443.521.0316.
- **Never on Tuesday**, 527 Poplar Street, has expanded and transformed the rear part of the store into Back Room

Treasures, with a mix of antiques and unique finds. The space also includes **Chesapeake Shoppe**, which relocated from across the street.

• **Pear Tree South**, formerly of Maryland Avenue, has relocated to 412 Race Street, former home of the Crib. (Muralist Michael Rosato will still keep his studio in the back.)

Fashion with a unique flair

As a kid, Dorchester County native Kim Elzey wished he could have a store in Cambridge's bustling downtown. For the past five years, he has: the Alternative Gift Gallery. The

store specializes in men's formalwear and unique

fashion accessories (men's and women's), along with contemporary gifts. So if you have a wedding, prom, or other formal event on your calendar, stop by. You can even order custom-made jewelry to match your formalwear. Kim says he gets his fashion flair from his mother and his grandmother, who was a seamstress. 533 Poplar Street, 410.228.0360.

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MERCHANT of the MONTH

Alternative Gift Gallery

NEWS BITS: **Groove City Jazz & Blues Fest** needs volunteers on May 13. Help out and have fun. Call 410.228.0020 or go to cambridgemainstreet.com for details. . . . Celebrate **HeartStrings' first anniversary** with food, discounts (5% off your purchase!), drawings, demonstrations, and more 10 a.m.–5 p.m. April 15, 510 Poplar Street. . . . Watch your mailbox for the new newsletter **Shorelines**, a joint effort between Cambridge Main Street and Dorchester County Tourism.