

CAMBRIDGE



Main Street

NEWS *from* DOWNTOWN

AUGUST 2006

CALENDAR

August 1, 5:30–7 p.m.
Main Street Board of Directors Meeting

Open to the public.
 Chamber of Commerce.

August 12, 5–9 p.m.

**Beat the Heat
 Second Saturday**

2nd SAT.

Join in lots of ways to fight the humidity: Melt Down Contest (guess when the blocks of ice in Cannery Way will melt and win \$100 gift certificate to the Alternative Gift Gallery); Richardson Museum is sponsoring photos of grandparents and their grandkids; Never on Tuesday is having a 2 for 1 used book sale; Heartstrings is having an ice cube tray dip (pick out discount coupons); plus lots more.

September 9, 5–9 p.m.

Dorchester County Heroes

2nd SAT.

Honor the men and women who work hard as our local heroes every day: police, EMS, fire and rescue, and teachers. Stores will be open late. Race and Poplar Streets.

September 23, 5–9 p.m.

Summer Send-Off Block Party

Say goodbye to summer with a downtown block party.

Taste of Cambridge goes down right easy

The weather was perfect, the drinks were cold, and the crabs, in all forms—cakes, balls, salads, dips, and more—were scrumptious. It was the second annual Taste of Cambridge and it was good. Locals commented on how they hadn't seen this kind of action downtown in decades. Newcomers marveled over the friendly vibe. More than 430 tickets went in a flash for the crab cook-off (see winners at right). Sixty percent of the ticket buyers were from Cambridge; the rest came from as far as Germany and Spain and as close as Easton and Salisbury. In all, several hundred people turned out to enjoy the food, the music, and the contests for professional crab pickers, pie eaters, watermelon chompers, hula hoopers, limbo dancers, and more. Thanks to the restaurants, judges, and volunteers who took part—and congratulations to all the winners!

2006 Crab Cook-Off Winners

CRAB SOUP: Judges Choice:

Portside Seafood Restaurant

Popular vote: 1st Place: Island

Grille • **2nd:** Ocean Odyssey •

3rd: Portside Seafood Restaurant



CRAB DIP: Judges Choice: Portside

Seafood Restaurant **Popular Vote: 1st**

Place: Madison Canning House Café •

2nd: Kay's at the Airport • **3rd:** Crab Boy

CRAB CAKE: Judges Choice: Kay's at the

Airport & Madison Canning House Café

Popular Vote: 1st Place: Blue Point

Provision Company • **2nd:** Snappers

Waterfront Café • **3rd:** Madison Canning House Café

OPEN CRAB CATEGORY: Judges Choice:

Snappers Waterfront Café, Crab Salad.

Popular Vote: 1st Place: Old Salty's, Crab Imperial • **2nd:** Island Grille, Crab Salad •

3rd: Ocean Odyssey, Crab Salad

Downtown stores to be open Sundays in August

This August, the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort expects a record-breaking 33,000 guests to stay with them. Enough reason, most downtown Cambridge merchants decided, to stay open on Sundays from 12 to 3 p.m. The Hyatt is encouraging guests to visit the downtown businesses by giving them, as they check out on Sunday, a list of stores that will be open. And for the rest of us

residents, it means we can shop downtown any day of the week—at least for the month of August.

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NEWS BITS: **Dragonfly Boutique** is the new name for the store formerly known as The Total Image, still at 406 Race Street. . . . Check out the new interpretive sign at the courthouse (at the corner of High and Church Streets) that tells stories of the **Underground Railroad** that happened at that site.