



Downtown Cambridge **"Galt on the Grand"** **B.I.A. Newsletter**



Winter 2010

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Your BIA Works For You

Comments from the Chair

Thanks to everyone who gave money to our first Beartown fundraiser. People are always talking about our empty buildings but our members have full hearts. Thanks to all! Here we are in 2010 and the office and Board are working at planning our upcoming events. The first big advertisement will be in the Grand magazine. The goal this year is to have "Galt on the Grand" Downtown Cambridge everywhere.

We will be updating our website with a new look. Come to the AGM to hear more. The cleansweep staff has been working all winter. Now that spring will be arriving if you see any trouble spots please call the office or me.

Also, the Businesswatch program is working well. Great job Bev for filling out a report. If we all work together the core will be clean and safe.

I feel that it is very important to show our support for the maintenance to our streets. (A wise man told me that revitalization is not a great word as people will not warm up to it.) David Gibson is a man who has a vision for our core and is here for the long haul. We as members need to have one voice to show our support to council. Ben fought very hard to keep this money available to go with the federal money. To help make our downtown more people friendly, this work must be done. New lights in the Boardwalk have been needed for years and the canopy needs to be replaced. New lights would also be energy wise. We all know the streets need to be fixed. This is maintenance and not revitalization.

I have always seen the beauty in our downtown. Now is the time to work together to make sure everyone else sees why most of us have spent our lives in Galt on the Grand, Downtown Cambridge.

Comments from the Executive Director

"As we move forward into 2010 we have much to look forward to! Having met with David Gibson, the developer who purchased several buildings on Main St. and Joe Bogdon the architect for the project I am anxious to see the end result! Work has already begun on a number of the buildings. It will be only a matter of time before we start to see the streets come alive with pedestrian traffic coming to visit Galt on the Grand in downtown Cambridge. Empty storefronts will be filled; streets will be busy with visitors enjoying the shops, restaurants, cafes and much more!!! We are currently planning our events for the year and as always could use help with volunteers. If you can spare a couple of hours at one of the events that would be greatly appreciated!

Have a great day Andrea

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“A committed membership leads to a successful BIA”

Your BIA In Action

Shane's pet project for the Christmas season of 2009 of raising funds to purchase gift certificates from Beartown was a huge success! A warm and special thank you is sent to everyone for their generous donations. These special gift certificates were distributed to needy families. A total of 28 certificates with a value of \$25.00 each were purchased. Also, the owner of Beartown donated a Webkinz reindeer to go with each gift certificate. Thank you David!

Fourteen certificates were sent to Bridges for children residing there. Twelve went to the Food Bank and were distributed to children with high needs. And, two were given to needy families residing in the core.

And, a special thank you to Shane for her effort, vision and warm heart.

The winners of the draws held at the Farmers Market this December were:

On December 5, 2009, Yvette Rybensky, Leanne Perrie and Sue Wenge

On December 12, 2009, Barbara Dao, Brenda Loker and Sofia Riberio

On December 19, 2009, David Kennedy, Cathy Johannes and Brittany Bates

The winners of the Christmas storefront decorating contest were Cornerstone, F.J. Brown's & Son and Classique Boutique.

Cambridge Core Areas Patrol

Interviews are currently being held for the positions of patrollers and a new Coordinator for the upcoming 2010 season. The 2010 season will commence on Saturday, May 22, 2010.

B.I.A. Mission Statement:

The main purpose of the BIA Board is to revitalize, beautify and maintain a dynamic downtown core area by creating a cleaner, safer, and more congenial atmosphere that benefits all local businesses. The Board will endeavour to establish a network of relationships and partnerships within the core area to encourage effective communication between its members and the Board of Management.

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(Please keep this page for future reference of our upcoming events)

Happenings in the Downtown Core

Our AGM has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 23, 2010** at City Hall on Dickson Street.

Spring fashions hit the runway on **May 8, 2010** at the City Hall. It's life style dressing presented by our downtown merchants and Expressions Studio of Modelling & Talent. Join us and celebrate Mother's Day for fun, food, fashion and flowers. It's your look, fashion on the Grand.

Our 5th Annual Antique, Custom and Classic Auto Show will be held on **Saturday, June 19, 2010**. We are expanding the event this year by including a street dance with a 50's/60's theme and a beer garden.

Our Galt on the Grand Streetfest will take place on **Saturday, August 7, 2010**. There will be music, children's activities, vendors, live entertainment, a beer garden and so much more. Further details to follow in the near future.

Whimsical Wednesdays will be held at the City Hall every Wednesday in July from 6:45pm to 8:15pm.

Outdoor Movie Nights will be held at the City Hall every Thursday in August starting at dusk (approximately 9:00pm to 11:00pm)

Dates to Remember

March 23, 2010	- BIA AGM
May 8, 2010	- Mother's Day Fashion Show at City Hall
June 19, 2010	- 5th Annual Car Show and Street Dance
August 7, 2010	- Galt on the Grand Streetfest

Reminder: There is no garbage pick-up on Saturdays and Sundays. Please do not put your garbage out on Friday or Saturday nights.

Should you have an event, activity or news that you would like added to our website and/or newsletter, please contact the office. We would be pleased to hear from you.

Thought for the Day

It is not the critic who counts,
Nor the person who points
out how the strong person
stumbled or where the doer
of deeds could have done
better.

The credit belongs to the
person who is actually
marred by dust and sweat
and blood.

Who strives valiantly, who
errs and comes short again
and again.

Who knows great
enthusiasm and great
devotions.

Theodore Roosevelt

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What's New with Our Members

Urban Bride located at 14 Water Street North opened on November 21, 2009. The Store carries everything characterized as accessories for weddings: handmade veils, tiaras, unique jewellery, lingerie, shoes and purses, chic party favours and small centre pieces as well. Flower girl dresses and first communion dresses for little girls.

A Happy Basket held their grand opening on December 5, 2009. A Happy Basket offers a variety of beautiful gift baskets for any and all occasions, such as birthday, anniversary, congratulations, thank you or just because. Gift wrapping service is also offered.

We welcome **The Coffee Peddler** located at 48 Ainslie Street South serving fresh sandwiches, coffee, scones, cinnamon buns and so much more!

C'est Cheese Please, fromagerie and gourmet food, located at 12 Water Street South held their grand opening on Saturday, November 14, 2009.

Dominion Driving School has relocated its office to 16 Ainslie Street South.

Reid Candy and Nut Shop is now open on Sundays for your convenience.

Euphoria Smoothie & Bistro has been using their windows to create amazing displays. Great work Stacey! We are looking forward to seeing your future displays.

Main Street Value City located at 52 Main Street opened on February 27, 2010.

A welcome goes out to **Lola Pizza** located at 8 Water Street North.

Also welcome to Dang Nguyen of **Main Street Laundry Center** located at 112 Main Street.

Anabelle Restaurant and Pizzeria is now located 110 Main Street. Welcome!

And another welcome to Will Matthews of **Heatlamp Studios** who is now located at 18B Ainslie Street South.

Community Resources

Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank (Food Hampers).....	519-622-6550
Cambridge Vine Yard (Meals).....	519-623-4639
Salvation Army (Vouchers).....	519-623-1221
Trinity Community (Meals).....	519-623-0858
Cambridge Shelter (Nightly Meals).....	519-624-9305
Argus Residence for Men (16-24).....	519-623-7991
Argus Residence for Woman (16-24).....	519-650-0452

