

## WHAT'S UP DOWNTOWN

### Run, Ride, Retail and Relax

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The next event for Cambridge Main Street is the Cambridge Run & Countryside Ride which will be held on Saturday, July 26. This is a 5-K & 10-K run followed by a 25mile & 45 mile bicycle tour.

The event started in 2000 as the Cambridge Downtown Classic - a 5K & 10K run. In 2004, the founders passed it to Cambridge Main Street to be included in our annual calendar of promotional / fundraising events. In 2006, we added a bicycle tour (not a race) thus the name Cambridge Run & Countryside Ride.

The 5-K and 10-K run begins at 8:00 AM with check-in and late registration beginning at 6:45 AM on the front porch of U.S. Bank. The US Track & Field certified courses begin and end in downtown Cambridge. Trophies are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, male and female overall, and for 12 age categories. All pre-registered runners are guaranteed t-shirts; others as supplies last.

The Countryside Ride begins at 10:30AM. Riders take a beautiful ride from downtown Cambridge to Salt Fork State Park and back. Salt Fork Park was a perfect fit for the ride due to its scenic beauty and low speed limit. Lunch is served at Salt Fork Beach and light refreshment will be provided upon their return to the courthouse. The 25 mile ride goes directly to the beach and back. Those wanting a longer, more challenging ride go to the lodge before having lunch at the beach and returning to town. Pre-registered riders will also receive a t-shirt; others as supplies last.

Registration information can be found on our website [www.downtowncambridge.com](http://www.downtowncambridge.com) , or by calling our office at 439-2238.

We thank our sponsors – U.S. Bank, Coca Cola, and Riesbeck Food Markets. Thanks also to the Cambridge Lions Club for helping provide manpower.

Recognizing the need for activities for the participants' family members, our Promotions committee is sponsoring Antique Days, featuring our unique antique stores, which are packed full of hidden treasures and goodies. Penny Court Antique Mall will be appraising antiques so you can learn about the value of your treasures. And you might even find a sidewalk sale or two from our great downtown merchants.

We finish the day with musical entertainment at 8:00 PM at the Cambridge Elks Lodge. From Nashville, Tennessee we welcome singer-songwriter Brian Ashley Jones with Tisha Simeral. Brian is a soulful singer, accomplished lead guitarist and versatile songwriter. He maintains an active touring schedule, playing 150 live shows per year. Described as "blues grass", his music is heavily influenced by guitar-driven blues, bluegrass, country and rock. Tisha Simeral is a native of central Ohio who began playing professionally in 1992. She earned a bachelor of music

degree in jazz performance from the Ohio State University. She taught electric bass, double bass, jazz combo and popular music history at Capital University. She has performed with many artists and musical groups including Nashville Chamber Orchestra String Quintet and Columbus Symphony Orchestra Pops. Her father Chuck retired to Quaker City and now serves as mayor.

Admission is a \$5.00 donation at the door, with proceeds to benefit our Cambridge Main Street program. Come join us, won't you? We'll save you a seat.

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