

Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006

THE DICKENS CRIER

Hear ye, hear ye, welcome to *The Dickens Crier!*

This space will be devoted to weekly announcements regarding the Dickens Victorian Village, a project supported by Cambridge Main Street, set to open Nov. 25, 2006, and run through Jan. 15, 2007, in downtown Cambridge.

Dickens Victorian Village Opening Celebration Nov. 25

This Saturday promises to be one evening of holiday activities you and your family and friends won't want to miss!

Festivities begin at 5 p.m. at the Guernsey County Courthouse and will feature a candle lighting ceremony, readings, and the dramatic lighting of the courthouse facilitated by the Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce.

The annual Cambridge Holiday Parade, sponsored by the Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce, begins at 6 p.m., and travels down historic Wheeling Avenue beginning at 5th Street and heading east.

This year's parade theme is "A Dickens Of A Holiday." The much-loved parade will feature floats decorated in holiday theme, fire trucks, and of course, Santa!

New this year and in the spirit of the Dickens theme will be a visit by Father Christmas, who will be in the parade.

Children of "all ages" are invited to visit Father Christmas after the parade at the Cambridge Performing Arts Center, 642 Wheeling Ave. He'll have treats for the children. Don't forget to bring your camera, or purchase a Polaroid photo for a small fee.

And to top it all off, the Dickens Victorian Village display will be officially open to the public this evening!

Enjoy a stroll down Wheeling Avenue between 5th and 11th Streets to view the 40 displays of 106 mannequins capturing social scenes inspired by the writings of Charles Dickens.

Set against Cambridge's "Main Street" of 1800s architecture, this stunning public art display will be a delight for visitors of all ages.

In addition, costumed newspaper carriers will offer free commemorative special "EXTRA!" editions of *The Dickens Crier*, published by *The Daily Jeffersonian*, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. along Wheeling Avenue.

Also this night, the Cambridge Band will perform their free Christmas Concert at the Scottish Rite Theatre, 941 Wheeling Ave., at 8 p.m.

Bring your family and friends, and enjoy a fabulous evening of holiday celebration and the grand opening celebration of the Dickens Victorian Village!

Peddler Weekends Dec. 2, 3, 9, and 10

On the first two weekends in December, nonprofit groups will be strolling Wheeling Avenue as peddlers selling hot chocolate, cider, candy apples, baked goods, fudge, caramel corn, popcorn and candy, adding a lively atmosphere to the Dickens Victorian Village display.

Stop through downtown for their yummy treats from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, Dec. 2 and 9, and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10.

Don't forget to bring your camera! Photo opportunities abound, and you can also capture your smiling face in a Victorian character cutout as a memento of your Dickens experience!

Thank you!

In addition to project sponsors listed in previous *Dickens Criers*, the Dickens Victorian Village committee would like to thank the following new sponsors:

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New sponsors will be posted in future *Dickens Criers*.

A complete list of sponsors is posted on our website, www.dickensvictorianvillage.com. We invite you to join them and consider supporting this wonderful community project!