## Milton Main Street reopening celebration

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The waiting is over and Milton I is proud to announce the reopening of its new and improved downtown core.

Downtown merchants and businesses are inviting their customers and all Milton residents to join in the Main Street re-opening festivities on Saturday, July 6.

With the completion of 12 weeks of excavation for new underground services, paving, new sidewalks, new street lighting and extensive new landscaping and tree plantings, Main Street is ready to welcome everyone back downtown.

The ever-popular Farmers' Market, run by the Milton Chamber of Commerce, will move back to Main Street (from its temporary Town Hall parking lot location) every Saturday morning from 7 a.m.-12 noon and for the re-opening event, many vendors will be staying open throughout the day.

Saturday, July 6 will also be a day of free music and entertainment for adults and for families, coordinated by the Downtown Business Improvement Association (DBIA). Downtown merchants will be welcoming back old and new customers with sidewalk and instore sales and promotions.

Visitors who purchase a Food Passport can stroll downtown from restaurant to restaurant sampling a choice of two specially-prepared foods at five of the seven participating restaurants - Millside, La

Toscana, Sweet Water Grill, The Dickens, Ivy Arms, Express Yourself Café and Benny's. The Food Passport is just \$25 per couple and is available to buy in select downtown stores, at the Farmers' Market and on the street throughout the Grand Opening day which runs from 7 a.m. 4 p.m.

Performances include The Sharp-5 jazz band, Motown Memories rhythm and blues, the Milton Choristers and Fred Crossley's reggae and Caribbean

Children and families will be entertained by The Doug Barr Children's Show, Barney the Magician and Daddy Longlegs the strolling stiltwalker, as well as the Crayola Van, Thomas the Tank Engine, demonstrations by Milton Jui-jitsu and a visit from the Milton Fire Department and Sparky.

"This day of festivities is our way of thanking all our customers and Milton residents for their patience and understanding during construction," commented Patrician Flannagan, DBIA president. "More than that, it's a great way to celebrate our beautiful new downtown which will be so much more inviting and attractive to all visitors and Milton residents. If you haven't been downtown for a while. we encourage you to come stroll our new sidewalks and browse through our wide selection of shops, boutiques and services."





