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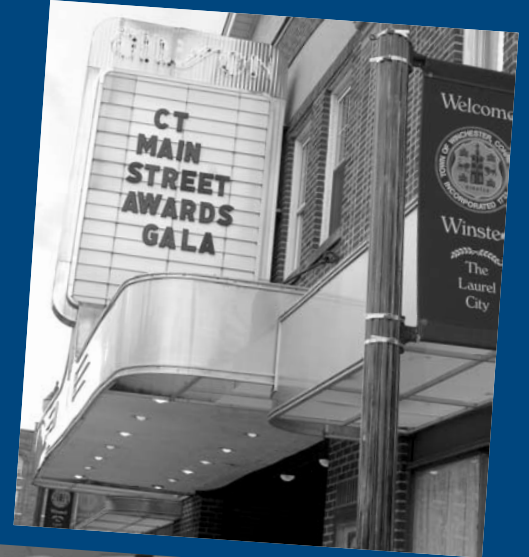
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## 2007 Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation

(below) Outgoing CMSC Directors Cal Vinal (left) of Webster Bank and Harland Henry (right) of the Office of Secretary of the State, thanked for their years of service by John Simone (center).



(below) The Gilson Café ~ Cinema in Downtown Winsted, site of the 2007 Awards for Excellence in Downtown Revitalization.



(above) CMSC Director Cal Price, Vice President of Liberty Bank, greets Joe and Adele DeFrancesco of Main Street Waterbury.



(above) 13 Golden Street Loft Apartments & 1st Floor Retail, by The McLaughlin Companies, LLC in downtown New London, won the award for Building Rehabilitation.



(left) Mike Yakemore, with daughter Jeanine Christensen, presented with the first ever Connecticut Main Street Hero Award. The Yakemore Family owns Simsmore Square in Simsbury's Main Street District



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*We extend our Appreciation to*

**CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR M. JODI RELL**

*for her ongoing commitment to Main Street revitalization since the inception  
of the Connecticut Main Street program*

## Preservation of Place Grant Program Announced

*Preservation*



CONNECTICUT MAIN STREET CENTER

Connecticut Main Street Center (CMSC) has announced the *Preservation of Place Grant Program*, a technical assistance granting program, administered by CMSC and funded through the History Division of the State of Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism (CCT). Funding for this program is made available through the Community Investment Act.

Karen Senich, Acting Executive Director of CCT and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, announced the partnership at CMSC's Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation on June 11, 2007. "CCT is proud to award this grant for the "Preservation of Place" program in order to strengthen and enhance CMSC's efforts to preserve and protect the architectural

heritage, neighborhood character, and economic growth of Connecticut's traditional Main Streets and downtowns," said Senich.

The purpose of this program is to provide Connecticut communities with targeted resources to increase their capacity to plan for preservation and revitalization of their historic downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts. *The Preservation of Place Grant Program* will provide a source of funding for new initiatives that can be integrated into, and leverage more, comprehensive preservation and revitalization programs.

In order to apply, organizations must be members-in-good-standing of CMSC. For more information call 860-280-2337 or email [info@ctmainstreet.org](mailto:info@ctmainstreet.org).

## WELCOME New Members!

*Thread City Development Corporation*

*Torrington Development Corporation*

**To learn more about CONNECTICUT  
MAIN STREET membership,  
visit [www.ctmainstreet.org](http://www.ctmainstreet.org)**



# Connecticut Main Street Center 2007 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

## PUBLIC / PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

*Town of Simsbury & Simsbury Main Street Partnership - Preserve America*

## VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT EFFORT

*Friends of Main Street, Winsted - Youth at Work: A Thousand Lessons in Service*

## FUND DEVELOPMENT

*Friends of Main Street, Winsted - Fund Development Strategy:  
Why Do People Give?*

## PUBLIC RELATIONS/ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

*Rose City Renaissance, Norwich - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Program*

## BUILDING REHABILITATION

*The McLaughlin Companies, LLC - 13 Golden Street in Downtown New London:  
Loft Apartments & 1st Floor Retail*

## BUSINESS RETENTION, EXPANSION & ATTRACTION PROGRAM

*Friends of Main Street, Winsted - The Laurel Book*

## MERCHANT SERVICE AWARD

*Flavours of Life - The Fair Trade Store in Downtown New London*

## IMAGE ENHANCEMENT

*Friends of Main Street, Winsted - Winsted Marketing Folder*

## SPECIAL EVENT

*New London Main Street - Celebration of Lights & Song by the Sea*

## ONGOING EVENT

*Rose City Renaissance, Norwich - Downtown Farmers Market*

## CONNECTICUT MAIN STREET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

*Sarah J. Floroski, Executive Director - Simsbury Main Street Partnership*

## CONNECTICUT MAIN STREET HEROES

*Andrew "Mike" and Arvene Yakemore - Simsmore Square, Simsbury CT*

## MAIN STREET VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Darien Revitalization Inc.  
*David J. Gelardi, Assoc. AIA*  
New London Main Street  
*Tita Williams*  
Rose City Renaissance, Norwich  
*Gordon Kyle*  
The Rockville Downtown Association  
*Jeff Hutton*  
Simsbury Main Street Partnership  
*Nancy Haase*  
Upper Albany Main Street  
*Phil Salfity*  
Main Street Waterbury  
*Adele DeFrancesco*  
Friends of Main Street, Winsted  
*Mary Flieger*

## MAIN STREET BOARD MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

Darien Revitalization Inc  
*Alexandra Lopatynsky, AIA*  
New London Main Street  
*Frank McLaughlin & Kerin Woods*  
Rose City Renaissance, Norwich  
*Les King*  
The Rockville Downtown Association  
*Eugene Skladnowski*  
Simsbury Main Street Partnership  
*Anita Mielert*  
Upper Albany Main Street  
*Denise Best*  
Main Street Waterbury  
*Rachel Sabetta*  
Friends of Main Street, Winsted  
*Fran Delaney*



Connecticut Main Street Executive Director of the Year, Sarah Floroski, congratulated by Kimberley Parsons-Whitaker; Barbara DeBellis, Friends of Main Street; Carl Rosa, Main Street Waterbury; and John Simone.



State Representative George Wilbur (63rd district) reunited with former Winchester Town Planner Ray Carpentino, now Director of Economic Development, Town of Rocky Hill.



John O'Toole, CL&P, shares a laugh with Fran Delaney, Main Street Board Member of the Year from Winsted.

CONNECTICUT MAIN STREET CENTER'S  
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INSTITUTE  
WORKSHOP

**Commercial Revitalization  
Strengthening Your Business Mix**

**July 27, 2007 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Jones Auditorium, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, CT**

**Plan to Join – REGISTER NOW!**

**Todd Barman, Program Officer, National Main Street Center,**

in a **presentation, discussion and interactive exercises** focusing on actions to reestablish the economic and social health downtown by **retaining, strengthening and recruiting businesses and attracting entrepreneurial**

**business owners** that complement the market strengths and character of your community.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [www.ctmainstreet.org/dri-registration.html](http://www.ctmainstreet.org/dri-registration.html) or call: 860-280-2337**

*Connecticut Main Street Center, a statewide nonprofit corporation, is dedicated to economic and community development within the context of historic preservation. CMSC is committed to bringing Connecticut's commercial districts back to life socially and economically by providing education and training, resources and technical assistance, and advocacy.*

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