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CAMBRIDGE!

325th birthday kicks off Second Saturday, April 11

Birthday Party, Part 1: Everyone's invited as the City of Cambridge launches a yearlong 325th anniversary celebration on Second Saturday, April 11. From 1–4 p.m., head to Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park for a family-friendly celebration with civic ceremonies, birthday cake, music by DJ David Kowitski, student essay and poster contest winner announcements, and kids' activities. Lend a hand on the community art project. And don't miss the unveiling of the small-scale model of a new work of public art, created by local metal sculptor Marty Hughes and Cambridge International. FREE!

Historic Walking Tours: The West End Citizens Association offers its usual tour at 11am, plus another at 3pm in honor of the 325th with a reduced fee (\$5 for adults; free for 12 and under). Meet at Long Wharf (at the end of High Street), weather permitting.

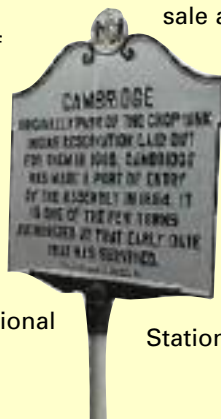
Birthday Party, Part 2: Starting at 4 p.m., 325th birthday festivities move downtown for a Second Saturday Block Party that features street vendors, musical entertainment with "The Grinch," late shopping hours, art gallery openings, a special appearance by contestants in the Miss Maryland International pageant, and more. FREE!

Gallery hopping: Lots to see at our five art galleries on April 11, including the new spring show opening reception in the spectacular space at 447 Studios & Gallery (5–8pm, 447 Race St.), an opening reception for the Working Artist Forum show at Maris Elaine Gallery (5–8pm, 520 Race St.), and an artists' reception at the Dorchester Center for the Arts (6–8pm, 321 High St.). Plus see abstract art at the Main Street Gallery (413 Muir St.) and the work of direct metal artist Paul Lockhart at Joie de Vivre Gallery (410 Race St.). See page 3 for details.

Late shopping: Great shopping all day long and during the Second Saturday Block Party—many merchants will stay open until 9pm. Check out new spring merchandise and sales (including a sidewalk sale at Ceanie's Apparel, 416 Washington St.).

Haircuts for Helmets: Help out the CSD boys' lacrosse team buy new helmets by stopping by the Cutting Edge Salon (515 Poplar St.). From 5–8pm, the cost of the cut (dry cuts only) goes right to the Haircuts for Helmets campaign.

And more: Stop by the Second Saturday Book Sale at the library 9am–2pm. . . . The Mike Elzey Blues Band plays at Scoop Station (400 Muir St.) at 7:30pm.



Saturday, April 11

1–4 p.m. Music, civic ceremonies, cake, kids' activities, more. Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park. FREE!

4–9 p.m. Second Saturday Block Party, Race and Poplar Streets. Streets will be closed to traffic to allow for festivities. FREE!

Buy your 325th t-shirts (\$10 each) at Scoop Station, Dorchester Center for the Arts, Snappers, or the Yacht Club. Or go all out and buy a flag (\$40) at City Hall or Joie de Vivre (410 Race St.).



▲ A mock-up of the mural planned for the side of the Hunt Insurance building on Race Street.

Downtown mural is in the works

Work is moving ahead to create a mural in Cannery Way on Race Street in downtown Cambridge. The mosaic will be on the side of the Hunt Insurance building at 436 Race Street in the heart of downtown. Willy Schlossbach, an artist who's lived on the Eastern Shore for 50 years, created a design and a small-scale version of the mural (pictured above). You can also see the mock-up in person at Joie de Vivre (410 Race St.). Using the Choptank River as a unifying element, the mural highlights aspects of the area's heritage, such as Native American life, agriculture, working the water, sailing, and jazz music.



Future site of the mural.

"This mural is relevant to our past, present, and future," said Jen Wagner, a Cambridge resident and mosaic artist who has helped spearhead the mural project. "We chose the concept because we wanted to celebrate everyday people here in town and throughout the county." She also thinks the mural will help attract visitors downtown.

The plan is to create most of the mural with paint, while the river will be made of mosaic. Organizers hope much of the work will happen this summer.

So far, funding for the mural has come from the Waddell Foundation, the Dorchester Center for the Arts, the Bank of the Eastern Shore, and the National Bank of Cambridge. There will also be a fundraising event April 18 (see side story). To donate to the Mural Arts Project, call Jen Wagner at 443.521.4084.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL PERRY

Mural fundraising event April 18.

Come on out for a special performance by the Brackish Water Blues Band, featuring Joy Staniforth, Willy Schlossbach, and Carter Grant on Saturday, April 18 at the Main Street Gallery (413 Muir St.). This is a fundraiser for the Mural Arts Project. \$20 per person includes wine and lite fare. Tickets are almost sold out, but you may still be able to buy yours at Joie de Vivre (410 Race St.).

EVENTS

APRIL 10, 4pm

Good Friday

Walk of the Cross

Begins at St. Paul's UMC (205 Maryland Ave); ends at Grace United UMC (501 Race St.). Sponsored by the Dorchester Ministerial Association.

2nd SAT.

APRIL 11

Happy Birthday, Cambridge! A Second Saturday Celebration

Ceremonies, cake, etc. 1-4pm at Sailwinds; Block Party downtown, 4-9pm. See page 1.

APRIL 18

The Life and Times of Ish: Fundraiser for the Mural Arts Project

The Brackish Water Blues Band performs (see story at left). \$20. Main Street Gallery.

APRIL 25, 12-5pm

Multicultural Festival

Music, kids' activities, exhibits, food, and more. 600 block of Pine Street. FREE!

MAY 7, 3:30-6:30pm

Main Street Farmers' Market

Opening for the season! Near Academy & Muir Streets. See page 3.

2nd SAT.

MAY 9, 1-8pm

Groove City Jazz & Blues Festival

Daylong outdoor festival. Race and Cedar Streets. Free (\$10 donation requested). See page 3.



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Evansland, LLC (Charles Evans)
McMullen Painting & Drywall
North Beach Realtors
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Jeffrey Taylor, DDS, PA

STAKEHOLDERS (\$100-\$249):

Bob North Service Station
Choptank Property Management
Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill
Kool Ice & Seafood
Tudor Farms

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PHOTO BY JILL JASUTA

Richardson breaks ground.

Ground was broken March 21 for a new building for the Ruark Boatworks—the first step in developing the Richardson Maritime Heritage Center at Maryland Avenue and Hayward Street in Cambridge. Find out more at www.richardsonmuseum.org.

Groove City Jazz & Blues Festival is May 9

Saturday, May 9 is the fifth annual Groove City Jazz and Blues Festival, sponsored by Coors Light and organized by Cambridge Main Street, that honors Cambridge's vibrant musical heritage. The lineup includes Deanna Bogart, the Junkyard Saints, and Carl Grubbs, along with several local and regional acts. (Unfortunately, Cyrus Chestnut backed out of his contract because of a scheduling mishap.) The daylong festival is free, with \$10 donations requested from adults at the gate. Updates at www.cambridgemainstreet.com.



Deanna Bogart: Rockin' blues woman, winner of more than 20 Washington Area Music Awards.

The Junkyard Saints: Roots maestros and Washington Area Music Awards "Artist of the Year" winner.

Carl Grubbs: Baltimore saxophonist, winner of the 2009 Baker Arts Award, performs with an ensemble that includes Lafayette Gilchrist and Mike Formanek.

Also performing!

- Jimmy Cole from Washington, D.C.
- Mike Elzey Blues Band
- Ragin' Unstoppables



ART EXHIBITS & EVENTS

Main Street Gallery: In April, **Abstract Awareness** continues, featuring the work of Sung Hong and her students. Ms. Hong is a Chesapeake College professor who has exhibited in Korea, New York, and Washington, D.C. 413 Muir Street

Dorchester Center for the Arts: In the galleries: **Beyond Dorchester County**, with the work of Brae Howard, Palma Allen, and Deborah Coffin Kennedy. Artists' reception is Second Saturday, April 11, 6–8pm. Also, check out the classes for adults and plan ahead for kids' summer classes: Download the schedule at www.dorchesterartscenter.org or stop by the center. 321 High Street



Joie de Vivre Gallery:

Director metal artist Paul Lockhart is the featured artist. Check out Lockhart's "Recession Minis"—at around \$100, they're flying off the walls. Also stop by to see the mural mock-up

(see story on page 2). 410 Race Street

Maris Elaine Gallery: Opening reception for the Working Artist Forum show, which will be showing April 11–May 4. 520 Race Street

447 Studios & Gallery: Opening a new spring show (see box at upper right). 447 Race Street



Spring Show Opening at 447 Studios & Gallery: Check out this stunning second-floor gallery at 447 Race St., where working artists also have their studios. The new spring show features the work of Deanna Davis, Maureen Sheridan Farrell, Jonah Gasparotti, Patti Lucas Hopkins, Karen Maskell Peck, Mary Ann Schindler, Willy Schlossbach, and Jen Wagner. Opening reception 5–8pm, Second Saturday, April 11, with refreshments and live music.

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Christ Church Concert Series:

Asbury U.M. Church Chancel Choir from Salisbury. Sunday, April 19, 4pm, at Christ Church, 601 Church St., followed by a reception. Tickets \$10.

Jimmie & Sook's: Live music Wednesday and Thursday evenings, plus many Friday and Saturday nights, too. Check the calendar at www.jimmieandsooks.com. 421 Race Street

Scoop Station: Live music with the Mike Elzey Blues Band on April 11 and May 9; and Spare Time April 17 and May 1; and Dark Gold Jazz May 2. Check the calendar at www.thescoopstation.com. 400 Muir Street

Farmers' Market update. The Main Street Farmers' Market returns Thursday, May 7 with fresh local produce, meats, cheese, bread, herbs, plants, and more. Look for Butter Pot Farm, Harris Farm, S.B. Farms, Well's Berry Farm, and others. Every Thursday, 3:30–6:30pm, through October 15, near the corner of Academy and Muir Streets.



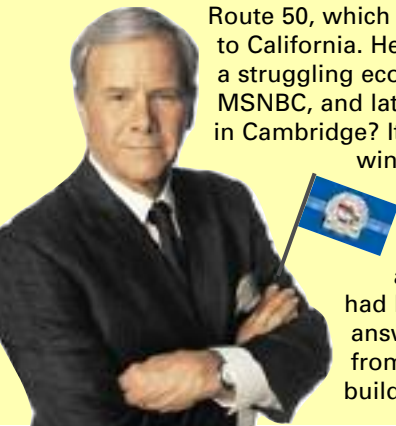
NEWS BITS

- 1 We're sorry to bid farewell to three downtown businesses: **Never On Tuesday** (owners Corinne and Michael Mitsak are moving to Missouri), **El Torito** (we'll miss that fresh guacamole), and **Snack Shack**.
- 2 **Ceanie's Apparel** (416 Washington St.) is having a sidewalk sale Second Saturday, April 11, starting at 10am. Great bargains on casual, work, and church clothes for women's and plus sizes.
- 3 **Chesapeake Classics** has launched an impressive website with a discussion forum and more at www.chesapeake-classics.com.
- 4 Chesapeake Foodie's latest newsletter includes the opening of Bella Luna, downtown's new Italian restaurant, saying that owner Barbara Helish's "rustic, fresh Italian menu joins Bistro Poplar's French-inspired cuisine, **making Cambridge a go-to destination.**"
- 5 Thanks to Main Street volunteers who spent a Saturday morning cleaning up the city-owned flower beds near the Choptank Creek drawbridge.
- 6 Skipjack *Nathan of Dorchester* is looking for volunteers. No experience necessary. Call 410.228.7141 or go to www.skipjack-nathan.org.
- 7 Hungry for more information? The *Shorelines* newsletter provides a wider view of what's happening in revitalization, tourism, and economic development in Cambridge and Dorchester County. Download the new issue at www.cambridgemainstreet.com.



NBC is coming to Jimmie & Sook's on April 8!

NBC will be at downtown Cambridge's own Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill on Wednesday, April 8, from 1–7pm to interview Eastern Shore watermen for possible inclusion in a documentary that former NBC News Nightly anchor Tom Brokaw is working on. All interested watermen, stop on by! Brokaw and his crew are starting work on a series of reports about everyday people who live in towns along Route 50, which starts in Ocean City (Maryland) and extends all the way to California. He wants to gauge the state of the nation in the midst of a struggling economy. His reports will air on *Today*, *NBC Nightly News*, *MSNBC*, and later, in a USA Network special. So how did NBC end up in Cambridge? It started last week when an NBC news director got wind of the April 4 Crabi Gras event at Jimmie & Sook's.



Intrigued by the celebration of the traditional opening of crabbing season (which also raised money for the Dorchester Seafood Harvesters' Association), plus the area's role in the seafood industry, the news director had lots of questions for the folks at J&S. They were full of answers—after all, J&S owner Amanda Bramble comes from a family of Dorchester County watermen and boat builders. Stay tuned!



Façade facelift. Buildings in the 400 block of Race Street, including Hubbard's Custom Blinds and Framing, the new Trumpeter Swan Antiques, Sport Society, and Mirror Mirror, recently got new façade and new signage. Hubbard's has changes on the inside, too: they're now the area's only Hunter Douglas Gallery dealer.

Fibre Café expanding to new space with secondhand treasures

Fibre Cafe and Crabcratchers Scavenger Shop will be opening, hopefully in time for Second Saturday, April 11, at 533 Poplar Street. It's actually a bit of a marriage of two businesses: Fibre Café owner Bonnie Reed wanted to expand from her space at Joie de Vivre and her husband Bruce wanted to start a new venture. So they've joined forces with Crabcatchers, featuring natural fiber, hand-dyed, hand-painted, and hand-spun yarn, along with a mix of mostly second-hand items from collectibles and tools to marine items to glassware. Perfect for the recession-conscious.

Haircuts for Helmets April 11 to help CSD high school lacrosse team



Get a trim at Cutting Edge Salon (515 Poplar St.) on Second Saturday, April 11, and do your part to help the boys' lacrosse team at CSD High School get new helmets. Cutting Edge proprietor Mindy Carmine came up with the idea. The cost of the cut (\$15) will go directly to the lacrosse program. Dry cuts only, walk-ins only, 5–8pm.

Steel bracing on fire-damaged Race Street building to be removed soon

Work is under way to improve the facade of the fire-damaged building at 444–448 Race Street. Construction of part of the roof and flooring system will allow the steel beams in front of the building to be removed. The brick facade will be repaired and a new cornice installed. Then it will be up to the city to decide whether Race Street is one way or two way.

New spring menu at Bistro Poplar

After exploring new culinary possibilities in France, Chef Ian Campbell is back in the kitchen at Bistro Poplar. Check out the new spring menu. Also, go to www.bistropoplar.com for events, including Easter brunch April 12, family nights, and an English Pub Style Beer Pairing Dinner April 23.

'Tis the season for flowers



With the weather warming up, our thoughts turn to flowers. Pick up Easter flowers at Flowers 'n' Things (302 Cedar St.) and tulips and hyacinths at Arlene's Antiques (211 High St.). Get your spring bedding plants, from pansies to geraniums and more by the day, at Simmons Center Market (600 Race St.).

Welcome Crab Run competitors

Keep your eyes open for runners in the YMCA's first-ever Crab Run Half-Marathon, starting at 8am on Saturday, April 11. We're inviting runners to check out downtown Cambridge while they're here, giving them downtown visitor guides and this e-newsletter. We'll be reaching out to other out-of-town athletes as they descend on Dorchester County for events including the Six Pillars Century bike race (a benefit for Character Counts) on May 2, and the Wild Goose Chase (a ride for 700 women) on May 3.

Condolences to family of long-time beauty salon owner, Cecilia Windsor

Cecilia Emma Windsor, 93, who owned Cecille's Beauty Salon at 407 Muir Street since the early 1960s, passed away recently. She was in business until five months before she died. She had a total of 76 years in the profession, and trained many women in cosmetology. Our condolences to her family, including her daughter, Beverly Shelly, who worked by her side for many years.

Scoop Station back with music

Scoop Station (400 Muir St.) is back with live music. Mike Elzey's Blues Band plays 7:30pm on Second Saturday, April 11 and again after the Groove City Jazz & Blues Festival on May 9. Spare Time plays 8pm April 17, and again May 1. See the calendar at www.thescoopstation.com.

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