



REAL QUICK

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SECOND SATURDAY FUN. After the Feast-I-Val Aug. 8 (see page 3), head downtown for art walks, block party, music, and more. See below.

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CAMBRIDGE LIVES! An important program is starting that could mean improvements for the Maple Street area. See page 4.

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TASTE RECAP. Did you miss out on the announcements of Taste of Cambridge winners? See page 2.

Mosaic Path returns Second Saturday, Aug. 8

Stroll downtown for mosaics, more art, sales, music on Second Saturday, August 8



BLESSING BOWL ALTAR,
BY ANNA GRACE
HARDING



VORTEX, BY MARY ANN
SCHINDLER



BLUES GUITAR OF
GRATITUDE, BY SUSAN
STOCKMAN

The second annual Mosaic Walk kicks off this Second Saturday, August 8. Stroll downtown and see mosaics inside five galleries and in five other sites around town as part of the exhibit, "Pieces of the Path: Exploring the Art of the Mosaic." Last year, this multi-site exhibit was wildly popular. This year's exhibit, which includes even more sites, features artists Parran Collery, Carol Gordean, Anna Grace Harding, Deborah Coffin Kennedy, Joyce Fritz Ritz, Mary Ann Schindler, Susan Stockman, Craigie Succop, and Jen Wagner.

Admire the mosaics at:

Main Street Gallery, where the mosaic exhibit will be anchored, and where an artists' reception will happen 5-8pm. **Joie de Vivre**, which expanded this month to include Jen Wagner's Mosaic Gallery in the space where Dazzle Your Domaine used to be. See the work of mosaic artists at **447 Studios & Gallery**, **Dorchester Center for the Arts**, **Maris Elaine Gallery**, and **Avé Salon Spa**. Then there's **Scoop Station**, where five panels of the Mosaic Mural, created after last year's fire on Race Street, are on display. Along with small music-themed mosaics on the building that were created by children in YMCA's mosaic camp this summer. **Sunnyside**, including



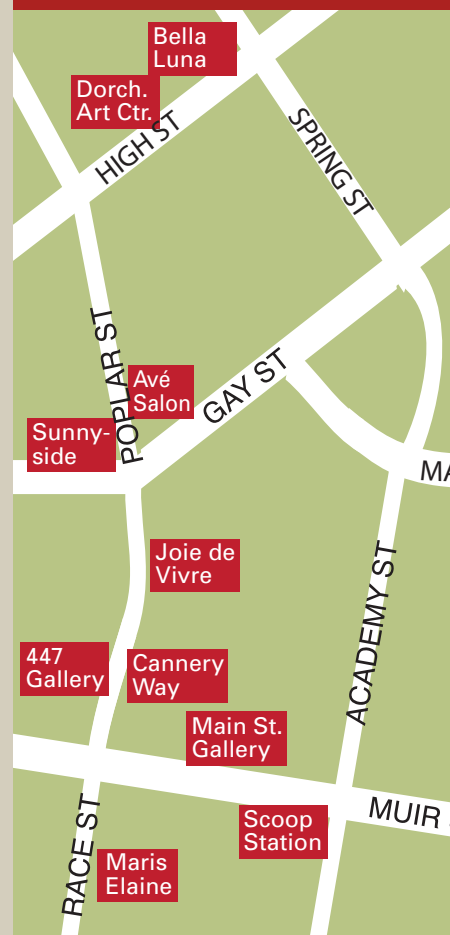
CANNERY WAY MURAL

vibrantly colored mosaics on the front of the building. **Cannery Way**, where you can see the latest progress on the 85-foot mural, including the Choptank River made from mosaic. **Bella Luna**, where one wall of the ladies' room is all mosaic.

Mosaic artists' reception: Meet the mosaic artists during a free reception Aug. 8, 5-8pm, at Main Street Gallery, 413 Muir St.

Second Saturday fun: Second Saturday festivities Aug. 8 also include a mini block party on the 300 block of High Street, where Lisa Rose and Mike Elzey and his guitar students will provide music. Bella Luna will serve special sandwiches outside. Shops stay open late, Lednum's announces a winner. Then there's a free movie and more live music late night (see page 3 for details on all that). Whew!

Mosaic Path



More art: Mosaics won't be the only art on display. New shows will also be opening around town. See page 3.

ABOUT CAMBRIDGE MAIN STREET

Cambridge Main Street is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to revitalizing our historic downtown. Contact Executive Director Jim Duffy at office@cambridgemainstreet.com or 410.228.0020.

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Whitten Insurance celebrates downtown:

Employees of Whitten Nationwide Insurance show off their \$2 bills during the Taste of Cambridge. To honor their employees and celebrate being named Agency of the year in Maryland and one of the top agencies in the country, Greg Whitten's Nationwide Insurance



gave each employee a bundle of \$2 bills to be spent in downtown Cambridge during the Taste of Cambridge July 11. "It's a way to show them my appreciation, and to show my appreciation to our local businesses by putting some money in the local economy," said Greg Whitten. What a great idea! Congrats to Nationwide, and thanks for your membership in Cambridge Main Street!

Taste of Cambridge exceeds expectations

The 2009 Taste of Cambridge brought bigger crowds and raised more money than anyone expected. During the July 11 event, a record 12 Dorchester County restaurants prepared 18 crab dishes (plus one oyster dish). There were some very close calls in the Crab Cook-Off competition. The full listing of winners is at right.



The crowd gathers to watch the crab-picking contest during the Taste of Cambridge. [Photos by Jill Jasuta]

Also, the winners of the crab-picking contest were: 1st Place, Hong Houy (Kool Ice & Seafood) and 2nd Place, Socorro H. Martinez (Lindy's Seafood)

Thanks to all the participating restaurants—as well as everyone who made Taste possible, including our tireless volunteers, the city, DPW, the Visitor Center, the Chamber of Commerce, a Few of My Favorite Things, J.M. Clayton's, and our generous Taste sponsors. We couldn't have done it without you!

We're also grateful to our celebrity judges: John Shields, host of the PBS show *Coastal Cooking* and chef/owner of Gertrude's restaurant in Baltimore; Roger Mallon, host of *Fishin' Kitchen*; Ann Levelle, managing editor at *Chesapeake Bay* magazine; Rob Kasper, columnist at the *Baltimore Sun*; and Victoria Jackson-Stanley, mayor of Cambridge.

Thanks also to our 2009 Taste of Cambridge sponsors: Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, Hodes Pessin & Katz, Koons Toyota of Easton, NOVO Development, National Bank of Cambridge, and Tri-Gas & Oil.

Proceeds from Taste of Cambridge go to Main Street and its downtown revitalization efforts.

2009 Crab Cook-Off winners

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

CRAB SOUP:

- 1st Place: Jimmie & Sook's
- 2nd Place: Finish Line
- 3rd Place: Ocean Odyssey



CRAB CAKE:

- 1st Place: Water's Edge Grill at the Hyatt
- 2nd Place: Clearview at Horn's Point
- 3rd Place: Jimmie & Sook's

CRAB DIP:

- 1st Place: Snapper's
- 2nd Place: Bella Luna
- 3rd Place: Jimmie & Sook's

CRAB SPECIALTY:

- 1st Place: Bistro Poplar (Spicy Crab Salad in a Ginger Crepe)
- 2nd Place: Portside (Crab Bruschetta)

JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARDS

CRAB SOUP: Jimmie & Sook's

CRAB DIP: Cambridge Yacht Club

CRAB CAKE: Water's Edge Grill at the Hyatt

CRAB SPECIALTY: Bistro Poplar (Spicy Crab Salad in a Ginger Crepe)

EVENTS

**AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27,
3:30–6:30pm**

Main Street Farmers' Market

Every Thursday near Academy & Muir Streets. Fresh produce, meats, oysters, baked goods, and more. See page 4.

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SAT.**

AUGUST 8

Mosaic Walk and Second Saturday

Multi-site exhibit with mosaics; galleries and shops open late. See story on page 1.

AUGUST 8, 1–6pm

Seafood Feast-I-Val

All-you-can-eat fest, live music, fun for kids. Governor's Hall, Sailwinds. See page 3.

AUGUST 8, 15, 22, 29

Free Outdoor Movies

At Sailwinds Visitor Center. 8:30pm. See page 3.

AUGUST 18, 6:30pm

Comprehensive Plan Meeting

Public hearing at Cambridge South Dorchester High School.

AUGUST 17, 8pm–12am

Crabtoberfest Fundraiser

Eastern Shore/German buffet, music by Jimmy Cole, more. \$25 per person. See page 4.

AUGUST 29, 6–9pm

Brannock Maritime Fundraiser

All-you-can-eat crab feast at Governor's Hall, Sailwinds Park. See page 5.

**More events at
cambridgemainstreet.com**

Seafood Feast-I-Val expects crowds Aug. 8



This is the 30th year for this all-you-can-eat fest that benefits the Cambridge Rescue Fire Company, 1–6pm, Saturday, Aug. 8. More than 2,400 people—the biggest crowd ever—are expected to dig in at Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park, where the menu includes steamed crabs, crab soup, fried fish, fried clams, BBQ chicken, corn, and more. Plus live music by Golden Touch and fun for the kids. Tickets cost \$30 in advance (buy them at the Visitor Center, City Hall, or Simmons Center Market); or \$35 at the door; \$10 for kids. www.seafoodfestival.com or 410.228.1211 (ask for Kathy).

Win \$100 with an old Lednum's sales ticket

Did you get your first diamond ring at Lednum's Jewelers? A special pair of earrings? Your wedding band? If you gave or bought something special at Lednum's, you may have kept that sales receipt. Now there's a good reason to go looking for it. In honor of the city's 325th anniversary, Lednum's is holding a contest: Bring in the oldest Lednum's sales ticket you can find before 6pm, August 8 (Second Saturday)—and you could win a \$100 gift certificate. Lednum's has been writing sales tickets for 72 years, but who knows, even a ticket from 2000 could win! The winner will be announced after 7pm, Aug. 8. You do not need to be present to win. For details, call Lednum's at 410.228.1675.

Free outdoor movies every Saturday in August

Free outdoor movies at Sailwinds Visitor Center. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and a picnic basket of goodies. All shows start at dusk about 8:30 p.m. Come early to get a good spot. Movie schedule:

August 8: Casino Royale
August 15: Spiderman
August 22: Holes
August 29: Shanghai Knights

For more info, call Moonflicks Outdoor Movies at 443.521.3379 or the Visitor Center at 410.228.1000.

Cambridge's Comprehensive Plan hearing Aug. 18

A public hearing on the Cambridge's Comprehensive Plan is set for 6:30pm, Aug. 18 at Cambridge South Dorchester High School Auditorium. Come learn about the plan and voice your opinion.

ART EXHIBITS & EVENTS

Log comes to life: Scoop Station has donated a 3-foot by 6-foot elm log, and local woodcarver Mike Ennals (below) is on site at Scoop with hammer and chisel and chain-saw, transforming it into.... well, that's the whole point. We don't know yet what he's carving, but everyone is invited to join in the contest to guess what it will be. Stop by Scoop Station and fill out a ballot. Half the proceeds from the



sale will be donated to the Dorchester Center for the Arts. 400 Muir Street

LOG BEFORE AND IN PROCESS

Main Street Gallery: Pieces of the Path: Exploring the Art of the Mosaic. See page 1. Opening reception Second Saturday, August 8, 5–8pm. This show continues the momentum from last year's Pieces of the Path show. The gallery is open Friday and Saturday, 11am–4pm; until 8pm Second Saturday, Aug. 8. 413 Muir Street

Dorchester Center for the Arts:

Featuring hand-painted screens by John R. Iampieri, paintings by Maureen Sheridan Farrell, an 11" x 14" watercolor study by Sharon D. Gilroy, and works by various mosaic artists. Artists' Reception is 6–8pm, Saturday, August 8, with light refreshments and music by Mary Neuberger. Show continues through August 29. Info at www.dorchesterartscen.org or stop by the center. 321 High Street



JOHN R. IAMPIERI

Joie de Vivre Gallery:

Celebrate the Joie's expansion and the opening of

three exhibits on Second Saturday, Aug. 8, 5–8pm, when you can meet well known folk artist Danny Doughty, young Cambridge photographer Annie Huntington, and mosaic artist Jen Wagner. The gallery's expansion



DANNY DOUGHTY

includes the addition of Jen Wagner's Mosaic Gallery in the space where Dazzle Your Domaine used to be. 410 Race St.

Maris Elaine Gallery:

Opening a new exhibit by young Baltimore artist, Zach Zwagil, whose work was featured during Baltimore's Artscape festival, along with mosaics. Open late Second Saturday, Aug. 8. 520 Race Street



RAY CHARLES, BY ZACH ZWAGIL

447 Studios & Gallery:

Showing the work of artists who have studios that ring the gallery, including Deanna Davis, Maureen Sheridan Farrell, Patti Lucas Hopkins, Mary Ann Schindler, and Willy Schlossbach. Open Saturdays, 10am–4pm; open until 8pm on Second Saturday, Aug. 8. Look for 447 on Facebook. 447 Race Street



PATTI LUCAS HOPKINS

MUSIC

Jimmie & Sook's: Live music Wednesday through Saturdays. Every Wednesday is Anna Burgess; every Thursday is Jeff Calder. Aug. 8, Grateful Floyd. Aug. 14, Carter Grant. Aug. 17, Jimmy Cole (who played at Jazz Fest in May; this is a fundraiser for Crabtoberfest, see page 4). For the latest, check the calendar at www.jimmieandsooks.com. 421 Race Street

Scoop Station: Live music every week. Aug. 7, Les Rayne. Aug. 8, Spare Time. Aug. 15, Mister Baby featuring Megan Huddleston from Virginia (listen at www.myspace.com/misterbabymusic). For the latest, check the calendar at www.thescoopstation.com. 400 Muir Street



MISTER BABY

Canvasback: Minus One, with Rodrigo Pincheira, Gary Barnes, and Bob Kamman, plays jazz 8:30–11:30pm, Aug. 14. 400 Muir Street

Portside: Mid-Life Crisis plays rock during a dock party Aug. 23. 400 Muir Street



Farmers' Market is bigger than it's ever been

It's the height of the season at the Cambridge Main Street Farmers' Market. More than a dozen vendors offer everything from juicy red tomatoes to sweet corn and fresh berries. Then there are lots of other goodies: plump oysters from Uncle Ernie's Tangier Oysters (pictured above), bison from a S.B. Bison Farm here in Dorchester, breads, locally produced cheese, free-range eggs, herbal products from the Dorchester Historical Society's colonial-style herb garden. If you haven't been, now's the time to check it out. Also look for news and recipes at www.cambridgemainstreet.com; click on Farmers' Market. Or, to add your name to the weekly Farmers' Market email update, send an email to office@cambridgemainstreet.com with "Subscribe to Farmers' Market" in the subject line. Happy eating!

Cambridge Lives! begins in Maple Street area

Cambridge Lives! is a new initiative that aims to bring residents, property owners, community leaders, and other stakeholders together to develop and support a shared vision for the future of Cambridge's Maple Street district, which lies along key blocks of High, Pine, Gay, and Muir streets. This district was designated a "Smart Site" by Gov. Martin O'Malley during his recent visit to Cambridge, and discussions with the state are ongoing about resources that might be available to help spur revitalization on these blocks.

In July, the City Council passed a resolution marking the launch of Cambridge Lives! urging all concerned citizens to

participate in the planning process that is being led by consultants Donya Maria Twyman and Vince Leggett of Virtual Office Associates. Main Street is partnering with the city to provide financial and volunteer support to the project.

The public is invited to an informational hearing at 7pm, Monday, Aug. 17 at City Council Chambers, 305 Gay St.

On Sunday, Sept. 26, a Back to School Cookout will kick off a series of events to encourage public input. A resident advisory group will be developed in October and a weekend-long community workshop is set for November.

Annual Main Street membership drive under way

Many thanks to the scores of individuals, families, downtown stores and restaurants, and other Cambridge businesses that have showed their support for our downtown by renewing their annual membership in Cambridge Main Street over these past few weeks.

As a nonprofit organization, Main Street counts on these annual membership dues as the key component of its annual operating budget, especially in this time of tight government budgets and looming funding cutbacks. Full membership is available for as little as \$100, though many businesses and individu-

als opt to give at higher levels.

"We're fortunate to be working in a community that truly recognizes the importance of a revitalized downtown to all of Cambridge—and indeed, the whole county," said Jim Duffy, Main Street's executive director. "In economic times like these, that commitment and generosity can make a huge difference in the success of a Main Street program."

Members who are on the summer renewal cycle and have not yet renewed will be receiving a reminder in the coming days, so please be as generous as you can.

Improvements around town

In the past few weeks, Sugar Magnolia added a new happy yellow-and-white awning (pictured at right). Bella Luna added outdoor seating with red umbrellas. And Mosaic mural panels are being installed around town. This is part of ongoing efforts over the past few months to keep improving downtown's look.

We've seen new facades for the four businesses at 435–443 Race Street (Mirror Mirror, Sport Society, Trumpeter Swan, and Hubbard's Custom Blinds & Framing). Bistro Poplar added a new awning. Scoop Station installed new signage. Sunnyside added an exterior mosaic. A new cornice and other improvements were made to the fire-damaged building at 444-448 Race Street. Keep up the good work!



Race Street remains one-way for now

More research is being done to see if Race Street should return to its two-way or remain one-way. If the discussion folks had on Cambridge Main Street's Facebook fan page is any indication, there is a great variety of opinions in Cambridge on this topic.

Cambridge named a 'Best Neighborhood' for retirees

The secret is getting out. . . . Cambridge was named to a list of top 20 Best Neighborhoods to Retire by www.walletpop.com—No. 7, to be exact. They said the Algonquin area "sparkles with gentle four-season living along the coves of one of America's greatest natural estuaries. . . . It's a gentle place to be savored for its incredible price and value for the region." Read the full story here: www.walletpop.com/retirement/best-retirement-values

Crabtoberfest fundraiser features Jimmy Cole Aug. 17

Enjoy the music of Jimmy Cole, the veteran D.C. bluesman who played at this year's Jazz Fest in May, and help Crabtoberfest efforts at the same time. The event happens 8pm 'til midnight, Monday, Aug. 17 at Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar & Grill. Each \$25 ticket includes admission, entertainment and an Eastern Shore/German buffet. Buffet starts at 7pm. All proceeds benefit Crabtoberfest 2009 at Sailwinds Park on Oct. 17, 2009. Buy advance tickets at the Dorchester County Chamber of Commerce, 528 Poplar St. Cambridge, 410.228.3575 or use PayPal at www.dorchesterchamber.org.

Brannock Maritime Collection marks 25 years with crab feast Aug. 29

The Brannock Maritime Collection is celebrating its silver anniversary with a fundraising all-you-can-eat crab feast event 6-9pm, Saturday, Aug. 29 at Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park. The event marks the continued growth of the collection, which was once part of the Brannock Maritime Museum on Glenburn Avenue, and is now part of the Brannock Education & Research Center CHK, under the umbrella of the James B. Richardson Foundation, Inc. It will be housed in the future Richardson Maritime Heritage Center off Maryland Avenue at Hayward Street. The guest of honor will be Vice Admiral Al Konetzi, USN Ret. There will be crabs, chicken, and more, live music, an auction, 50/50 raffle, cash bar. Tickets cost \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. Children under 12 get in free. Buy your ticket by credit card at 410.221.1871 or stop by the Richardson Museum at 401 High Street.



Cambridge Main Street holds board elections

During the August 3 annual meeting for Cambridge Main Street members, the following individuals were elected to another term or to a new term on the Main Street board of directors. Re-elected were Fred Findlen, Brett Summers, Bill Jarmon. Newly elected was Claudia McDonald, part-owner of Bistro Poplar.

Main Street to survey business owners

In the coming months, Cambridge Main Street will be surveying downtown business owners about how to better attract guests from the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, what we can do to increase foot traffic from those who live in the Eastern Shore region, and how to organize effective, productive downtown events. The surveys will be administered in person by Main Street board members.

NEWS from SHOPS & RESTAURANTS



CRAB HISTORY AT BACKFIN ANTIQUES:

Owner Kevin Davidson is putting his collection of Eastern Shore crabbing history on display.

DRAGONFLY: Storewide summer clearance. For a limited time.

HUBBARD'S BLINDS: 25-40% off Hunter Douglas, up to \$200 rebates, free installation. Through August 31.

DOCK PARTY AT PORTSIDE:

Mid-Life Crisis plays during dock party Sunday, Aug. 23.



EAT AL FRESCO AT BELLA LUNA:

Sip wine and enjoy Italian at new outdoor tables. Pasta special continues, \$12.95, Tues-Fri, 5-7pm.

SOFT-SHELL CLAMS AT JIMMIE & SOOK'S:

Fresh soft-shell clams. Plus Jimmy Buffet's Landshark Lager. Sounds like a meal.

JFH DESIGNS: Furniture, accessories 50% off in August.

BREAKFAST BURRITOS AT SCOOP:

Fresh and hot, eggs, sausage, cheese; made to order, only \$2.99. And did you know Scoop delivers, between 11:30am and 2pm? Call ahead at 443.477.0232.

SUNNYSIDE: Annual mid-summer sale. For a limited time.

WRAP ME UP BOUTIQUE:

New handcrafted creations, including this cotton summer top and scarf. 410 Race St.



ARE YOU MISSING OUT?

A growing number of downtown merchants have Facebook fan pages—and some offer specials only to those fans. So don't get left out, become a fan—it's free! Here are the merchants we know about with Facebook pages:



Pear Tree South, Sugar Magnolia, Jimmie & Sook's, Avé Salon Spa, 447 Studios & Gallery, Scoop Station, Jen Wagner Mosaics. Of course, Cambridge Main Street has a Facebook page, too, with frequent updates on downtown news and events. Find us at www.facebook.com/cambridgemainstreet.

CONTEST AT LEDNUM'S JEWELERS:

Looking for the oldest sales ticket—win \$100! Ends Aug. 8. See page 3.

RUG & ANTIQUE GALLERY: New arrivals of orientals in all sizes at outlet prices.

JOIE DE VIVRE EXPANDS:

The gallery has grown with the addition of the Jen Wagner Mosaic Gallery in the space where Dazzle Your Domaine used to be. Welcome, Jen! Plus a triple artist feature Aug. 8; see page 3.



JOHNNIE WALKER AT BISTRO POPLAR:

The Many Colors of Johnnie Walker Friday, Aug. 14 at 6pm. Try different labels of Johnny Walker paired with four small plates. \$50 per person (tax and tip not included). bistropoplar.com. Call to reserve: 410.228.4884.

SUNDAY DECK PARTIES: 5-10pm every Sunday at Snapper's. Also, open for breakfast Saturday and Sunday.

A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS:

The perfect pairing for those summer tomatoes: fresh mozzarella. For melons and peaches, try California goat cheese. For berries, try clotted cream.

NEWS BITS

- 1 Congratulations to **Bertha Mack**, the proprietor of Orchid Beauty Enterprises, 630 Race Street, who was honored Aug. 2 at a 'This is Your Life' event at Bethel AME Church celebrating her remarkable achievements as a downtown Cambridge entrepreneur and community leader.
- 2 A fond farewell to **Dazzle Your Domaine** (in the back of Joie de Vivre), which closed its doors at the end of July.
- 3 **J.M. Clayton's Seafood** and Cambridge, along with the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, got mentions in a front-page story of the travel section in the July 12 *New York Times*.