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Crab! 11 restaurants, 15+ dishes (pictured here, Portside).



Crab-picking contest! Watch their fingers fly!



Crab memorabilia! Vast collection on display, courtesy Kevin Davidson.



Fun for all ages! Hula hoop, watermelon eating, limbo, Lego building contests. Plus live music and more.

Taste of Cambridge is July 11!

Come to Taste of Cambridge on Saturday, July 11, a free festival that celebrates all things crab! For \$20, get a ticket to the Crab Cook-Off and sample crab cakes, crab dip, crab soup, and more from Dorchester County restaurants—and cast your vote for the best. “This event usually sells out, so buy your tickets soon,” advises Billie Jo Heister, chairman of Main Street’s Promotions Committee.

Highlights:

- **Crab Cook-Off** with dishes from Bella Luna, Bistro Poplar, Blue Point Provision Company, Cambridge Yacht Club, Clearview, Finish Line, Jimmie & Sook’s, Ocean Odyssey, Portside, Snapper’s Waterfront Café, and Water’s Edge Grill.
- Professional **crab-picking contest**—see how fast they can pick a dozen crabs!
- Display of **crab memorabilia**, some dating back to the 1800s.
- **Contests** including watermelon-eating, hula-hooping, Lego-building, and limbo.
- **Food** including pulled pork, burgers, pizza, ice cream, etc. Plus cold drinks.
- **Music** by D’Vibe & Conga, Anna Burgess, 11-year-old Evan Button, DJ Chuckie Luv.
- **Performance** by Eastern Shore Dance Academy.



When: Saturday, July 11, 5–10 p.m. Rain or shine.

Where: Poplar and Race Streets, Cambridge, Maryland. Streets will be closed off at the 500 block of Poplar Street and the 400 block of Race Street.

Why: To celebrate the heritage of the seafood industry in Cambridge and in Dorchester County—and to have fun!

Who: The event is organized by Cambridge Main Street and is our biggest fundraiser of the year—not to mention the biggest event of the year downtown!

Thanks: Thanks to our 2009 Taste of Cambridge sponsors: Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, Hodes Pessin & Katz, Koons Toyota of Easton, NOVO Development, and National Bank of Cambridge!

More: It’s 2nd Saturday, so shops and galleries will stay open late (see page 3). Plus a free outdoor movie, *Fireproof*, at Long Wharf at 8:30pm.

AVOID LONG LINES! Buy Cook-Off tickets now

Entry to the festival is free. Tickets for the Crab Cook-Off cost \$20. Avoid the lines and buy your tickets now: By credit card by calling the Chamber at 410.228.3575. In person at the Dorchester County Visitors Center (2 Rose Hill Pl.), the Chamber of Commerce (528 Poplar St.), and A Few of My Favorite Things (414 Race St.).



Yes, these great crab hats will be for sale at Taste!

BE A PART OF TASTE! Have fun, meet new people, and be a part of making Taste of Cambridge happen. We still need volunteers. Give a couple of hours or a whole day. Sell tickets, help with the contests, clean up, more. Email office@cambridgemainstreet.com or call 410.228.0020.

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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Governor tours downtown, shares Smart Site news

Governor Martin O'Malley walked through downtown Cambridge June 28, checking on revitalization projects, attending a church service at historic Bethel AME on Pine Street, and announcing that Cambridge's Maple Street area is one of 15 new "Smart Sites" in Maryland—and the only one on the Eastern Shore.

Named after a program created by the state Department of Housing & Community Development, the Maple Street area covers key blocks of Gay, Muir, Pine, and High streets that are adjacent to the main downtown commercial corridor. The Smart Sites initiative will focus specially targeted state resources on capital projects that mix the concepts of Smart Growth and Green Growth, such as green building practices, energy efficiency projects, and the revitalization of older residential neighborhoods—especially ones near Main Street commercial corridors. The specifics of how



Governor Martin O'Malley walks down Race Street flanked by, from left, Dorchester County Councilman Jay Newcomb, Maryland DHCD Secretary Raymond Skinner, a local resident, and Cambridge Main Street Board President Chad Malkus. [Photos by Jill Jasuta]

Smart Sites will work in Cambridge will be determined by city officials in the weeks and months ahead.

During his visit to Cambridge, the governor also joined in a tree planting at Waugh Chapel on High Street. As he walked through downtown, he chatted with residents and business owners, and even helped place a few pieces of mosaic on the new mural taking shape in Cannery Way on Race Street.

While he was downtown, the governor...



...helped with the Cannery Way mural.



...sampled chocolate crabs from A Few of My Favorite Things.



...chatted with merchants including Joy Staniforth...



...and Elizabeth Miskell. He later toured her Avé Salon Spa, calling it "fantastic."

July 4: boat parade, fireworks, carnival

Tailgate party on the Choptank also marks city's 325th



Celebrate the Fourth and Cambridge's 325th anniversary on the grounds of Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park. Free! Gates open at 2pm. Bring your grill, tents,

chairs, etc. and set up along the shores of the Choptank. You'll have great views of the Boat Parade at 4pm (led by the skipjack *Nathan of Dorchester*) and fireworks at nightfall. Food and vendors will also be on hand. Rain or shine. Plus music by Golden Touch and DJ Ben Parks, starting at 5pm and wrapping up after the fireworks.

Games for all ages: Kids' activities and horse-shoes, volleyball, and more for adults.

But wait, there's more! There will also be a carnival in the parking lot at Sailwinds on July 4, starting at 2pm. The carnival will also be open Thursday and Friday nights starting at 5pm.

Show your Cambridge pride. While you're at Sailwinds, pick up a Cambridge flag, t-shirt, polo, tote, and more.



FREE SKIPJACK CRUISES!

On July 4, the skipjack *Nathan of Dorchester* marks its 15th anniversary with FREE rides! 12pm and 1pm. Long Wharf. Sorry, no advance reservations.

EVENTS



JULY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,
3:30–6:30pm

Main Street Farmers' Market

Every Thursday near Academy & Muir Streets. Fresh produce, meats, baked goods, jewelry, and more.

JULY 4, 2pm

Fourth of July & Cambridge's 325th Birthday

Celebrate the Fourth and Cambridge's 325th anniversary on the grounds of Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park. Free! See story at left.

2nd SAT.

JULY 11, 5–10pm

Taste of Cambridge

Crab Cook-Off, contests, music, more. See story on page 1.

JULY 23

Buy Local Agro Tour

The Cambridge Farmers' Market, J.M. Clayton, and Scoop Station are the Cambridge stops during the Dorchester Agricultural Tour. Other highlights: the S.B. Bison Farm, Emily's Produce, and lunch by the Chesapeake Culinary Center. \$40, free for kids under 12. Contact Wenfei Uva at 410.770.4798 or wuva@midshore.org.

JULY 25-26

Cambridge Classic Powerboat Regatta

99th annual world championship of inboard hydroplane and flat-bottom boats. Free! Great Marsh Park. 11am–5pm.

More events at
cambridgemainstreet.com

Everything crab!



It's Taste of Cambridge time, so we're highlighting some crab-tastic items from downtown!



Chocolate crabs at A Few of My Favorite Things

Fun crab magnets at Hubbard's Pharmacy



Stunning crab bracelet by Lynn Stavdal at Chesapeake Classics

Crabby potholders, placements, towels, and more at the Richardson Museum



Crab sculpture by direct metal artist Paul Lockhart at Joie de Vivre Gallery

Hard-working crab wine bottle holder at Dazzle Your Domaine.



Adorable crab baby shirts at Sunnyside



Charming book about a sea-wise crab, *Catch Me If You Can*, by Judy Brunks, at Fibre Cafe and Crabcatcher's Scavenger Shop.



ART EXHIBITS & EVENTS



RHYTHM, BY MARTIN HUGHES



CRAB SCAPE, BY DIANE STOECKER



BIRD OF PREY, BY ANN SHARP

Artist invitational: These are just a few examples from an incredibly wide-ranging invitational exhibit now showing at the Main Street Gallery that features works from artists around the Eastern Shore, from Kent Island to Chestertown to Cambridge. The more than a dozen artists include a former presidential speechwriter (Tim Larkin), a former police officer (Heidi Clark), and a boat builder (Marilyn Benton). The gallery is open Friday and Saturday, 11am–4pm; open until 8pm on Second Saturday, July 11. 413 Muir Street

Main Street Gallery: Artist invitational. This multi-media exhibit features art from around the Eastern Shore. The gallery is open Friday and Saturday, 11am–4pm; until 8pm on Second Saturday, July 11. 413 Muir Street

The nonprofit Main Street Gallery is looking for volunteers! Email deborah@deborahhaynes.com.

Dorchester Center for the Arts: Clay Monoprints and Mixed Media Works by Geraldine Czajkowski; Botanical Art by Lee D'Zmura (watercolor, color pencil, and pen & ink). Artists' reception is



LEE D'ZMURA

Second Saturday, July 11, 6–8pm. Music by Baroque Jam. Show runs through August 1. Info at www.dorchesterartscenter.org or stop by the center. 321 High Street

Joie de Vivre Gallery: Featured artists are Victor Abarca, along with photographer Dave Harp in the Easel Street Gallery. Plus the work of direct metal artist Paul Lockhart. Open until 9pm on Second Saturday, July 11. 410 Race Street

Maris Elaine Gallery: Stunning second-floor gallery features the work of local, national, and international artists. Open late Second Saturday, July 11. 520 Race Street

447 Studios & Gallery: Showing the work of artists who have studios that ring the gallery, including Deanna Davis, Maureen Sheridan Farrell, Jonah Gasparotti, Patti Lucas Hopkins, Karen

Maskell Peck, Mary Ann Schindler, and Willy Schlossbach. Open Saturdays, 10am–4pm; open until 8pm on Second Saturday, July 11. 447 Race Street

MUSIC

Jimmie & Sook's: Live music Wednesday through Saturdays. Every Wednesday is Anna Burgess; every Thursday is Jeff Calder. July 3, Lisa Rowe; July 10, Jeff & Anna; July 17, Carter; July 24, Blake. For the latest, check the calendar at www.jimmieandsooks.com. Closed July 4. 421 Race Street

Scoop Station: Live music every week. July 3, Spare Time featuring Mary Neuberger; July 4, open mic; July 17 and July 31, Spare Time and open mic. For the latest, check the calendar at www.thescoopstation.com. 400 Muir Street

Shorebirds players at the library July 17

Players from the Delmarva Shorebirds will talk baseball and sign autographs 10:30am, July 17. Free, but tickets required; stop by the library in Cambridge or call 410.228.7331.

Poetry reading July 21, poetry slam July 23

Poetry reading with Sue Ellen Thompson of Oxford, 12:15pm, July 21 at the Cambridge library. Plus, during the July 23 Poetry Slam, teens can perform original poems and be judged by an enthusiastic audience. 3pm. Rules and sign-up sheet are at the information desk at the library.

Draft of city comprehensive plan available

The draft of the City of Cambridge's comprehensive plan is out. This plan could mean a lot of improvement and growth for downtown. Download it and read it at www.ci.cambridge.md.us. For more information, contact city planner Anne Roane at 410.228.1955.

PHOTO BY DAVE HARP



New cornice for fire-damaged building. A new cornice—a replica of the original—has been installed on the Race Street building that was heavily damaged by fire in January 2008. Michigan Ornamental Metals in New Jersey created the new cornice for NOVO Development, which owns the building at 444-448 Race Street. The cornice installation was one step in improving the look of the building facade until full reconstruction begins. [PHOTO BY DAVE HARP]



NEW MOSAIC AT SUNNYSIDE: Sunnyside has new mosaics on the front facade, created by artist Jen Wagner and volunteers of all ages. Great colors!

NEWS from SHOPS & RESTAURANTS



PASTA SPECIALS AT BELLA LUNA:

\$12.95, Tues-Fri, 5-7pm. Try pasta bolognese; pesto cream, chicken rosemary cream, more.



JOIE DE VIVRE:

A new collection of designer clothing from Argentina has arrived, including wrap skirts with woven vibrant and classic colors.

CEANIE'S APPAREL: Celebrate owner Shelly's bday July 3 with 10% off everything.

DRAGONFLY: Employee Discount Days—30% off all apparel, shoes. For a limited time.

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



STEAMED CRABS:

Now available at Jimmie & Sook's every Sunday, 3-9pm, and every Monday (you-can-eat) starting at 5pm at Portside.

JFH DESIGNS: Buy 1 pillow, get 2nd matching pillow free during July.

WRAPS AT SCOOP: Healthy, tasty wraps, from roast beef to tuna to turkey. Plus daily specials.

RUG & ANTIQUE GALLERY: Unprecedented sale prices for the Fourth of July. Mention this newsletter for bonus.

NEW MURAL AT JIMMIE & SOOK'S:

Jimmie & Sook's has a new mural, inspired by Dorchester views, by Ryan MacCredie.



PHOTO BY DAVE HARP

HONOR FOR AVÉ:

June's *Salon Today* magazine features a photo of Avé Salon Spa in a story titled, "Trends from 2009 Salons of the Year," which looks at salons around the country that are pioneering design trends.

SUNNYSIDE: 25% off Clarks & Privo shoes. Plus mark-downs on in-season merchandise. For a limited time.

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



PHOTO BY JILL JASUTA

SUMMER MENU AT BISTRO POPLAR:

Begins July 2 with fried green tomatoes with crab hash (above), lamb tongue and frisee salad, bison ribeye au poivre, scallops with summer bread salad, eggplant napoleon, more.

NEWS BITS

1 The cover story of the upcoming edition of the *Shorelines* newsletter is about entrepreneurs in downtown Cambridge. *Shorelines* is a joint venture of Cambridge Main Street, Dorchester Tourism, and Dorchester Economic Development. Subscribe to the digital version of *Shorelines* at office@cambridgemainstreet.com with "Subscribe to Shorelines" in the subject line. It's free!