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BELLA LUNA OPENS.

With fresh pastas, innovative dishes, and good wine, downtown's Italian restaurant opens. See page 3.

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SECOND SATURDAY.

Spring into action March 14 from 5–9pm for gallery openings, late shopping hours, great dining, entertainment, and more in Downtown Cambridge. Are you going to the Jazz Fest Jam that night? Learn how you can earn free auction bucks just by shopping downtown! See below.

Jazz Fest Jam
is March 14Second Saturday event
benefits free festival in May

Tickets are going fast for the Saturday, March 14 Jazz Fest Jam, which raises money for the Groove City Jazz and Blues Fest later this spring. It's the perfect way to end your Second Saturday: After checking out shows in the galleries (see page 3), stopping by the new Trumpeter Swan (see page 2), and snapping up deals at sales around town, head to the Jazz Fest Jam. It pays to visit downtown before you get there: bring your March 14 shopping and dining receipts from downtown merchants, and for every \$25 you spend, earn \$5 in free "Jazz Bucks," which can be used on

silent and live auction items. The March 14 Jazz Fest Party features live jazz music (Rodrigo Pincheira on piano, Bob Johnson on guitar, Dave Ross on bass), food, cash bar, and auction items including:

- 100 gallons of home heating oil
- oyster & champagne party for 20
- six hours of handyman service
- restaurant gift certificates
- downtown Cambridge shopping spree

The event runs 7 p.m.–midnight on March 14 at Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar & Grill (421 Race St.). Tickets cost \$35 and are available by credit card, cash, or check at A Few of My Favorite Things, Sugar Magnolia Consignment Boutique, and Jimmie & Sook's.

Questions? Call 410.228.0020 or e-mail office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

'The next revitalization success story'
Market analysis sees great potential downtown

"Cambridge is ripe to be the next significant revitalization success story in the State of Maryland," according to a newly released report that analyzes the potential for entrepreneurship development in downtown Cambridge.

The nearly 100-page market and positioning study was funded by the Community Legacy program in the state's Department of Housing and Community Development. Looking at the past, present, and potential future of Cambridge, the report includes recommendations that would strengthen downtown's economic and retail environment.

Briefly, the report recommends improving the connection between downtown and the waterfront;

bolstering downtown as a center for arts, creativity, and microenterprise development; and shaping the commercial district and waterfront as destinations for retail, entertainment, and cultural activities.

The study was conducted by Economic Development Visions, which specializes in economic development and downtown revitalization. The recommendation to do the study came out of the 2006 R/UDAT (Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team) report.

Download the report, "An Analysis of the Retail Economic Environment of Downtown Cambridge" at www.cambridgemainstreet.com.

Jazz Fest lineup announced for May 9

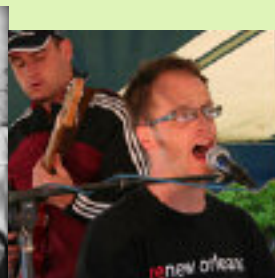
Save the date! Saturday, May 9 is the fifth annual Groove City Jazz and Blues Festival that honors Cambridge's vibrant musical heritage. The lineup includes Cyrus Chestnut, Deanna Bogart, and the Junkyard Saints,



along with several local and regional acts that are still being finalized. The daylong festival is free, with \$10 donations requested from adults at the gate. Watch for details at www.cambridgemainstreet.com.



Cyrus Chestnut: "The best jazz pianist of his generation" (*Time Magazine*) in a solo performance.



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



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

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Bella Luna now open. With windows spanning the front and a warm golden glow inside, Bella Luna has become another lovely addition to High Street. Chef/owner Barbara Helish's regional Italian cuisine emphasizes local, organic, and fresh. Speaking at a sneak preview especially for Cambridge Main Street partner-level members (those who donate \$250 or more), Ms. Helish said that since she decided to open a Cambridge location, "I feel like I stepped in sugar," noting the extraordinary support she's gotten from the community. The lunch menu includes a three-cheese panini with pasta salad for \$6 and homemade lasagna for \$10; dinner entrees range from \$14–\$22 and include homemade gnocchi, boneless beef short ribs braised in red wine, and a variety of pastas. Also serving Sunday brunch. Open daily 11am–10pm. 305 High Street, 410.221.0110. www.bellalunarestaurant.net.

Trumpeter Swan to open on March 14. Check out fine antiques, country primitives and crocks, decoys, vintage advertising, and more in the new Trumpeter Swan Antiques, opening on Second Saturday, March 14. Owner and Cambridge native Keith Davidson, formerly of Packing House Antiques, has more than 25 years in the business. Open Thursday–Saturday and by appointment. 437 Race Street, 410.463.0274.



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Cambridge House B&B goes doubly green

Cambridge House Bed & Breakfast (112 High St.) is now a member of the Green Hotels Association. Owners Dana and Jody Zarbano were looking for ways to save money on utilities, and found environmentally-friendly changes did the trick. They now use energy-saving lighting, water-conserving devices, toxic-free cleaners, recycling, composting; they buy food from local produce markets. Also, Dana and her mother Nan Miller have become trained as Green Irene Eco-Consultants, a new business in which they help homes and offices implement green solutions. They're the only Green Irenees on the Eastern Shore. Check out their website at www.GreenIrene.com/1086 or contact Dana at 410.463.9631 or dzarbano@comcast.net.



100 years of Baraca

The Baraca adult Sunday school at Grace United Methodist Church (501 Race St.) is marking 100 years. Dating back to 1909, the class even has its own band, and each class features a guest singer. And since the 1940s, the class has been broadcast live on WCEM-AM 1240. The church will celebrate the 100-year milestone on Saturday, March 28, with a gala dinner and concert at Cambridge-South Dorchester High School. For details, call 410.228.4353.

'Fit' for Cambridge

There are a growing number of reasons for the athletically inclined to come to Cambridge:

1. The first-ever YMCA Crab Run Half Marathon April 11 (info at www.dorchesterymca.org).
2. The H.O.P.E. Eastern Shore Hospital Center 10K race May 2 (www.active.com).
3. The 2nd annual Wild Goose Chase bike race for women May 3 (sold out).
4. Eagleman 70.3 half triathlon June 14 (sold out).
5. Chesapeake-Man triathlon September 26. (www.tricolumbia.org). Whew—that's a lot of calories!

EVENTS

2nd SAT.

**MARCH 14, 5–9pm
Second Saturday**

Enjoy dinner downtown; stroll to art galleries and shops, which will be open late.

**MARCH 14, 7pm
Jazz Fest Jam**

A night of fun to benefit the free Jazz Fest in May. See page 1.

**MARCH 14
Harriet Tubman Day Dinner**

Banquet honoring the legacy of the Underground Railroad conductor and Dorchester County native. Sponsored by the Harriet Tubman Organization. Info at 410.228.0401.

**MARCH 17, 7–10pm
St. Patrick's Day Show**

Anne Watts, Thom Huntington, and Kevin Diaz play their annual St. Patty's Day show at Canvasback.

**MARCH 28, 1–6pm
Jazz Brunch**

Lots of good food at this annual fundraiser for the Edythe Jolley Scholarship. Elks Lodge, 618 Pine St. \$30. Details at 410.228.6657.

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**APRIL 11
Happy 325th Birthday, Cambridge!**

Shopping, gallery openings, dining deals, and live entertainment in addition to planned birthday festivities. Plus enjoy a visit from Miss Maryland International contestants.

Historic High Street home faces demolition

One of High Street's most historic homes, heavily damaged by a May 2008 fire, could be demolished. NOVO Development Corporation has a real estate sales contract to purchase 202 High Street on or before March 16. Using historic tax credits, NOVO would restore the late-1700s home back to a single-family residence. But if NOVO does not raise enough equity from community investors to purchase and stabilize the house by March 16, the house will be demolished. Details at www.cambridgemainstreet.com.

Scoop Station reopens with freebies March 12

After a two-month hibernation, Scoop Station is re-opening March 9. And on March 12, to celebrate the coming of spring, they're offering freebies: FREE smoothies 7–8am; FREE chili noon–1pm, and FREE scoop of ice cream 7–8pm.



Cambridge Main Street is now on Facebook



That's right, you can now join the Cambridge Main Street Group (250 others already have) and get the inside scoop, join discussions, see upcoming events, tag yourself and your friends in photos of downtown events, and more. Just search for "Cambridge Main Street" (with quotation marks) under Groups.

Backfin Antiques is new name for Shorebid

Shorebid Antiques, which was destroyed in the January 2008 fire on Race Street and reopened last fall at 411 Washington St., has changed its name. The new name, Backfin Antiques, ties into the area's crabby heritage.

Main Street wins grant

Cambridge Main Street has been awarded a \$2,000 Technical Assistance Grant from the Maryland State Arts Council to develop best practices in marketing downtown Cambridge as an arts and entertainment destination.

ARTS & MUSIC

Main Street Gallery: **1** In March, **Abstract Awareness** features 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. She'll give a talk on "Understanding Abstract Art" at 6pm, Saturday, March 14. The gallery will be open with a reception that evening from 5–8pm. **413 Muir Street**
2 Thanks to everyone who made the Visionary Valentine event a success on Feb. 14!



AN ABSTRACT
BY SUNG HONG

Dorchester Center for the Arts:

1 Mark Priest in the galleries (see box at right). **2** The Guest Artist event March 21 pairs community leaders with professional artists. Coached by the artist, the community leader creates a work of art—whether oil, ceramics, music, or more. (We got a sneak peek and were captivated by one of the guest artist works of art.) The pieces are auctioned off during a gala event March 21. RSVP by March 9. Details: www.dorchesterartscenter.org or call 410.228.7782. **3** New classes start in March, including oil painting, watercolor, and one-day workshops. Download the schedule at www.dorchesterartscenter.org or stop by the center. **321 High Street**

Joie de Vivre Gallery: Willy Schlossbach is the featured artist. This

Main Street Gallery wish-list.

The gallery would welcome the donation of a gently used (or new) under-the-counter refrigerator, microwave, or a small conference table. Cambridge Main Street is a 501c3 non profit. Contact Jeannette Silva at 443.477.3699 or art@cambridgemainstreet.com.



Inspired by the Underground Railroad:

In the show **Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad**, the Dorchester Center for the Arts (321 High St.) features the powerful work of Mark Priest, professor at the University of Louisville, Kentucky, March 5–28. He was inspired by following many of the routes that Tubman took to lead slaves to freedom, including those in Dorchester County. Artist reception 6–8pm Saturday, March 14.

former spy turned professional painter has been influenced by artists Edward Hopper, Andrew Wyeth, and Georgia O'Keefe. Artist reception 5–8pm, Saturday, March 14. **410 Race Street**

Maris Elaine Gallery: Presenting the work of artists from around the country and around the world. **520 Race Street**

447 Studios & Gallery: Exhibiting recent works of artists Willy Schlossbach, Mary Ann Schindler, Jen Wagner, Patti Lucas Hopkins, Sarah Stolte, Shelly Roche, Maureen Sheridan Farrell, Karen Maskell Peck, and Julie Patterson. **447 Race Street**

Never On Tuesday Books: Featuring works by a half-dozen local artists, including John Root Hopkins and Antonia Burns. **527 Poplar Street**

MUSIC: A bit o' the Irish: Celebrate St. Patty's Day 7–10pm March 17 with musician Anne Watts and friends including Kevin Diaz on fiddle and Thom Huntington on bass at Canvasback. **303 Gay Street**

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

NEWS BITS

1 Corinne and Michael Mitsak of **Never On Tuesday** (527 Poplar St.) are relocating out of state. Stop in to wish them luck—and to take advantage of their huge moving sale going on now. **2** **Bistro Poplar** (535 Poplar St.) will be closed for vacation March 17–April 1. On April 2, they'll debut their spring menu.

3 Cambridge native and **civil rights leader Gloria Richardson** is on the cover of a new book about civil rights in Maryland, *Here Lies Jim Crow: Civil Rights In Maryland*, by C. Fraser Smith. **3** **Free tax help** Thursdays and Saturdays, 10am–1:30pm at the library (303 Gay St.); call 410.228.7331 for an appointment.

