CAMBRIDGE MAIN STREET



NEWS



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TOP CHEF: Which downtown chef is a nominee for Maryland's Chef of the Year? Page 2.

BACON: Who knew Cambridge is a Slappin' Fat Bacon Ketchup kinda town? Page 3.

CHANGES AHEAD:

You will never see this newsletter in its current form again! See page 2.

into April's 2nd Saturday!



Gallery parties, late shopping, music!

Spring Second Saturdays are can't miss affairs. The warm weather encourages strolling, and the shops are freshly stocked with new fashions and accessories. Our galleries showcase top artists from around the region, and restaurants start adding new seasonal dishes. This weekend's festivities kick off at 5pm. Plus the big Crabi Gras Party starts

at 2pm (see story at right.)



ARTS: From metal and wood sculptures to photography to folk art, there's great art to see during the Second Saturday Art Walk. Meet artists at free receptions at the Main Street Gallery (5-8pm), Joie de Vivre (5:30-7:30), and

Dorchester Center for the Arts (6-8pm). Plus, get a sneak preview of the newly relocated Danny Doughty Gallery. Details on page 5.

SHOPPING: Shops will be staying open late as well—check out some of their spring arrivals on page 4. See the latest additions at the brand new Crabi Gras. And don't forget that the Friends of the Library will be hosting their monthly book sale, 9am-2pm.

MUSIC: Music will be in the air, too. Jimmie & Sook's is featuring four bands and a parking-lot bash honoring our Chesapeake watermen (see story at right). The Chris Gillis Band takes the stage at Canvasback. Live music also at Leaky Pete's and Point Break. Get the latest news from our restaurants on page 4.

For the latest Second Saturday developments as the week progresses, check out cambridgemainstreet.com and facebook.com/Cambridge MainStreet! Parents, don't forget the YMCA offers an amazing Parent's Night Out babysitting deal—\$5 for Y members and \$10 for Friends of Main Street. Reserve by noon April 6 at 410.221.0505.

A bash to honor our watermen!

Crabbing season officially opens this month, and Jimmie & Sook's is all about wishing our watermen a great 2011! The annual Crabi Gras festival on April 9 starts at 2pm with live music, vendors, and more in the parking lot next to the restaurant and then moves inside at 10pm. Don't miss the crab dish contest judged by J&S Chef Michael Rork! Details at cambridgemain street.com, or call Amanda Bramble at 443.225.4115.

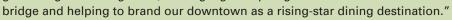
Featured bands include Anna Burgess, the Jeff Washington Band, the Mike Elzey Mayhem Band, and Tranzfusion. "Wear your dancing shoes!" warns owner Amanda Bramble. "You will need them!" Proceeds benefit our local watermen's association, so Cambridge Main Street encourages everyone to throw a little extra in the kitty!

A big thanks to NOVO Development for donating the use of the parking lot it owns to help out with this great event for a great cause! (In case of any calendar confusionyes, this event was originally scheduled for April 2, but has been switched to Second Saturday April 9.)

Bistro's Chef of the Year nomination!

Congratulations to Chef Ian Campbell at Bistro Poplar! The Restaurant Association of Maryland has nominated him as finalist for "Chef of the Year" in its statewide "Stars of the Industry" awards. He's the only nominee from the Eastern Shore.

"Last year, Bistro was nominated for Restaurant of the Year in this contest," noted Jim Duffy of Main Street. "The spectacular work lan and his team turn out night after night continues to garner regional recognition, shining a great spotlight on Cambridge and helping to broad our downtown as a riging story distinguish.



The public gets a voice in deciding the Chef of the Year competition. You can cast your vote for Chef Ian at the Restaurant Association's website, www.maryland restaurants.com. The winner will be announced at a big gala on May 16.

A new tattoo emporium



A big Main Street welcome to Lethal Injections, which celebrated its grand opening this past weekend at 512 Race Street. The owner is Easton resident Dave Heuer, who's worked at tattoo shops in Salisbury, Elkton, and elsewhere. Heuer painted his business a shimmering blue, and his lobby features a fabulous 120-gallon fish tank. 443-225-5161; gunner4139@live.com.

A new home for Danny Doughty art

The vibrant Danny Doughty Gallery (dannydoughty.com) has been a big hit since opening 18 months ago in the rear of Joie de Vivre Gallery. This month, we're happy to report that Danny is stepping out on his own and taking over the empty store at 437 Race Street. The relocated and enlarged gallery will feature the work of this nationally known folk artist, and it'll do so with Danny's spectacular flair for space layout and colorful design. Also featured are three-dimensional sculptural pieces by the husband-and-wife team of Joyce and Bob Ritz. The new Danny Doughty Gallery isn't finished yet, but he plans to be open in sneak-preview mode for Second Saturday April 9. Stop by and say hi!

The gallery is the second downtown business to come out of the "incubator" at the rear of Joie de Vivre. Bonnie Reed's Fibre Café also started out at Joie before becoming part of Crabcatcher's Scavenger Shop at 533 Poplar Street. Thanks to Joie owner Joy Staniforth for her support of fledgling downtown businesses!

This is the last time you'll see this newsletter... in this format

As much as we all love the fun and colorful look of Main Street News, in this age of smart phones, sending out more than 3,000 PDF attachments just isn't very efficient. So we're changing things up. We'll be sending the newsletter in an email-only format through iContact. It'll have a new look, and you won't have to open a PDF to read it. Plus, we'll be sending out the newsletter more frequently—twice a month instead of once a month. Look for the debut in early May!

NOTE: To make sure that the e-newsletter doesn't end up in your junk mail folder, please add office@cambridgemainstreet.com to your address book.

NOTE 2: For now, we'll continue the Weekend Roundup newsletter in its traditional PDF format. If you'd like to be added to that distribution list, send your email address to office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

EVENTS



APRIL 9 Second Saturday

Shops, galleries stay open late. See page 1.

APRIL 9, 2pm-2am Jimmie & Sook's Crabi Gras Party

3rd annual Crabi Gras with live music, food, drink. Starts outside on Race St.; moves inside at night.

APRIL 13 Empty Bowls Event

Benefit for Dorchester County's food pantries. See page 6.

APRIL 16 Guest Artist Event

Benefit for Dorchester Center for the Arts. See page 5.

APRIL 27-30 St. Paul's Flower Fair

Flowers and plants; yard sale; crab cakes and oyster sandwiches, and more. New this year: Saturday is Family Fun Day, 10am-3pm with clown, face painting, ponies, car wash, and more. Flower Fair is open 10am-7pm each day.

MAY 5, 12, 19, 26, 3-6pm Main Street Farmers Market

Fresh produce, meats, flowers, more. 3-6pm every Thursday, parking lot near Academy and Muir Streets.

MAY 7 Main Street Spring Fling

Mad Money, food, drink, live music, auction, fun! See page 3.



MAY 14 Second Saturday

Shops and galleries stay open late.

MAY 14 Simmons Market 2nd Saturday Spring Event

Stop by for something special on this Second Saturday.
Watch for details.

More at cambridgemainstreet.com

Farmers Market opens for the season May 5

There'll be a fresh twist on Cinco de Mayo this year in downtown Cambridge. May 5 will be opening day for the Main Street Farmers Market! Mark your calendar for that Thursday afternoon—and every one thereafter through mid-October, as Main Street connects shoppers with the best in fresh, local, healthy produce from our local farmers! Keep up with market news at cambridgemainstreet.com or drop a line to office@cambridgemainstreet.com and we'll add you to the weekly market update.



Crabi Gras shop is gearing up



No, you're not seeing double. There are two separate things called Crabi Gras in our downtown. One is the annual bash Jimmie & Sook's will be throwing on April 9 to honor our watermen (see page 1). The other is a great new retail shop at 432 Race Street.

Owner Keith Graffius reports that his soft, unannounced opening last month beat all his expectations. This month, he's ramping things up—Crabi Gras is now open seven days a week. Featuring an amazing wall mural by artist

Danny Doughty, the shop offers a fun array of hot sauces, drink mixes, T-shirts, and specialty food items. Keith has already sold out not once, but three times, of his Slappin' Fat Bacon Ketchup. Not to worry—it'll be back in stock this weekend!

Still in the works is a Chamber ribbon cutting in May, a new website developed by our friends at Bay Country Communications, and a test kitchen where Crabi Gras will develop its own products and conduct tastings and demos. info@crabigras.com; 410-228-0108.

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Mad money, music, food, and fun!

6-10pm, Cambridge Yacht Club

Look for your invitation or reserve your tickets

(\$50 each) at office@cambridgmainstreet.com.

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THE BUZZ

Making a good impression.

Thanks to the good folks at the First Impressions salon, 514 Race Street. They closed for a few days last month to give their store a makeover—a bright new paint job to help liven up the 500 block!

- More attention for popup stores: Last fall's Holiday Pop-Up Project continues to garner national attention. It was featured in an article in Main Street Now, the trade magazine for some 2,000 Main Street programs, as well as in another trade publication, the *Downtown* Idea Exchange. Plus, business development expert Todd Barman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Office is featuring the program as an example of best practices in presentations he gives around the country. And other communities are getting in touch about plans to replicate the program.
- farewell: A fond Main Street farewell to Chesapeake Classics, which closed its doors recently. Owner Gail Runge Bowen cited a sagging economy as her primary reason for pulling the plug. Store Manager Russ Hudson plans to continue with his plan to open a hunting and fishing supply store, and he'll be doing so from a location out on Route 50. Best of luck, Russ!
- Thanks, MTS: Congrats and thanks to MTS Broadcasting! The network of radio stations ran its second annual Maryland Boatbuilders & Dealers Expo last weekend at Sailwinds. MTS donates a portion of gate receipts from the event to support the work of Cambridge Main Street. Thanks, MTS! And thanks to Main Street volunteers Kimberly and Kara Sellers and their friend Chevelle for working the event.

NEWS FROM DOWNTOWN SHOPS & RESTAURANTS

Flowers in full force at Simmons!

After a long winter, flowers and plants and herbs and veggies are arriving at Simmons Center Market. So head to Simmons and then go play in the dirt. And don't forget that a hanging plant makes a wonderful Easter gift! Simmons also offers mulch, top soil, and stone. Also, watch for details on a special event Second Saturday, May 14 at Simmons!





A Few of My Favorite Things: Great treats for Easter baskets for all ages and tastes. Don't miss the beautiful chocolate treats adorned with adorable butterflies

(pictured here) and the new Brittle Bark—a mix of peanut brittle, popcorn, pretzels, and chocolate. Yum. Plus, people are going nuts for Nutterz—potato chip-coated peanuts in flavors from bloody mary to nuclear.

Bistro Poplar: New spring menu! Look for bison ribeye, mari y muntanya, trout amandine, asparagus salad, roasted beet Napoleon, and more.

Crabi Gras: We've heard some folks are picking up some of the more unusual jerky (alligator, kangaroo, wildboar, ostrich) for Easter baskets—great for those without a sweet tooth. Now open seven days a week (11-5:30 Mon-Sat, 11-3 Sunday). 432 Race St.



Alternative Outfitters: Prom season is here. Stop on by for all your tuxedo needs. 201 Maryland Ave.

Dragonfly: New spring items arriving daily. Tanning is in full swing! Come by for sunshine and shopping! Stay posted for sales and specials in the near future.

Hubbard's Custom Blinds:

Dress your windows in savings from Hunter Douglas during the Energy, Smart, Style Sale going on now through April 29. Rebates up to \$300 on select products!

Leaky Pete's: Lots of news:



- April Showers bring...
 \$5 Dark n Stormys!
 During April, if it's raining when Leaky's is open you can get a Dark n' Stormy drink for \$5!
- Every Tuesday is Ladies night with live

jazz by Everett Spells. Drink specials for the ladies 7-10pm.

- Wednesday is Rib Night—half-rack of BBQ baby back ribs and sides for \$9.95.
- "Roxy," Leaky's long-awaited sign, will be making her debut with a welcome party, specials, and live entertainment. Date to be determined; check cambridgemainstreet.com for the latest.

Simmons Center Market: Now carrying coffee K-Cups for the Kuerig coffee makers! Large selection in house, but they can also order different variet-

ies by request. 600 Race Street.

Sunnyside: Fit Flops should be arriving any day now! Biomechanically engineered to tone and tighten leg muscles while you walk.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Watermen keep the shore alive.

They provide more than steamed crabs on a pretty postcard. Watermen are our past, present and future, and their livelihoods need to be protected and preserved. Watermen are the backbone of this community. They fuel tourism, they feed our families, and they preserve a culture that more communities should foster."

AMANDA BRAMBLE OF JIMMIE & SOOK'S ON WHY SHE'S ORGANIZING THE CRABI GRAS FESTIVAL ON APRIL 9 TO BENEFIT THE LOCAL WATERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Wright's Art & Framing:

Wright's Art & Framing is now offering photo restoration services. Check out the before and



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after here. All work is done in-house, so your photo doesn't leave the premises. Stop by or call for details. 410.228.7977

Help your favorite restaurant:

Want to help your favorite restaurant out? Here's one way: Write a review on TripAdvisor! Just create a user name and password, then get busy singing the praises of your favorite downtown chefs and servers! TripAdvisor is the most popular site going for customer reviews of restaurants, and visitors to our town staying at the Hyatt and B&Bs often use it to decide where to have dinner. This is how you can help lead them to your favorite place. Go to tripadvisor. com to get started.

Update on Main Street Gallery transition to co-op

A small army of artists has been working tirelessly in recent weeks to pave the way for an exciting transition at the Main Street Gallery. For nearly three years, the Gallery has been run by a team of volunteers—and those volunteers are now joining with other Eastern Shore artists in an effort to transform the Gallery into a co-op that will spotlight great regional art in a new format.

The latest in a series of planning meetings was held at the Gallery on March 31. Plans call for participating artists to pay a quarterly fee and make a commitment to "gallery-sitting" in exchange for exhibit space dedicated to their work. Applications are being accepted from interested artists! Inquire at office@cambridgemainstreet.com.



Guest artists take the stage at DCA event

For the Guest Art Event that benefits the Dorchester Center for the Arts, community leaders pair up with professional artists to produce works of art over several months.

On April 16, at 6pm, the works of art are auctioned off during a fundraising event to benefit the Dorchester Center for the Arts. At the Minnette Dick Hall in Cambridge. For details, call 410.228.7782.

We wish good luck to all the teams, which include (guest artist + artist): Amanda Bramble + Patti Logan (mosaic), Gale Collins + Pieter Van Huizen (jewelry), Cami Collison + Linda Roy Walls (photography), Rob Collison + Kay Jones (pottery), Jay Harrington + Sam Lozen (photography), Susan Meredith + Lynn Stavdal (jewelry), Tina Murray + Tom Ryan (oil painting), and Wayne Sandberg + Jeanne Ewell (watermedia).

IN THE GALLERIES

Main Street Gallery: Come to the Co-op Preview show, featuring the work of regional artists who have been invited to participate in the formation of an artists' co-op that would operate the Gallery in the future. Meet the artists at a free reception Second Saturday, April 9, 5-8pm. 413 Muir Street

Danny Doughty Gallery: Get a sneak preview of Danny Doughty's new gallery space at 437 Race Street on Second Saturday, April 9. Watch for news of the official grand opening. 410 Race Street



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Dorchester Center for the

Arts: 'A Monochrome View of the United States' with works by photographer and sculptor David Stevens of Easton. Free reception on Second Saturday, April 9, 6-8pm. Light refreshments and live music. 321 High Street

Gallery 447: For information, call 410.924.0692.

447 Race Street, 2nd floor

Joie de Vivre Gallery: Showcasing the sculptures, furniture, and more of direct metal artist Paul Lockhart. This Dorchester County artist creates metal sculptures inspired by the Chesapeake Bay. Meet the artist at a free reception 5:30-7:30pm on Second Saturday, April 9. The gallery also features work by folk artist John Root Hopkins, whose work is featured in the American Visionary Art Museum. NOTE: There is space



available in the back of the gallery, about 900 square feet, plus storage room and bathroom—for gallery or other use. Call 410.228.7000 for details. *410 Race Street*

William Marr Art Studio: Catch the artist William Marr at work and, while you're there, see art by oil painter and art instructor Edith Vogl and oil painter Niki Pino. 541 Poplar Street

Wright's Art & Framing. Showcasing paintings of Shore life and sports memorabilia prints by artist George Wright, whose work hangs in Cooperstown's Baseball Hall of Fame and the Maryland Senate. Stop in to see the artist at work. *111 Maryland Avenue*

More at cambridgemainstreet.com (click on In the Art Galleries).

Wednesday Morning Artists: The Wednesday Morning Art-



ists is a diverse group of local artists united by a desire to promote art for public and private enjoyment. They meet downtown weekly. Find out more at www.wednesday morningartists.com and on Facebook. Or call Nancy at 410.463.0148.

Save the Fresh Coat date: Sat., June 4



Our volunteer "creative" team has been hard at work establishing priorities and plans for the first-ever Fresh Coat Cambridge project on June 4. What is Fresh Coat? It's a community show of love for and commitment to our downtown! Volunteers will be out in force on June 4, painting and sprucing up buildings in need of a little TLC and tackling other tasks to make our downtown a more attractive place to visit and spend time!

Sign on to volunteer by sending an e-mail to office@cambridgemainstreet.com. All skill levels welcome!

Free after-party in the works! Together, we can make a difference for our downtown.

Empty Bowls fundraiser April 13



Have you seen the bevy of ceramic bowls in the window at the Dorchester Center for the Arts? They've been created by local artists for the firstever Empty Bowls event to benefit Dorchester County food pantries. The big event happens Wednesday, April 13, 5-7pm, at Waugh Chapel UM Church (425 High Street). Tickets cost \$12 and include a meal of homemade soup, salad, bread and dessert (prepared by area churches)—plus

you get to keep the ceramic bowl the soup is served in! The idea is to remind us that someone else's bowl is always empty. Advance reservations are required—tickets will NOT be available at the door. To purchase tickets, go online to www.mscf.org or send a check for \$12 per person to the Mid-Shore Community Foundation, 102 E. Dover St., Easton, MD 21601. Make checks payable to MidShore/Empty Bowls/Dorchester. Please include your phone number. Kudos to all the artists who have volunteered their talents to create these bowls, to the Dorchester Center for the Arts for coordinating and donating materials, and to all the church volunteers for making the soup. What a wonderful community project!

Dorchester Center for the Arts continues second floor renovations

The Dorchester Center for the Arts (DCA) is continuing renovation on the second floor performance area and reception hall. Contractors are addressing certain infrastructure items that include a new ceiling, sprinkler system and HVAC.

Complete plans were developed by Crosby & Associates (downtown Cambridge architects) for total renovations of the space. In early March, Harper and Sons was signed to the project. Also involved in the renovations is George Fox, DCA Board President, who serves as the DCA Building Committee Chairperson.

This phase of the work has been made possible through donations and grants from various sources. Additional funds will need to be raised to complete a rear atrium entrance to the facility. The atrium will provide reception hall access through an additional stairway and the already installed elevator. For more info, call the DCA at 410.228.7782.

HOW YOU CAN HELP DOWNTOWN CAMBRIDGE



Cambridge Main Street is all about making our community a more vibrant, fun place to live and a more successful place to do business. Here's how you can help:

Become a Supporter. Join the businesses, individuals, and families who help our downtown by making an annual tax-deductible donation to Cambridge Main Street. Giving levels begin at the \$100 Stakeholder level. Learn more at www.cambridgemainstreet.com.

Become a Friend. The Friends of Cambridge Main Street is a special giving category designed to boost connections between Main Street and the individuals and families who love our downtown events and are loyal to our downtown shops. The Friends giving category begins at just \$50. Learn more online at www.cambridgemainstreet.com.

Volunteer. Cambridge Main Street has just one employee, so much of the work we do depends on the efforts of volunteers. There are countless ways you can contribute. For more information, email office@cambridgemainstreet.com or call 443.477.0843.

Join the Taste of Cambridge as a volunteer or a sponsor

The fun-loving volunteers of Main Street's Promotions Committee are planning the 2011 Taste of Cambridge! Volunteers and sponsors are welcome to help make this event a great showcase for our town. More information at 443-477-0843 or office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

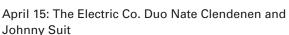
LIVE MUSIC

Jimmie & Sook's:

Live music Thursday through Saturday. Thursday is usually Anna Burgess starting at 8pm (except April 21). Friday and Saturday, music starts at 10pm. Upcoming shows:

April 8: Patty Reese

April 9: CRABI GRAS: Tranzfusion, Mike Elzey Mayhem Band, Jeff Washington Band, Anna Burgess



April 16: 3rd Rail Band

April 21: Karaoke with DJ Chuckie

April 22: Anna Burgess and John Brittingham

April 23: 410

April 29: Blues DeVille

May 6: The Mike Elzey Mayhem Band

May 7: 3rd Rail Band

For the latest, call 443.225.4115 or go to jimmieandsooks.com. 421 Race Street

Canvasback Pub:

April 9: Chris Gillis Band

April 16: Laura Todd on piano

April 23: Davis-Holiday Acoustic Duo

April 30: Laura Todd on piano

May 7: Anna Burgess solo

Call for the latest, 410.221.7888. 420 Race St.

Leaky Pete's Oyster & Wine Bar:

Every Tuesday: Jazz with Everett Spells.

Call for the latest, 410,228,2245, 404 Race St.

Point Break Beach Bar:

April 23: Blitzed

Call for the latest, 410.221.7850. 420 Race St.

Portside:

Call for the latest, 410,228,9007, 201 Trenton St.

Snapper's:

Call for the latest, 410.228.0112. 112 Commerce St.



Our friends at the Chesapeake Film Festival, which added downtown Cambridge to its screening sites for the first time in 2010, will be screening *The Green Wave* on Sunday, April 17 at the Talbot County Historical Society Auditorium. This timely documentary focuses on the Green Revolution in Iran. A post-screening panel discussion is planned. Lights go down at 6pm! Ticket info at 410-822-1012; info@chesapeakefilmfestival.com.

History in the making

Consultant Paul Tuoart is entering the home stretch of his work on an application to put the greater Pine Street community in the National Register of Historic Places. The application cites a broad array of historic events, buildings, and individuals over the course of centuries that make this community worthy of such national recognition. The application is being developed with funds supplied by both Cambridge Main Street and the Maryland Historical Trust.

DCPG fundraiser April 17 at the Main St. Gallery

Our friends at the Dorchester Citizens for Planned Growth have always been great supporters of the revitalization of downtown. We're happy to report that DCPG will be hosting a fundraiser 4-6pm on Sunday, April 17 at the Main Street Gallery, 413 Muir Street. Music by Anne Watts and Friends (featuring the Gallery's baby grand); food by Jimmie & Sook's; silent auction; cash bar. Tickets cost \$25. Reserve at 443-366-3741 or beth5846@yahoo.com.

Did you know that the Main Street Gallery is one of more than half a dozen spots downtown available for special-event rentals. If you've got a party or company event coming up, visit cambridgemainstreet. com and click on "Plan Your Special Event Downtown" to learn about all the options.



Christ Church Concert Series:

Enjoy a performance by Trio Pico—violin, cello, piano—from Baltimore's Peabody Conservatory of Music on Sunday, April 10, at 4pm at Christ Church. Followed by a reception in the parish hall. Tickets at the door are \$10. Children and students are admitted for free. This is the last concert of the 2010-11 season. 607 Church St. Info at 410-228-3161.