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**MOVING FORWARD:**

A new shop, expansions, and more. See page 2.

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**VALENTINE'S GIVEAWAY:**

Where should you be at 11am on Feb. 14? See page 4. Plus gift ideas and specials.

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**POP-UP STORES:** The latest on the two shops that popped up over the holidays. See page 2.



## Celebrating *Romance*

wine, and goodies at A Few of My Favorite Things. More gift ideas on page 4.

**CARRIAGE RIDES:** Cuddle up under a blanket and enjoy the clip-clop as a horse-drawn carriage takes you through downtown streets. Rides begin from the parking lot at Craig's Drug Store. Weather permitting.

**ROMANTIC DINING:** Make your reservations early for a romantic meal on Saturday—or on Sunday and Monday, for that matter. Specials at Bistro Poplar (410.228.4884) include steamed mussels with a Dijon saffron broth. Jimmie & Sook's (443.225.4115) offers a special of champagne chicken and more. Other downtown dining options include Canvasback Restaurant & Pub (410.221.7888), Leaky Pete's Oyster & Wine Bar (410.228.2245), Pizza Ziya (410.221.8585), Portside (410.228.9007), Snapper's Waterfront Café (410.228.0112), and United Family Restaurant, 505 Poplar Street.

**ART GALLERIES:** Hold hands and stroll from gallery to gallery. Free receptions at the Dorchester Center for the Arts and Joie de Vivre, plus the Visionary Valentine party at the Main Street Gallery (see story at right). And the Danny Doughty Gallery stays open late. More details in the gallery roundup on page 5.

**LIVE MUSIC:** Laura Todd plays piano at Canvasback Restaurant & Pub, 8-11pm. The acoustic duo Guthrie Matthews performs at Leaky Pete's Oyster & Wine Bar, 8-11pm. Anna Burgess and Jovan play at Jimmie & Sook's starting at 10pm during a "Cupid Is Stupid" celebration for those who aren't big fans of the holiday.

**PARENT'S NIGHT OUT:** Try Second Saturday babysitting at the YMCA—\$10 per child for Friends of Main Street (see page 5) and \$5 for YMCA members. 5-10:30pm for ages 4-10. Reserve by noon, Feb. 9, at 410.221.0505.

Plus, during the day, don't miss the **Second Saturday Book Sale** (9am-2pm)—at the Library.

Go for romance or just go for fun. This Valentine's Second Saturday, Feb. 12, 5-9pm, serves up plenty of possibilities. Highlights:

**LATE SHOPPING:**

Find Valentine's gifts for your sweetie (or for yourself!). At Dragonfly, anything red and white is 40% off. At Joie de Vivre any red jewelry in the window is 10% off—Saturday only. And then there's chocolate,

2ND SATURDAY!

Art Shopping Music Fun

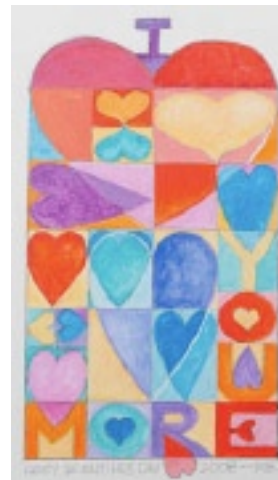
CAMBRIDGE

FEBRUARY 12, 5-9 PM

## Visionary Valentine party benefits Main Street Gallery

After enjoying downtown's Second Saturday festivities on Feb. 12, stop in at the Main Street Gallery for the third annual Visionary Valentine party. Enjoy champagne, sweets, passionate artworks, and bluegrass music by Eli McCoy and friends during this benefit for the nonprofit gallery at 413 Muir Street. Art by top regional talents will be auctioned off during the affair.

Proceeds benefit gallery operations throughout the year. Tickets cost \$20 and are available at the door. The event goes from 7:30 to 10:30pm. Questions? Call 443.477.0843.



# New shops, new renovations, more happening downtown

Keep an eye out for these signs that our downtown continues to move onward and upward!



**New shop to open:** The kraft paper is up at 432 Race Street, so you can't see the many surprises being prepared as work progresses toward the opening of a new retail store called **Crabi Gras!** From what we've been able to wrangle out of owner Keith Graffius, it's going to deliver a spicy, fun-loving shopping experience that's all about lovin' life on the Shore. Get a sneak peek at the National Outdoor Show (Feb. 25-26),

where Crabi Gras will have a booth, selling Dorchester County Roadkill Hot Sauce.

**Expansion almost finished:** The Federal Firearms License has officially arrived at **Chesapeake Classics**, which means they can now sell new and antique rifles and shotguns. That puts owner Gail Runge-Bowen and manager Russ Hudson in the home stretch of their project to double the size of the store at 317 High Street and transform it into a destination retail experience for hunters, anglers, and other outdoors lovers. Stop in and check out their progress soon!

**Performance hall work to begin:** Great news from the **Dorchester Center for the Arts!** They have opened up bidding to contractors on their next big project—the transformation of the second floor of 321 High Street into a eagerly anticipated performance hall for plays, concerts, private parties, and more. (The architect on that project is downtown's newest arrival, Tim Crosby. See page 3.)

**Facade improvements, part 1:** While Main Street's façade program has expired, projects remain in progress for folks who got applications in before the deadline. The state recently approved plans by owner Mindy Carmine to replace the awning at her **Cutting Edge Salon**, 515 Poplar Street, and paint the building that houses both the salon and **Sugar Magnolia Consignment Boutique**. The facade program gave merchants up to half off of these projects.

**New artist studios:** Work continues above the **Joie de Vivre Gallery** at 410 Race Street. Owner Joy Staniforth is transforming her upstairs into four studios for working artists. At least two of them are already rented! Artists will be able to sell their work through Joie de Vivre Gallery. Joy has based her idea on the concept of the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, with people being able to see the work through glass windows, even if the artist is not there. (If you're interested, you can reach Joy at 410.228.7000.)



**Facade improvements, part 2:** Another of the façade-program applications that arrived in time will help upgrade the three storefronts in the buildings at 428-432 Race Street. Owner Anthony Callabro plans to name the property **"The Cannery Building"** and announce it with a dramatic new art-deco style sign designed by Crystal Signs.

## Pop-up stores settle in downtown

It's official! Cambridge Main Street went two for two with its first-ever Holiday Pop-Up Project, in which prospective business owners submitted applications in hopes of winning a rent-free storefront in our downtown for November and December of last year. We are happy to report that both winning businesses—**Malina Custom Leather** and **Whitecap Outdoor Consignments**—have reached lease agreements with building owner Bill Harrington on moving forward. Thanks again to Mr. Harrington for signing on to the project!

## EVENTS

**FEB. 10, 5pm**

### Harriet Tubman Forum

Hear the latest on plans to celebrate Harriet Tubman's legacy in Dorchester County—and find out how you can get involved. Open to the public.

City Council chambers,  
305 Gay St., 5-6:30pm.

**FEB. 11, 7pm**

### UMES Concert Choir at DCA

At the Dorchester Center for the Arts.  
See page 6.

**2ND  
SAT.**

**FEB. 12, 5-9pm**

### Second Saturday

Shops, galleries stay open late.  
See page 1.

**FEB. 12, 7:30-10:30pm**

### Visionary Valentine

At the Main Street Gallery.  
See page 1.

**FEB. 14**

### Happy Valentine's Day!

Make your reservations early for a romantic meal. And don't miss Paul's Subs free giveaway (see page 4).

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**MARCH 12, 5-9pm**

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**MARCH 12**

### Paddy's in the Alley

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with  
Leaky Pete's. See page 6.

**More at [cambridgemainstreet.com](http://cambridgemainstreet.com)**

## SAVE THE DATE: Spring Fling is May 7!

Cambridge Main Street will host the second annual Spring Fling on Saturday, May 7 at the Cambridge Yacht Club.

Get ready for Mad Money, great food, music and dancing, auction items, and more!

Stay tuned here or at  
[cambridgemainstreet.com](http://cambridgemainstreet.com).





## Architect opens office.

A big Cambridge welcome to architect Tim Crosby and his team, who recently moved into new offices at 507 Court Lane (410.476.1133). Formerly based in Trappe, Crosby has worked on urban redevelopment projects and pharmaceutical industry projects in addition to more traditional residential and office work.

## Vote for your favorite shops

Last month we urged you to support your favorite restaurants by voting for them in an online contest. This month, it's time to hop back on the web and support your favorite retail shops in the annual "Best of the Eastern Shore" voting conducted by *What's Up Eastern Shore* magazine.



Last year, downtown Cambridge had five winners in the balloting: Jimmie & Sook's (best raw bar); Bistro Poplar (best French restaurant, best seasonal menu); Joie de Vivre (best artisan jewelry); Sunnyside (best women's clothing); and Avé Salon (best relaxing spa experience and best salon for coloring). Vote at [www.whatsupmag.com](http://www.whatsupmag.com)!

## Seeking sponsors for summer fun

As many readers know, Cambridge Main Street's amazing volunteers do a fabulous job on summer events, from the Taste of Cambridge to Summer Sendoff; from the Farmers Market to Second Saturday. These are all celebrations of our community, and they help brand our town as one that's moving forward!

We welcome sponsorship support of their efforts, and we work hard to get the word out about the community-minded companies that step up and support our volunteers. If you'd like to receive an outline of sponsorship packages for the coming 2011 event season, please get in touch with Jim Duffy at 443.477.0843.

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:office@cambridgemainstreet.com) or call 443.477.0843.

## THE BUZZ

### 1 Thanks for the compliment!

We get such nice notes from the folks who read this newsletter! Here's one we couldn't resist sharing from **Carol Asplen-Masden**.

*"Your amazing Main Street volunteers do such a tremendous amount of GREAT things for our community! I couldn't let another reading of the newsletter go by without letting you know that as a native Cambridge girl (who couldn't wait to leave and then found myself back here), the contributions Main Street makes are really fabulous! Mark and the girls and I love our town, and your efforts play a part in helping us to love it! Thanks!"*

### 2 We've been watching:

Congratulations to **Amanda Bramble**, owner of Jimmie & Sook's, who was named one of the 2011 People to Watch in *What's Up Eastern Shore* magazine. Of course here in Cambridge, we've been watching her amazing work for years! Congrats, Amanda!

### 3 Super Bowl win:

Looks like artist **George Wright** (of Wright's Art & Framing) will be painting a montage of the Green Bay Packers. George said that if the Packers won the Superbowl, he'd do the painting. His friend, Tom Brown, a former Packers defensive back, will sell prints. Brown, who lives in Salisbury, made the winning play for the Packers in the 1966 NFL championship game.

### 4 Helping others: Clayton's Pharmacy

wants to help the community. Stop by to drop off donations for the Dorchester Humane Society, empty pill bottles for Missionary Aid, and can tabs for Ronald McDonald house. Nice!

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**Back to work:** Brett Summers of NOVO Development announced at a recent Main Street Board of Directors meeting that he expects work to re-commence soon on the **Marshyhope Building** at 427-433 Race Street. Look for a fully restored facade and two new storefronts to be ready in the coming months.

## NEWS FROM DOWNTOWN SHOPS &amp; RESTAURANTS

## Valentine's gift ideas &amp; specials

Wondering what to get that special someone for Valentine's Day? A few ideas:

## Fashion:

During the Valentine's Sale at **Dragonfly Boutique**, get anything red and white at 40% off. Plus scoop up winter clearance bargains, 40-60% off storewide. And look for new spring arrivals. Tanning packages also available! **Sunnyside** is also welcoming spring apparel, including Color Me Cotton tops and tunics.



DRAGONFLY



SUNNYSIDE

## Jewelry, jewelry, jewelry:

On Second Saturday, Feb. 12 only, any RED jewelry in the **Joie de Vivre Gallery** window is 10% off. While you're there, take a look at the new pieces by London jewelry artist Susan Horth, including blue heron pins (if they haven't flown out the door yet). Head to **Lednum's Jewelers** for a selection of fine jewelry including gold, silver, gems, and diamonds. At **Sunnyside**, check out the Silver Spoons line of jewelry, in which spoons are transformed into stunning pieces of jewelry, some in the shape of hearts. Lots of other jewelry at Sunnyside, too. There's also handcrafted jewelry in the galleries.

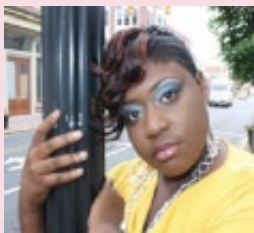
## A taste of love with delicious gifts:

300 pounds of delectable chocolate recently arrived at **A Few of My Favorite Things** just in time for Valentine's gift-giving. Plus, they now carry Fisher's Popcorn from Ocean City—even available in decorated tins! You'll also find plenty of wine, champagne, fine cheeses, and other gourmet goodies. **Simmons Center Market** offers a filet mignon gift basket for two—with two steaks, two potatoes, green beans, and grapes. Order early for Valentine's Day. Plus chocolate-covered strawberries! Call to reserve: strawberries will be available on February 10 until sold out. 410.228.4313. They also have "specialized" gift baskets.



SIMMONS

## Valentine's salon specials at Mirror Mirror



Owner Danielle VanRiel and her team have cooked up quite a special for Valentine's Day—combining a complete salon package of services including lashes, manicure make-up and hairstyle treatments and then adding on a photo shoot afterward. The special comes in two different packages, and it's available on the next two Saturdays, Feb. 12 and Feb. 19. There'll be light fare on hand for customers on both days.

VanRiel thinks the packages will be a hit both with women getting ready to celebrate Valentine's Day, and with men who can buy the special as a gift for a loved one. For more info, stop in the salon at 443 Race Street or call 410.228.9015.

## Paul's Subs ♥s its customers

A sub sandwich isn't your ordinary Valentine's Day gift, but then again Paul's Subs at 400 Academy Street isn't your ordinary sandwich shop. Owners Paul and Sharon Baiers are planning to show a little love to their customers and to the whole community by giving away free sub sandwiches between 11am and noon on Monday, February 14. Happy Valentine's Day, indeed!



New Jimmie & Sook's Chef Michael Rork poses with the staff.

## New menus at Bistro, J&amp;S

Two new menus made their debut in downtown restaurants in recent weeks. On Jan. 26, Jimmie & Sook's unveiled an expanded menu with lots of tempting new items along with all of your old favorites. The restaurant, which recently hired chef Michael Rork, has been packed ever since the new menu came out.

On Jan. 20, Bistro Poplar returned from vacation and kicked off its winter menu featuring such seasonal delights as Braised Beef Short Ribs, Boudin Blanc, and Pan Roasted Pork Chop.

## Leaky Pete's:

Leaky Pete's Oyster & Wine Bar is always changing things up: They're now offering beer flights (that's 4 4-oz samples of ever-changing draft beer) and wine flights and new panini-style sandwiches. We hear they're also working on a joke night and open mic night. Keep up with the news on Leaky Pete's Facebook page.

## Attention hunters!

Chesapeake Classics has received its Federal Firearms License, so they'll be selling shotguns and rifles, both new and antique. While you're there, check out their fishing gear and more for outdoor enthusiasts. And lots of decoys.





**Artist at work.** Artist Danny Doughty paints during January's Second Saturday festivities. There's a nice feature on Danny and his gallery—and the arts scene in general in downtown Cambridge—in the current issue of *What's Up Eastern Shore* magazine.

## Co-op on tap at Main Street Gallery

The dedicated volunteers who run the Main Street Gallery are looking to restructure the way the Gallery works going forward. The plan is for the Gallery to become a more traditional co-op, with participating artists paying a small fee as "members" whose work is then featured in exhibits. Gallery volunteers recently began to actively recruit co-op members. Interested? Send a note to [art@cambridgemainstreet.com](mailto:art@cambridgemainstreet.com).

## Drama auditions Feb. 15, 17

Feeling dramatic? The Dorchester Drama Guild is holding auditions Feb. 15 and Feb. 17 at 6pm for two upcoming productions: *Classic Comedy Monologues* on April 1 and 2. And *Spice of Life*, a musical variety production. At the Dorchester Center for the Arts. Details at 410.228.7782.

## Wednesday Morning Artists:

The Wednesday Morning Artists 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.wednesdaymorningartists.com](http://www.wednesdaymorningartists.com) and on Facebook. Or call Nancy at 410.463.0148.



## IN THE GALLERIES



**Main Street Gallery:** "Visionary Valentine" is the theme at the Main Street Gallery Feb. 4-28. See how several regional artists convey the theme through a mix of media. Also don't miss the third annual Visionary Valentine event on Feb. 12, with champagne, sweets, bluegrass music, and love-ly art. This is a benefit for the nonprofit gallery. Tickets cost \$20. Tickets available at the door. The gallery is open Thurs.-Sat., 12-4pm. 413 Muir Street

**Danny Doughty Gallery:** Step into another time and place at this gallery, which features the work of folk artist Danny Doughty. Now featuring new painted furniture pieces. At the back of Joie de Vivre Gallery. Open late on Second Saturday, Feb. 12. 410 Race Street



**Dorchester Center for the Arts:** Annual Members' Show and Sale featuring more than 100 works by area artists in media that includes oils, acrylics, photos, fiber arts, hand puppets, jewelry, and more. Stop by and cast your vote for the People's Choice Award. The featured

artist for the month is Faye Phillips. Meet the artists and find out the People's Choice winner at a free reception on Second Saturday, Feb. 12, 6-8pm. Light refreshments and music by harpist Betty Boda. Show runs Feb. 3-26. 321 High Street

**Joie de Vivre Gallery:** Featuring 'Environmental Catastrophe & Recovery 2010,' with ceramics by Eileen Hebert, pictured here. Open late on Second Saturday, Feb. 12. Also, folk art by John Root Hopkins and sculptures by direct metal artist Paul Lockhart. 410 Race Street



**William Marr Art Studio:** Although there are no regular hours at this studio and gallery, you can stop in most days to see Marr at work and to see art by oil painter and art instructor Edith Vogl and oil painter Niki Pino. 541 Poplar Street



**Gallery 447:** "ACCOUNT: The Material Concerns of an Easton Artist" with works by Carol Minarick. Basic materials—from zinc to tarpaper to concrete—form the palette that Minarick uses in

ACCOUNT, a series of paintings and three-dimensional arrangements. May not be suitable for children. Through March 19. Open 12-4pm, Thursday through Saturday, and by appointment (410.924.0692). 447 Race Street, 2nd floor

**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](http://cambridgemainstreet.com) (click on In the Art Galleries).

## LIVE MUSIC

### Jimmie & Sook's:

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

Feb. 11: Jeff Washington

Feb. 12: Anna Burgess and Jovan

Feb. 17: Karaoke with DJ Chuckie (9pm)

Feb. 18: Mike Elzey Mayhem Band

Feb. 19: Sexy Time Explosion

March 4: Zero to None

March 5: 410

March 12: 3rd Rail Band

March 17: Karaoke with DJ Chuckie (9pm)

For the latest, call 443.225.4115 or go to [jimmieandsooks.com](http://jimmieandsooks.com). 421 Race Street

### Canvasback Pub:

Feb. 12: Laura Todd on piano, 8-11pm

Feb. 19: Davis Holiday Band (tentative)

Feb. 26: Laura Todd

March 5: Anna Burgess

Call for more info, 410.221.7888. 420 Race St.

### Leaky Pete's Oyster & Wine Bar:

Feb. 12: Guthrie Matthews (2-piece acoustic)

Feb. 17: Meg Murray and Brian Ewauld (2-piece acoustic)

Feb. 24: Doug Segree (acoustic)

Call for details, 410.228.2245. 404 Race St.

### Point Break Beach Bar:

Feb. 19: Down Goes Frazier

March 5: Blitzed

March 12: Blackwater

Call for info, 410.221.7850. 420 Race St.

### Portside:

Call for info, 410.228.9007. 201 Trenton St.

### Snapper's:

Call for info, 410.228.0112. 112 Commerce St.

## UMES Choir to perform Feb. 11

UMES Concert Choir's moving performances seem to inspire standing ovations. Now you can hear why. The University of Maryland Eastern Shore Concert Choir performs at the Dorchester Center for the Arts at 7pm on Friday, Feb. 11. Tickets cost \$5 for DCA members and \$7 for non-members. Refreshments included. Seating is limited. Reserve your spot at 410.228.7782.



## Paddy in the Alley March 12

What's Paddy in the Alley? It's a new St. Patrick's Day celebration being organized by Terry and Robyne Feehley of Leaky Pete's Oyster and Wine Bar, 404 Race Street. Planned for next month's Second Saturday, March 12, it'll feature outdoor live music, food, shopping, and more. It'll be held behind Leaky Pete's, in the alleyway that faces Gay Street and the Chesapeake Equipment Company. A portion of the proceeds are being donated to support Cambridge Main Street—thanks, Terry and Robyne!



## Boat Show partnership returns April 1-3

Thanks to MTS Broadcasting for inviting Cambridge Main Street in once again as a partner in the 2011 edition of the Maryland Boatbuilders & Dealers Expo. Main Street will provide volunteer support to the event, and MTS will donate a portion of gate proceeds to support our work in downtown Cambridge.

This year's Expo will be held April 1-3 at Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park. Check out the participating boatbuilders and dealers at the event's website, [www.marylandboatbuildersanddealers.com](http://www.marylandboatbuildersanddealers.com).

## Win big by losing big with Maryland Healthy Weighs

Registration is now open for Cambridge's own "Biggest Loser" competition, organized by the team at Maryland Healthy Weighs, a new downtown business that helps clients live healthier lifestyles, losing weight and keeping it off.

The contest is open to teams of two or more, and winners will be decided by the biggest percentage weight loss. First prize is \$1,000 in cash. The biggest individual "loser" will win \$250.

You do not have to be a customer at Healthy Weighs to enter. The 11-week contest runs March 7 through May 23. Get all the details at [www.marylandhealthyweighs.com](http://www.marylandhealthyweighs.com) or by calling 410.205.4421.