



REAL QUICK!

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GET IN THE SPIRIT: From holiday music to gifts to special events, there are lots of reasons to head downtown this month. See page 3.

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WELCOME, CLAYTON'S PHARMACY! Say hello to downtown's newest business. See page 2.

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GIFT IDEAS: Scratching your head on holiday gifts? Check out some ideas on page 4.



Old-Fashioned Christmas is December 11

Streets closed for event that's bigger than ever! 5-9pm, Race, Poplar & High Streets

Our first-ever Christmas block party!



Carriage rides! Catch a ride outside of Simmons Center Market, 600 Race St.



Santa!

Stop by for a visit with the jolly one himself in the window of Sunnyside, 5-8pm. 500 Poplar St.



Shopping!

Look for sales, free gift wrapping, gift cards, and more. Cookbook signing, too. See page 4.



S'mores!

Cook up some s'mores and warm yourself by the fires! Plus, enjoy food and warm and seasonal beverages for kids and adults.



Art Walk!

Downtown's art galleries are filled with hand-created items that make great gifts. Open late with free receptions. See full list of current gallery shows on page 5.

Music!

Enjoy live music, five ways! Caroling by New Beginnings youth and music by DJ Groundhog on the street, 5-9pm. Laura Todd at Canvasback, 8-11pm. The Greg Phillips Trio at Leaky Pete's, 5-9pm. Patty Reese at Jimmie & Sook's, starting at 10pm. Plus, Mike Elzey's guitar students put on a show at the library meeting room, 5pm, followed by the Mayhem Band at 7pm. All FREE!

And more!

Earlier in the day, head to the library for the Jumble Sale & Bazaar, 9am-noon (see page 7). Plus the Christmas Train Garden at the old firehouse (307 Gay St), 1-4pm and 6-9pm. And win the WINTER Wonderland window (see page 3).

And don't miss the Dads & Kids Holiday Outing Dec. 18!

See page 3.





Owners Terry and Robyne Feeley

Leaky Pete's Oyster & Wine Bar now open!

It might look tiny from the outside (look for the door to the left of Dragonfly at 404 Race St.), Leaky Pete's is big on charm and flavor. Featuring Choptank Sweets oysters, and a revolving list of wines and beer on draft. Plus paninis, soups, salads, and more. Open for lunch and dinner Wednesday–Saturday; Sunday 12–8pm. 410.228.2245.

Clayton's Pharmacy to open Dec. 18

Downtown Cambridge's newest business, Clayton's Pharmacy, is slated to open Dec. 18 at 404 Washington Street, near the corner of Race Street. In addition to prescription medicine services, Clayton's will offer all manner of over-the-counter medicines and sports supplements, along with home health accessories such as walkers and wheelchairs. A native of Salisbury, owner Lisa Brooks now lives in East New Market. She has been thinking about opening her own pharmacy since earning her doctoral degree from the University of Maryland in 2005. Late this summer, she and her husband, Clay, bought the building that formerly housed the Rug and Antique Gallery.

DCA to fund restoration of Tubman mural

The Maryland State Arts Council recently awarded a \$4,750 grant to the Dorchester Center for the Arts (DCA) to fund the restoration of an outdoor mural in Cambridge's Harriet Tubman Memorial Garden that was defaced in August 2009. Charles Ross, an artist and direct descendent of Harriet Tubman, will restore the mural. His design plan has been approved by representatives of local government and the community. The project should be completed by July 2011. The memorial garden is located along Route 50 near Washington Street.

Why celebrate small businesses?

Small businesses are the heartbeat of local communities and the engine of the U.S. economy. So it made sense to start a national movement to celebrate them on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Small Business Saturday, which happened this year on Nov. 27, was embraced by cities nationwide (including Cambridge) as a way to encourage people to support small, independently owned local businesses—just like the ones we have in our downtown. A few highlights from recent research:

- For every \$100 spent at local small businesses, \$68 returns to the community.
- Over the past two decades, small businesses created 65 percent of net new jobs.
- Small businesses employ half of all private sector employees.
- Small businesses represent 99.7% of all employer firms.

Thanks to all our local businesses that create jobs, boost the economy, and invigorate neighborhoods across the country!



EVENTS

DEC. 10 & 17, 5-8pm Friday Night Fever

Shops stay open late with specials. Show \$40 in that day's shopping receipts and get a free glass of wine at downtown restaurants.

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DEC. 11, 5-9pm Old-Fashioned Christmas

Santa's Workshop, carriage rides, caroling, more. Key blocks closed to traffic for the festivities. Shops and galleries stay open late.

See page 1.

DEC. 15, 6-9pm Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

Leaky Pete's sponsors this fun-spirited event—and gathers toys for tots at the same time. See page 4.

DEC. 18, 11am-5pm Dads & Kids Holiday Outing

Have some holiday fun with the kids and give Mom a few hours to herself. See page 3.

DEC. 31 New Year's Eve

There are lots of ways to ring in the New Year downtown. See page 6.

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JANUARY 8, 5-9pm Second Saturday

Chase the winter blues away by heading downtown for shopping, art, and to catch up with friends. www.cambridgemainstreet.com

More at cambridgemainstreet.com

More events & specials in the Cambridge Holiday Guide at cambridgemainstreet.com!

CAMBRIDGE HOLIDAY FUN!

Dads & Kids Day Dec. 18

Main Street board member Brett Summers is looking to start a new family tradition. On the last Saturday before Christmas, Dads and Granddads give moms a much-needed day off and take the kids downtown for shopping, dining, and sight-seeing. "Most Dads are last-minute shoppers anyway," Summers says with a laugh. "Treat the kids to lunch downtown. Take them to see the Garden of Trains or the Rudolph show at the arts center or one of our galleries and museums. Then head into the shops in search of the perfect gifts for moms, grandmoms, and other loved ones." This year's Dads & Kids Holiday Outing will be held from 11am to 5pm on Dec. 18. For up-to-date information, visit cambridgemainstreet.com.



1 FISH STORY: Cambridge captain Fred Pomeroy takes folks out to fish on his boat, the *Liza Jo*. Recently, the *Liza Jo* had her biggest ever rockfish (45 inches) on the decks, thanks to one of Fred's talented anglers. To celebrate, they asked Chef Ian Campbell of **Bistro Poplar** to cook it up. So a recent Monday night saw Capt. Pomeroy and about a dozen folks feasting on the rockfish, cooked three different ways. Now that's a great fish story!

Friday Night Fever heats up with specials and free wine Dec. 10, 17

Just two more editions left of Friday Night Fever! In case you haven't heard, many shops are staying open late on the Fridays before Christmas—until at least 8 pm, with many offering receptions and specials for the occasion. No more racing to get your downtown shopping in! Plenty of time to relax with friends afterwards in a downtown restaurant.

In fact, if you show \$40 in Friday evening store receipts at any of four downtown restaurants (Bistro Poplar, Canvasback, Jimmie & Sook's, or Leaky Pete's), you'll get a free glass of wine with your snack or meal!

Win the WINTER Wonderland WINDOW!

Starting this Saturday, check out all the goodies that could be yours in the WINTER Wonderland WINDOW at 412 Race Street. Downtown shops and restaurants have donated all kinds of great stuff to the window. And it'll all go to one lucky winner—maybe you! Enter at participating merchants every time you buy \$25 worth of items. The more you buy, the more chances you have to win. Enter through December 24. Winner to be selected by December 31.



Holiday concerts and shows

Church choirs at DCA: Church choirs perform during the Second Saturday reception at the Dorchester Center for the Arts, December 11, around 7pm. Concert to be aired live on WTDK, The Duck, 107.1 FM.

Chorus of Dorchester Christmas Concert: Sunday, December 12, at Christ Episcopal Church, 7pm. 601 Church Street. 410.228.3161.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Theatrical Reading. Great for all ages, on Saturday, December 18. Includes sing-along, refreshments, and more. At the Dorchester Center for the Arts. 2pm. Buy tickets in advance: \$5 adults, \$3 children. 410.228.7782.

Tidewater Chamber Singers Holiday Concert: On Sunday, December 19, at Christ Episcopal Church, 4pm; reception follows. \$10; children and students free. 601 Church Street. 410.228.3161.

Christmas Cantata: On Sunday, December 19 at Grace United Methodist Church, 7pm. Open to the public. 501 Race Street.

Chorus of Dorchester Holiday Concert: On Tuesday, December 21 at the Dorchester Center for Arts, 321 High Street. 7pm. Free, but reservations required; call 410.228.7782. Concert to be aired live on WTDK, The Duck, 107.1 FM.

THE BUZZ

2 CLARIFICATION: Last month we reported that an exciting expansion was in the works at **Chesapeake Classics**. They are going to be selling hunting, fishing, birding, and outdoors supplies—and adding 2,400 square feet to their store. However, we mistakenly said the expansion might be ready this month—it turns out that the licensing process involved in obtaining a federal permit to sell firearms is likely to put the timetable into the first quarter of 2011. Stay tuned for details!

Toy drive at Paul's Subs

Want to help one of our downtown businesses help families in need? Drop off new, unwrapped toys for kids at Paul's Subs. Owner Paul Baiers will be distributing the toys to local families in need at Christmastime. Do you know a Cambridge family that finds themselves in need this holiday season? Tell them to write a letter to Paul's Subs at 400 Academy Street asking for a little help with kids' gifts.

NEWS FROM DOWNTOWN SHOPS & RESTAURANTS

**Christmas headquarters**

at Simmons. Head to Simmons Center Market for all kinds of holiday needs: live and artificial trees, poinsettias, tons of decorations, 40 kinds of old-fashioned candy, fresh-cut meats, and more. Plus order your Christmas turkey or ham. 410.228.4313. 600 Race Street.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest at Leaky Pete's.

Bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots and don your ugliest Christmas Sweater to win a Leaky Loot gift card 6-9pm on Wednesday, Dec. 15! Toys will be donated to a church in Cambridge. 404 Race Street.

**A FEW OF MY FAVORITE THINGS:**

Guess how many ornaments are in the storefront window and win! Stop in for details.

BACKFIN ANTIQUES: Here's a great way to go green this year: buy a vintage item at Backfin. Plus, during December, save 10% to 30% off! Open Wednesday-Saturday and by appointment for your holiday shopping. 411 Washington St.

Champagne, Vodka, and Oysters Dinner:

Enjoy a scrumptious dinner at Bistro Poplar featuring oysters paired with chilled vodka or champagne. Friday, December 17 at 7pm. \$100 per person (includes gratuity). RSVP by December 14 at 410.228.4884.



CUT THIS: In December only, 25% off all retail products with all salon services \$25 or greater. (Does not apply to other discounts and gift certificates.)

DRAGONFLY BOUTIQUE: Ornament Sale through Dec. 10. Pull an ornament from Dragonfly's tree and win up to 50% off any original priced items.

**FIBRE CAFÉ & CRABCATCHER'S SCAVENGER SHOP:**

Beach glass jewelry and mosaics by local artists, hand-crafted accessories by Ginny

June Designs, and other great gift items for the holiday season!

HUBBARD'S CUSTOM BLINDS & FRAMING GALLERY: Stop in for the Hunter Douglas Home for the Holidays Savings Event through December 15 with rebates up to \$200 per unit and select FREE lifting systems. 435 Race St.

MALINA CUSTOM LEATHER:

Custom belts for men and women—choose the style, color, buckle, and more. Great gift. Every stitch by hand on bags and accessories, too. 518 Poplar St.



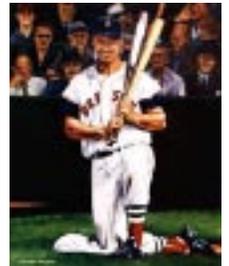
SUNNYSIDE SHOP: More hats from Nirvana Designs have arrived. They're hand-knit in Nepal and are wool with a fleece lining (fair trade). No itch and plenty o' warm. Come and claim your critter before they're gone.

WHITECAP OUTDOOR CONSIGNMENTS:

In addition to an ever-changing assortment of outdoor gear from snowshoes to camo, Whitecap carries Bay Bags, made from recycled sail cloth. Each one unique. 510 Poplar St.



WRIGHT'S ART & FRAMING: Take a look at their one-of-kind sports memorabilia prints—just what the sports enthusiast needs for Christmas! From NASCAR to football to baseball. Check out the list of custom-made sports prints: www.wrightsartamerica.com.



LUNACHICK: Book signing with local author Terry White during Friday Night Fever, 5-7pm on Dec. 10 and 17.

CAMBRIDGE KITCHEN & BATH:

Maybe THIS is what your spouse really wants for Christmas: a kitchen or bath remodel! Cambridge Kitchen & Bath makes it easy—they'll help you (as the gift giver) make the preliminary selection and design. Then they wrap up a gift box of samples and a 3-D color design for you to present to your sweetie. Then the lucky recipient works with the folks at Cambridge Kitchen & Bath and the project gets on its way to completion. 410.228.2080.

CHESAPEAKE CLASSICS: What to get for the person who has it all? Check out Chesapeake Classics. One of the largest selections of vintage and contemporary decoys, waterfowl carvings, and related items. Quality decoys at fair prices.



Cookbook signing Dec. 11: Cambridge is a stop on a national book tour for a new cookbook, *Great Menus: Seasonal Recipes for Entertaining*, by Patricia Lewis Mote. The cookbook's 50+ photos were taken by Cambridge photographer Dave Harp. Stop by A Few of My Favorite Things for a book signing, 5-7pm, December 11 during Old-Fashioned Christmas.

PHOTO BY DAVE HARP



IN THE ART GALLERIES



Joie de Vivre's 10th: Congratulations to Joy Staniforth (right), owner of Joie de Vivre Gallery, who received a proclamation Nov. 26 from Rep. Addie Eckardt on the occasion of the gallery's 10th anniversary of being downtown. The same night, the Danny Doughty Gallery celebrated its one-year anniversary.



Main Street Gallery: "Art-cessories," the poplar holiday-season exhibit, features a dramatic installation of wearable, functional artworks, from jewelry to scarves to hats to home accessories. Meet the artists at a free reception on Second Saturday, Dec. 11, 5-8 pm. Gallery is open Wed.-Sat., 12-4pm. 413 Muir Street

Danny Doughty Gallery: Lots of new work in the gallery. At the back of Joie de Vivre Gallery. Open late on Second Saturday, Dec. 11. Danny's work is also featured in Joie de Vivre this month. 410 Race Street

**Dorchester Center for the Arts:**

Small Works Show featuring giftable items made by the Wednesday Morning Artists. Free reception Second Saturday, Dec. 11, 6-8pm with refreshments and live music by Flatland Drive (bluegrass) and a performance by church choirs at 7pm. 321 High Street

Joie de Vivre Gallery: Folk artist Danny Doughty is the featured artist. Plus see a new series of paintings, "The Journey of Harriet Tubman," by Everna Lee Taylor. Meet the artists during a free reception, 5:30-7:30pm, Second Saturday, Dec. 11. Also, folk art by John Root Hopkins, whose work is at the American Visionary Art Museum. 410 Race St.



Gallery 447: "Studioworks," featuring the work of Eastern Shore artists whose studios ring this spectacular second-floor gallery. Artists include Maureen Farrell, Mary Ann Schindler, Heidi Clark, Sarah Stolte, and Greg VandeVisser.

447 Race Street, 2nd floor

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



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. 111 Maryland Avenue



More at cambridgemainstreet.com (click on The Arts in Cambridge).

Looking ornamental: Linda Starling shows off a jellyfish as she, Deborah Coffin Kennedy, and other members of the Wednesday Morning Artists turn recycled paper into ornaments to festoon the tree in the Dorchester Center for the Arts window. Their artistic work, from paintings to sculpture, is featured in this month's show at the DCA.

Call for volunteers! Add this to your list of New Year's resolutions—start volunteering for Cambridge Main Street! Help at events, meet new people, put your skills to good use. Email office@cambridgemainstreet.com or call 443.477.0843.



Wednesday Morning
Artists

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 and on Facebook. Or call Nancy at 410.463.0148.

Green Team leads tree-planting effort

A big thank you to the Cambridge Main Street Green Team, whose volunteers spent last Saturday morning planting 10 trees along Maryland Avenue. Why are they planting trees? Because Maryland Avenue is a key gateway to our downtown, and trees will provide beauty and shade, not to mention oxygen. The city is buying some of the trees; private citizens are pitching in to buy some others. If you're interested in donating to this ongoing effort, please send an e-mail to office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

Cambridge's mayor and City Council were out in full force to help with the tree planting. [Photo by Brian Roche]



Start planning for New Year's Eve



It's not too soon to start thinking about how you might want to ring in the New Year! You could have a romantic dinner at Bistro Poplar, Canvasback, Jimmie & Sook's, Leaky Pete's, Portside, or Snapper's. Or enjoy simple fare at United Family Restaurant. Or order in from Pizza Ziya or Paul's Subs. For late night fun, head to Jimmie & Sook's, Point Break Beach Bar, or Leaky Pete's. Here's what we've heard about so far:

Jimmie & Sook's: Johnny Bling and 410 join forces for a New Year's Eve blow-out. Bling in the New Year! \$15 per person includes champagne toast at midnight.

Bistro Poplar features its regular menu, as well as specials.

Snapper's: New Years Eve Menu includes artichoke and crab dip, oyster rockefeller, chicken Forestiere, and veal Florentine.

For the latest on New Year's events, check cambridgemainstreet.com. It's best to reserve your dinner spots early!

Remember,
donations made
before Dec. 31, 2010
can be deducted
from your
2010 taxes.

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 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.

IN THE NEWS

Cambridge—from Boston to Florida and beyond!

Every time we turn around, it seems Cambridge is in the media far beyond Dorchester County! Lately, there have been stories about visiting Cambridge in the *Boston Globe*, the *Miami Herald*, the *Howard County Times*; even the Huffington Post! Also, *What's Up Eastern Shore* magazine had a four-page feature in the December issue on the **Dorchester Center for the Arts**, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. WBOC-TV did a beautiful story about the vibrant **Danny Doughty Gallery** and the artist collaboration among Danny and Joyce Fritz Ritz and Bob Ritz. Main Street's Holiday Pop-Up Store Contest got airtime on both WBOC and WMDT, as well as ink in the National Main Street magazine. We like the attention!

DID YOU KNOW?

The number of unique visitors to the Cambridge Main Street website has increased by 165% in the past two years!
Check it out at
www.cambridgemainstreet.com.

LIVE MUSIC

Jimmie & Sook's:

Live music Wednesday through Saturday. Wednesday is Anna Burgess; Thursday is Blake Mills acoustic, starting at 8pm. Friday and Saturday, music starts at 10pm. Upcoming shows:

Dec. 11: Patty Reese

Dec. 17: 3rd Rail Band

Dec. 18: Mike Elzey Mayhem Band

Dec. 24: Closing early

Dec. 25: Closed

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve party with Johnny Bling and 410. Complimentary champagne toast at midnight! Music starts at 10pm. \$15.

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

Canvasback Restaurant & Pub:

Dec. 11: Laura Todd on piano, 8-11pm

Call for the latest info, 410.221.7888. 420 Race St.

Leaky Pete's Oyster & Wine Bar:

Dec. 11: The Greg Phillips Trio, 5-9pm

Dec. 16: Doug Segree, 7-11pm

Call for the latest info, 410.228.2245. 404 Race St.

Point Break Beach Bar:

Dec. 10: Zero to None

For the latest, call 410.221.7850. 420 Race St.

Portside:

For the latest, call 410.228.9007. 201 Trenton St.

Snapper's:

For the latest, call 410.228.0112. 112 Commerce St.



Facelifts all around. It's been great to see our merchants renovating and sprucing up inside and out. Thanks to Cambridge Main Street's Facade Improvement Program, merchants have gotten up to half off the cost of their improvements. Sporting fresh looks recently are Dragonfly (pictured here), Joie de Vivre Gallery, and A Few of My Favorite Things, among others.

Spaghetti dinner at Christ Episcopal Church Dec. 10

Christ Church, at the corner of Church Street and High Street, is having a spaghetti dinner on Friday, December 10 from 4 to 7pm. The menu will include salad, spaghetti with meat sauce or meatless sauce, and garlic bread. Desserts extra. Take-outs will be available. For more information, call 410.228.3161.

YMCA plans Gobble Your Wobble dance Dec. 11

The Dorchester County YMCA hosts the Wobble Your Gobble dance on Saturday, December 11, 8pm til midnight. Featuring four bands—the Ryderz, Sticky Longfingers & The Rusted Butter, Squash, and Anna Burgess. Music from the Top 40, Motown, reggae, folk and alternative charts. Tickets cost \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door (cash only at the door). Buy advance tickets at the Dorchester County YMCA, 201 Talbot Avenue; 410.221.0505. Cash bar and free food. Must be 21 or over to enter. Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park, 200 Byrn Street.

Library's Bazaar & Book Sale Dec. 11

The Dorchester County Library hosts its annual Christmas Bazaar, Book Sale & Jumble Sale, 9am-noon, on Saturday, Dec. 11. Local authors will be signing and selling their works, merchants will offer seasonal decorations and crafts. Plus homemade baked goodies by the dozens, book sale bargains and white elephant tables full of vintage and collectible items. A great place to bring the kids to buy inexpensive gifts for loved ones! 303 Gay St. 410.228.7331.



Christmas Parade! Congrats to the Christmas Parade Committee on a swell event on Dec. 4—and beautiful weather. See the list of winners at www.christmasparade.org.