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Summertime fun this Second Saturday, June 12!

Celebrate with Cambridge's most famous author, win prizes, see art, listen to live music!

Just as the days get a little longer this time of year, so it goes with our fun downtown events. This weekend, Second Saturday festivities between 5 and 9pm feature a fun array of art gallery receptions, special shopping promotions, live music indoors and out, delectable dining opportunities, and a free raffle for great prizes.

2ND SATURDAY!
Art Shopping Music Fun
CAMBRIDGE
JUNE 12, 5-9PM

But there's also much more in store on this Second Saturday....

John Barth Homecoming: At 4pm on Saturday, Cambridge will honor one of its most revered native sons—the writer John Barth. Barth himself will be on hand for a ceremony to unveil an interpretive marker about his life and work. The event—featuring live music by **saxophonist Carl Grubbs**—will be held on the lawn of the Dorchester County Public Library, 303 Gay Street. Look for Barth-related surprises and giveaways during Second Saturday festivities starting at 5pm on Race Street! See story on page 2.

Pedal, Paddle, Skate, Stroll: Between 1 and 4pm, this first-ever event, organized by the nonprofit Choptank Heritage Trail group, will **promote walking and cycling** as opposed to driving. CHT volunteers will be on hand at Blue Point Provision Company at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort. There, participants can learn about and then follow safe, scenic routes between the resort and downtown.

Retail Therapy: Save a little strolling energy for Saturday evening! Stores will stay open late—showcasing new merchandise and offering special deals on great gifts for Dads and grads. Be sure to enter this month's special retail drawing. There will be multiple prizes, include **free tickets to the Crab Cook-Off at the Taste of Cambridge in July and to the Annie Oakley Barn Dance in August.** Enter once in every shop you visit.



PHOTO BY JILL JASUTA

Artful Affairs: Four galleries will hold exhibit receptions—the Dorchester Center for the Arts, the Main Street Gallery, Joie de Vivre Gallery, and Gallery 447. Details on page 4.

Sounds of Summer: Three great Cambridge favorites will perform. Outdoor entertainment begins at 5:30pm with guitarist **Mike Elzey and students** at his guitar school, playing all manner of rock and blues classics, in Cannery Way across from Jimmie & Sook's. At 8pm, the homegrown jazz trio **Minus One** will play at Canvasback Restaurant. Then Virginia-based bluesman **Jimmy Cole** makes a return engagement at Jimmie & Sook's starting at 10pm. (Plus, saxophonist Carl Grubbs will be playing at the Library's John Barth ceremony at 4pm—see story on page 2.)

Parent's Night Out: Try Second Saturday babysitting at the YMCA—\$10 per child for Friends of Main Street and \$5 for YMCA members. 5–10:30pm for kids ages 4-10. Reserve by noon, June 10, at 410.221.0505.

Second Saturday runs from 5-9pm, but come downtown earlier in the day for the **Second Saturday Book Sale** at the Dorchester Library, 9am-2pm.

Cambridge native John Barth to be honored

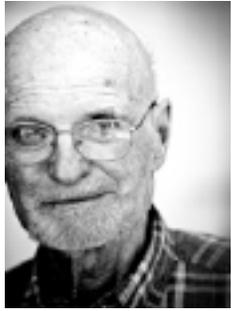


PHOTO: DAVID COLWELL

John Barth has been called "one of the greatest novelists of our time."

Ain't our history grand? We've been honoring brave, ingenious Harriet Tubman in recent weeks—first with the grand re-opening of the downtown museum that honors her and then with a successful academic conference held at Chesapeake College.

This weekend, it's time to honor Cambridge native and author John Barth. On Saturday at 4pm on the front lawn of the Dorchester County Public Library, Barth will be on hand for the unveiling of a interpretive marker highlighting his Cambridge ties. Winner of the National Book Award and F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Fiction, Barth was born and raised in Cambridge. His debut novel, *The Floating Opera*, was set in Cambridge and much of his writing has been inspired by the Eastern Shore.

Baltimore jazz saxophonist Carl Grubbs will perform during the ceremony, which is open to the public. Rain or shine. The Barth celebration continues along Race Street as part of Second Saturday. Bags of candy will be given away at the former site of Whitey's Candyland, which was operated by Barth's father, near Craig's Drug Store. Copies of Carl Grubbs's new CD (*Maryland Traditions in Jazz*) and books autographed by Barth will be raffled off.

Taste of Cambridge tickets on sale now!

Tickets are now on sale for the biggest event of the year in our downtown—the Taste of Cambridge! This annual celebration of our great Chesapeake heritage and culinary arts is set for Saturday, July 10, 5-10pm.

The free downtown street festival includes the ticketed Crab Cook-Off, in which Dorchester's top chefs show off their culinary magic by making crabcakes, crab dip, cream of crab soup, Maryland crab soup, and crab specialty dishes. Tickets to the Cook-Off cost \$25 and entitle holders to tastings of 15-20 crab dishes. Tasting happens 5-7:30pm only.

Throughout the festival, D'Vibe & Conga, Evan Button, DJ Chuckie Love, and others will provide music. Top professional pickers will compete for cash prizes in the crab-picking contest—always a crowd favorite. There will be contests galore—watermelon eating, hula hoop, Lego building, limbo, and more.

We sold out all 850 tickets last year. We're going to sell out all 900 tickets this year—so buy in advance! More info at cambridgemainstreet.com (click on "Taste of Cambridge.")



How to buy tickets:

Tickets to the Taste of Cambridge's Crab Cook-Off cost \$25. Buy them...

- in person at the Dorchester Visitors Center, the Chamber of Commerce, or A Few of My Favorite Things (cash or check).
- by credit card by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 410.228.3575.
- by mail-order (by check) by writing to office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

Join the Taste Volunteer Army!

Every year, the Taste is a volunteer-army success story! It takes 75-100 generous people putting in 2-hour shifts to stage this event. The jobs are fun and social affairs—staffing ticket sales, checking ballots, setting up, helping with contests, etc.

Can you help out? E-mail Jim Duffy at office@cambridgemainstreet.com to sign up. For the first time this year, we are entering the names of all volunteers into a raffle for some great prizes!

EVENTS

JUNE 10, 17, 24 & JULY 1, 3-6pm

Farmers Market

Local produce, meats, more.
Academy and Muir Sts.

JUNE 11, 7pm

Summer Kickoff Party at Bistro Poplar

See page 5.

JUNE 12, 1-4pm

Pedal, Paddle, Skate, Stroll!

Public is invited. See page 1.

JUNE 12, 4pm

John Barth Celebration

See story at left.

2ND SAT.

JUNE 12, 5-9pm

Summertime Fun Second Saturday

See page 1.

JUNE 13

Eagleman Ironman 70.3 Triathlon

More than 1,200 triathletes come to Cambridge. See page 7.

JULY 4

Happy Independence Day!

JULY 8, 6-9pm

'Chair/i-ty' Bash at Main Street Gallery

See page 4.

2ND SAT.

JULY 10

Taste of Cambridge!

Crab Cook-Off, crab-picking contest, games, music, food, more.
See story at left.

More at cambridgemainstreet.com

DID YOU KNOW?

This very e-newsletter, Main Street News, now goes to some 3,000 addresses in the Mid-Shore.

That's 100% more than a year ago, and 10 times more than two years ago. Our Main Street volunteers are working hard to spread the good news about our downtown and its great businesses!



Bistro Poplar: Best French Food, Best Seasonally Inspired Menu



Jimmie & Sook's: Best Raw Bar



Joie de Vivre Gallery: Best Artisan Jewelry



Sunnyside: Best Women's Clothing Boutique

Downtown Cambridge boasts the best (Part 1)



A record four downtown Cambridge businesses were honored in the annual "Best of the Eastern Shore" awards from *What's Up? Eastern Shore* magazine. The annual awards are decided by the most important judges of all—customers who so love these businesses that they take the time to get online and vote for them. Big "Best of" congrats to Bistro Poplar (which got two awards), Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill, Joie de Vivre Gallery, and Sunnyside.

Congrats as well to the non-downtown Cambridge winners: **Clearview at Horns Point**, which won in both the Best Kept Secret and Best Happy Hour categories; and **Plaza Tapatia**, which won in the Best Mexican category.

Downtown Cambridge boasts the best (Part 2)

We are happy to report that Cambridge Main Street recently received an **exemplary performance award** from the state Department of Housing & Community Development office that works closely with all 23 Main Street communities across the state.

The award was the only one given out in the "organization" category, which is all about becoming a stronger, more effective organization—even in the face of difficult economic times. Last year, we launched a campaign to ask more of our neighbors than ever before to support the work of our volunteers with annual donations to Cambridge Main Street. As a result, our number of donors increased by 75 percent!

The campaign is continuing this year. We are asking individuals, families, small businesses, and big companies alike to give what they can to support our grassroots, volunteer-driven revitalization efforts. What we do isn't simply about supporting jobs and businesses downtown. It's about making Cambridge a more fun and vibrant place to live—something that's good for property values and businesspeople, not just downtown, but all around the area! Want to join in? See "How You Can Help" on page 6.

How downtown beautification works



It takes a village, that's how! The beautiful flowerpots and hanging baskets that showed up along Race and Poplar streets recently are the result of first-rate teamwork in our community. Cambridge Main Street is in the lead here, paying the biggest chunk of the bill (something we can do only because of our generous annual donors—thank you!),

and our volunteers found flowerpot "sponsors." Check out the list of sponsors—a mix of downtown shops, galleries, restaurants, and offices, as well as everyday Cambridge citizens looking to do their part—at www.cambridgemainstreet.com. Thanks to all!

The pots are planted and maintained by Simmons Center Market for a very reasonable price. When you see owners Rick and Rosie Travers out on their water truck one of these evenings, be sure to tell them thanks for their hard work!

Thanks also to Main Street's Green Team Chief Brian Roche for running all the logistics! If you or your company is interested in supporting downtown beautification projects, please drop a line to office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

THE BUZZ

- 1 If everything works out as planned, **Backfin Antiques** may be headed back into the heart of downtown come mid-July. Stay tuned to www.cambridgemainstreet.com and www.facebook.com/CambridgeMainStreet for the latest!
- 2 Congratulations to the wonderfully loyal downtown customer **Amy Craig**! She won \$100 in "Retail Therapy" at downtown shops by entering her name in last month's free Second Saturday drawing. There is another drawing this month—the prizes include some great summertime fun—free tickets to the upcoming Taste of Cambridge and Annie Oakley Barn Dance featuring the fabulous Oklahoma Twisters!
- 3 Cambridge Main Street's **Façade Improvement Program** continues to reap dividends for our downtown. The latest improvements are either under way or on the way at **Joie de Vivre Gallery**, **A Few of My Favorite Things**, and **Dragonfly Boutique**. That makes more than a dozen storefront-improvement projects sparked by this program in the last year alone!
- 4 Online travel journalists with **Host Our Coast** are coming to Cambridge! They'll be in town this weekend for Second Saturday and Eagleman, reporting on the good stuff going on in Dorchester County. Did we mention that one of the Hosts won an Academy Award for his cinematography? Don't know about Host Our Coast yet? Look for amazing videos, stories, and giveaways at www.hostourcoast.com. They're also on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Flickr.
- 5 Many thanks to **Nancy Malwitz** and the condo owners association at **Deep Harbour**, which recently invited Main Street's Jim Duffy to come out and tell the group about all the great stuff happening in our downtown.



GALLERY 447: After completing renovations, Gallery 447's grand re-opening party on May 15 drew a full house! If you haven't been in yet to see the Gallery's new look, do so soon. Also, join in a gallery talk with several of the artists in the current show (Tom Green, WC Richardson, William Willis and Deborah Kahn) at 7pm, Saturday, June 19.

A&E banners in the works

A new partnership is in place among downtown galleries, City Economic Development, the Center for the Arts, and Cambridge Main Street. We've all come together to try and put more focus on promoting downtown's designation as an official state Arts & Entertainment District. The group's first project is to develop attractive banners touting our downtown as a destination for visual, performing, and culinary arts. The banners will be placed in select storefront windows downtown.

Greg VandeVisser of Gallery 447 is generously donating professional design services to the project. Printing is being paid for by Cambridge Main Street, with partial funding coming from a grant awarded by the Dorchester Arts Council. Volunteer participation in these A&E efforts is more than welcome—whether by artists, performers, students, or any other interested folks! Interested? Drop us a line at office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

John Root Hopkins work on display:

Folk artist John Root Hopkins now has his own gallery within Joie de Vivre Gallery. His work will also be part of an upcoming show at the Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore.



Wednesday Morning Artists

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Are you an artist looking for a little community and idea sharing? Wednesday

Morning Artists is a diverse group of local artists united by a desire to promote art for public and private enjoyment. They meet each Wednesday morning in downtown Cambridge. Find out more at www.wednesdaymorningartists.com. And find them on Facebook. Or call Nancy at 410.463.0148.

IN THE GALLERIES

A different kind of 'Chair/ity' bash

The night before Taste of Cambridge, Friday, July 9, there will be a fun benefit party at the Main Street Gallery. Gallery volunteers are putting together a July show, "Chair/ity," in which talented artists take old chairs and transform them into fabulously imaginative artworks. The party, 6-9pm, July 9, will benefit nonprofit arts organizations in partnership with the Dorchester Center for the Arts, the Main Street Gallery, and New Beginnings.

Lots of entertainment and refreshments are planned. Tickets cost \$25. Reserve yours by sending an e-mail to office@cambridgemainstreet.com.



CHAIR BY TERRY WHITE; PHOTO BY LISA KRENTEL

Main Street Gallery: 'The Figure: Motion/Emotion' features works about sports, athleticism, exertion, and the human figure in action by top contemporary regional artists. Timed to coincide with the Eagleman Ironman 70.3 triathlon in Cambridge on June 13. Show runs thru June 29. Free artist reception 5-8pm, June 12.



PHOTO BY JILL JASUTA

Gallery is open Wed.-Sat., 12-4pm. 413 Muir Street



DANNY DOUGHTY

Danny Doughty Gallery: Step into another time and place at this gallery featuring folk art and metal work. Open late Second Saturday, June 12. At the back of Joie de Vivre Gallery. 410 Race Street

Dorchester Center for the Arts: Celebrate the talents of our community by coming out to support the Young People's Art Show. A family-friendly reception honoring the artists is Second Saturday, June 12, 6-8pm, with music by the students of Anne Watts. Also, join in Family Night with music, food, and more, 6-8pm, June 14. Free! Info at 410.228.7782. 321 High Street

Joie de Vivre Gallery: Featuring the woven sculpture and baskets of Heidi Wetzel. Meet this Dorchester County artist Second Saturday, June 12, 5:30-7:30pm. The gallery also features textiles, jewelry, and more created by artists and artisans. Now open 'til 6:30pm Thursday and Friday. 410 Race St.



HEIDI WETZEL



WILLIAM WILLIS

Gallery 447: 'The Marks of Six Painters' features work by Deborah Kahn, Jo Smail, Steven Cushner, Tom Green, WC Richardson, and William Willis. Join the artists for a Gallery Talk 7pm, June 19. 447 Race Street, 2nd floor

Also, don't miss paintings of Shore life and sports memorabilia prints at **Wright's Art & Framing**. George Wright's work hangs in Cooperstown's Baseball Hall of Fame and the Maryland Senate. 111 Maryland Avenue

Plus, see the work of waterfowl artists at **Chesapeake Classics**.

NEWS FROM DOWNTOWN SHOPS & RESTAURANTS

**PAUL'S SUBS KNOWS HOW TO SAY**

THANKS: On May 22, Paul's Subs held its official grand opening ceremonies and delivered a great big thank you to the customers and the community who've supported this new business in our downtown. Owner Paul Baiers brought in a moonbounce for the kids and served up free hot dogs and sub samples and cotton candy and much more. A good time was had by all.

A FEW OF MY FAVORITE

THINGS: Check out Bobble, the water bottle that filters while you drink. They're flying off the shelves! 414 Race St.

**BISTRO POPLAR:**

Keeping it local: Look for crabcakes on weekend specials made with local crab from J.M. Clayton's or Hall's. Plus oyster specials with Choptank Sweets. Lettuces on the mixed greens come from Butterpot Farms. The ciabattas for our dinner bread is from Bay Country Bakery. And we have lots of local strawberries. Reserve at 410.228.4884.

COLORTYME: Come in and see our large selection of furnishings. Mention this ad and receive 20% off cash price or 2 weeks free rental excluding fees.

CRAB FEASTS AT POINT BREAK: Crab feasts now available at Point Break Beach Bar. Must have minimum of 4 people. Reserve 24 hours ahead at 410.221.7888.

SUMMER KICKOFF COCKTAIL

PARTY: Get the weekend off to a delectable start this Friday, June 11 when Bistro Poplar hosts its first-ever Summer Kickoff Party at 7pm. For \$65 a person, guests enjoy a five-course meal, with each course paired with a refreshing drink—from mojito to summer tea to champagne. Review the menu at bistropoplar.com. Call 410.228.4884 to find out if it's sold out yet.

**SUNNYSIDE:**

Great "Got Crabs" magnets—only in Cambridge! Not only are they fun, but a portion of the proceeds from these magnets goes to Cambridge Main Street!

**DRAGONFLY BOUTIQUE:**

This season's must-haves—jeggings (jeans + leggings)—have arrived! Freepeople, it! Jeans or BB Dakota. Plus, grab some "play money"—\$20 off purchase of \$75 or more! While it lasts. At Dragonfly and select downtown shops. Also, check out the summer styles for those

hot nights and days.

GIGI'S TRATTORIA: Specials include grilled leeks & goat cheese, asparagus wrapped in prosciutto, grilled tuna with lemons, capers & olives. 305 High St. 410.221.0110.

FIBRE CAFÉ & CRABCATCHER'S SCAVENGER SHOP: Fibre Café now has quilting fabric. Plus bikes, tools, fishing poles, tools, and all the stuff you want for spring at Crabcatcher's.

JOIE DE VIVRE: New jewelry arriving every day. Expanded hours: now open until 6:30pm on Thursdays and Fridays.

KARAOKE, SOUL FOOD, MOTOWN AT J&J: Karaoke every Thursday night at 8pm with DJ Chuckie Love at J&J Banquet Hall. Plus, on Sundays, soul food buffet, 2-6pm, followed by a night of Motown music at 7:30pm.

Shop downtown late on Thursdays and Fridays

Last month, Joie de Vivre Gallery launched evening hours—staying open until 6:30 pm on Thursdays and Fridays. This month, A Few of My Favorite Things joins in the effort, staying open for the same stretch of hours so as to better serve the after-work and downtown-dining crowds.

**HISTORIC WALKING TOURS:**

Join a costumed guide for a walking tour of beautiful, historic High Street. Every Saturday at 11am, from April through October. Weather permitting. Meet at Long Wharf at the end of High Street. \$8 for adults; 12 and under free. Reserve at 410.901.1000.



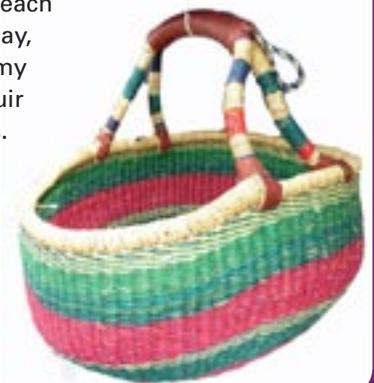
LUNACHICK: Cool glass rings that look like underwater anemones. Lots of colors. Only \$10!

SUGAR MAGNOLIA:

Come in to Sugar Magnolia and check out our designer boutique items! New inventory arriving daily. And don't miss our ongoing sale of 30 - 50% off marked items!

FARMERS' MARKET BASKETS:

Handmade African baskets are perfect for the Main Street Farmers' Market! Hose them out to clean. \$25. Buy them at the market, 3-6pm each Thursday, Academy and Muir Streets.



Welcome, Eagleman racers and fans!



The second weekend of June is always a great weekend for Cambridge and our downtown.

That's because the

Columbia Triathlon Association (with help from a slew of volunteers) puts on the annual Eagleman Triathlon that weekend, drawing 1,200+ of racers to our community, along with their families and friends.

So best of luck to all the racers on Sunday, June 13! Congrats and thanks to the Columbia Triathlon Association once again bringing this event to Cambridge. Details at www.tricolumbia.org.

Learn the art of retail design June 16

In the spring, Cambridge Main Street brought in retail consultant Margie Johnson to deliver a presentation on boosting retail sales to a full house of businesspeople at City Council chambers. Those who attended that session—or heard about how good it was—may be interested to know that Johnson will be back on the Eastern Shore at 8:30am on June 16, giving a two-hour presentation on “Visual Merchandising” at Town Hall in Berlin. Hosted by Main Street Maryland and Berlin’s Main Street program, the session is free and open to all, but advance registration is required. Go to neighborhoodrevitalization.org and click on “Trainings” to sign up.

Spring drive under way to support Main Street

Cambridge Main Street exists thanks to the generosity of our community. Annual, tax-deductible donations from businesses, individuals, and families are our most important source of funds.

The nearly 100 donors who are on our spring renewal schedule received letters last week asking if they'd be kind enough to renew and perhaps increase their annual donation for 2010. Please know that all of our volunteers deeply appreciate your support for their efforts to help our downtown and its businesses.

Wild West Fest lineup takes shape



It is definitely time to get the weekend of August 6-8 onto your calendar. That's when the new Annie Oakley Wild West Festival takes over Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park. The weekend opens with a ticketed Friday night “Barn Dance” featuring the Oklahoma Twisters, a top Western Swing band out of Virginia.

The entertainment lineup for the rest of the weekend now includes Baltimore's great Arty Hill & the Long Gone Daddys and Denver's Liz Masterson & Western Serenade. Keep up to date on this event at annieoakleyfestival.com.

Tickets to the Barn Dance cost \$20 apiece. They will be on sale within the next two weeks. For now, you can reserve tickets by e-mailing office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

Review Cambridge's Comprehensive Plan

Two years in the works, the proposed new Comprehensive Plan for the City of Cambridge recently landed on the desk of our elected officials. The plan envisions a special “Downtown Development District” created to bring more quality housing and businesses to the core of our community—namely, in our designated Main Street district. You can review the plan at www.ci.cambridge.md.us. Click on “City Hall” and then click on “Notices/Programs/Projects.” Don't be afraid to tell our elected city officials what you think, but we would appreciate it if you told them that the revitalization of downtown Cambridge should be a top priority!

Drama Guild presents musical June 25-26

The Dorchester Drama Guild, a program of the Dorchester Center for the Arts, will present *Stairway to Heaven*, a musical written and directed by Maureen Curtin. This original play will highlight the musical, acting, and dancing talents of area performers (pictured at right). Performances will be June 25 and 26 at 7:30pm at the DCA, 321 High St. Tickets cost \$10 for DCA members, \$12 for nonmembers, \$6 for students. Refreshments are included. More information 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 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.

LIVE MUSIC

Second Saturday, June 12

Mike Elzey and his guitar students play outside at Cannery Way, 5:30pm; other music listed below.

Jimmie & Sooks:

Live music Thursday through Saturday. Every Thursday is Blake Mills starting at 8pm. Friday and Saturday, music starts at 10pm. Upcoming shows:

June 11: Jeff Calder

June 12: Jimmy Cole Band

June 18: Carter & J Guy

June 19: Third Rail

June 25: Tranzfusion

June 26: Jackson Monsour

July 2: D'Vibe Duo

July 3: Mike Elzey Band

July 10: Zero to None

July 16: Great Train Robbery

July 24: Wicked Jezabel

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



JIMMY COLE

Canvasback Restaurant & Pub:

June 12: Minus One

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

Point Break Beach Bar:

June 19: BLITZED

June 25: Zero to None

July 16: BLITZED

For the latest, call 410.221.7850. 420 Race St.

Snapper's:

June 13: Patty Reese

June 20: Tommy Gunn

June 27: Mark Desrochers

The Tiki Bar is open with Sunday night deck parties. Live music starts at 6pm. 112 Commerce St.

Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park:

July 23: Battle of Britain Concert with Rolling Stones tribute band Shattered and Beatles tribute band Beatlemania. 3-11pm. Tix \$35 in advance. sailwindscambridge.com

Taste of Cambridge Festival

July 10: D'Vibe & Conga, Evan Button, DJ Chuckie Love & more! Details at cambridgemainstreet.com

Annie Oakley Wild West Festival

Aug. 6: Barn Dance featuring Oklahoma Twisters

Aug. 7: Liz Masterson & Western Serenade, Cowboy Country, Oklahoma Twisters

Aug. 8: Arty Hill & the Long Gone Daddys



ARTY HILL

Cambridge Lives! Block Party a winner

PHOTO BY JIM DUFFY

The community group Cambridge Lives! put on a terrific block party on the 600 block of Pine Street on May 22. A crowd turned out to see some great regional talent, including the Sankofa dancers out of Delaware (pictured here) and Cambridge's own Ragin' Unstoppables. There was also a car show, raffles, kids' activities, and much more.

Cambridge Lives! is made up of volunteer citizens meeting once a month and working in partnership with the city and Main Street and other groups toward the revitalization of the historic Pine Street corridor. If you'd like to help out, please get in touch with Elizabeth Daniels at ladyb191@yahoo.com.

'Battle of Britain' concert now part of Powerboat Regatta weekend

PHOTO COURTESY CPBRA

The 100th anniversary of the Cambridge Classic Powerboat Regatta, the oldest active inboard powerboat race in the country, happens July 22-25! Cambridge will host the first-ever running of the Triple Crown (World, Canadian, and U.S. Summer National Championships) in the nation. Event

organizers expect more than 150 race teams—as well as thousands of fans, boaters, and their families here for the event, which will be held at Great Marsh Park. In conjunction with the regatta, there will be a big concert at Sailwinds on Friday, July 23, "Battle of Britain," featuring Rolling Stones tribute band Shattered and Beatles tribute band Beatlemania. Tickets cost \$35 in advance (sailwindscambridge.com). Also, a downtown block party is in the works for Saturday night, July 24, organized by Jimmie & Sook's owner Amanda Bramble. Main Street is one of her many helpers on that one! If you'd like to help, too, stop in J&S and tell Amanda so. More info: www.cpbra.com.

City erects new downtown signage

You may have already noticed the attractive new directional signs going up around downtown. Some are aimed at guiding downtown traffic toward public parking areas; others are aimed at helping pedestrians find their way through our downtown.

The new signs are the work of the City Economic Development department, with some help from a state grant and a volunteer advisory committee.