



**REAL
QUICK!**

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NEW BUSINESSES:
The latest additions to downtown. See page 3.

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A TOUCH O' THE IRISH:
Celebrate at Leaky Pete's (page 2) and Canvasback (page 4).

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EMPTY BOWLS, BIG HEARTS: When is an empty bowl a good thing? See page 5.

**Give Back
2nd Saturday
MARCH 12, 2011**

THIS WEEKEND!

17 downtown Cambridge businesses will devote a portion of proceeds on March 12 to support five great community causes!

DINE FOR A CAUSE!

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy =
Bistro Poplar

Dorchester Center for the Arts =
Canvasback

Dorchester County YMCA =
Jimmie & Sook's

Cambridge Main Street =
Leaky Pete's (gate proceeds from St. Paddy in the Alley; see page 2).

SHOP FOR A CAUSE!

The Sports Boosters at Cambridge South Dorchester High School will receive a portion of proceeds from these shops, galleries, and salons:

- Chesapeake Classics
- Crabcatcher's
- Crabi Gras
- Dragonfly
- A Few of My Favorite Things
- Joie de Vivre

- Lednum's Jewelers
- Main Street Gallery
- Malina Custom Leather
- Mirror Mirror Salon
- Sugar Magnolia
- Sunnyside
- Whitecap Outdoors

But wait, there's more! March 12 is also Second Saturday, 5-9pm. And St. Paddy in the Alley, 1-7pm. And Backfin's March Madness Antique Sale. And more! Details on page 2.

March 12 chock full of fun

2ND SATURDAY!

Art Shopping Music Fun

CAMBRIDGE

MARCH 12, 5-9 PM

ST. PADDY IN THE ALLEY: Get into the Irish spirit (or spirits, as the case may be), 1-7pm. See box at right.

JAZZERCISE OPEN HOUSE: An open house at the newest downtown business—Cambridge Jazzercise. Owner Jeannie Weitzel moved her fitness dance classes to studio space above Canvasback, and she'll have refreshments and be showcasing demo routines, 5pm til at least 7pm.

CRABI GRAS SNEAK PREVIEW: A sneak preview of a planned new business, Crabi Gras, at 432 Race Street. Opening officially in April, the shop offers an eclectic mix of hot sauces, drink mixes, T-shirts, and novelty items.

TUBMAN BANQUET: The annual Harriet Tubman Banquet (\$25) will be held from 3-6 pm at the Elks Lodge, 618 Pine Street. Honoring the Dorchester native and Underground Railroad heroine, the event is sponsored by the Harriet Tubman Organization (410-228-0401; 410-228-8253).

MARCH MADNESS ANTIQUE SALE: Backfin's first-ever March Madness Antique Sale will be in the parking lot next to the shop, 411 Washington Street. Event will be held rain or shine, with savings of up to 50 percent!

SHOPPING: Check out all the new spring stuff arriving in shops. Details on sales and more on page 4.

ART GALLERIES: Free receptions at the Dorchester Center for the Arts, Joie de Vivre, and Main Street Gallery. The Danny Doughty Gallery stays open late. More details in the gallery roundup on page 5.

LIVE MUSIC: Point Break has Blackwater (and a Bill Cosby Sweater Contest!), Canvasback has the Chris Gillis Band, and Jimmie & Sook's has the 3rd Rail Band.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT: Try Second Saturday babysitting at the YMCA—\$10 per child for Friends of Main Street (see page 6) and \$5 for YMCA members. 5-10:30pm for ages 4-10. Reserve by noon, March 9, at 410.221.0505.

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

Check for updates at cambridgemainstreet.com.

Besides being Give Back Second Saturday (be sure to shop and dine any time of day to help local charities, see page 1), March 12 is brimming with events. We know spring has sprung when there's so much going on! Just remember that shops and galleries will be open all day and then into the evening. A few other highlights of the day:

St. Paddy in the Alley

The first annual St. Paddy in the Alley party goes from 1-7 p.m. in the alleyway behind Leaky Pete's Oyster and Wine Bar, 404 Race Street. Look for live music, great food, green beer, local shopping displays, and more. Live music by the Doug Segree Band and Greg Phillips Trio. Green beer, hot dogs, hamburgers, pit ham, beer, oysters, crushes, Bushmills and Baileys girls, giveaways. \$5 cover, children 12 and under free. 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, Robyne and Terry!).



EVENTS

2ND SAT.

MARCH 12 Give Back Second Saturday

Dine and shop, and participating merchants will give to charity. Shops, galleries stay open late. See page 1.

MARCH 12

St. Paddy in the Alley

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Leaky Pete's. See box at left.

MARCH 12

March Madness Antique Sale

In the parking lot next to Backfin Antiques, Washington & Race Streets.

MARCH 12, 3-6pm

Harriet Tubman Banquet

Elks Lodge, 618 Pine St. \$25. 410.228.0401.

MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day at Canvasback

Two live bands, Irish food and libations. See page 4.

APRIL 1-3

Maryland Boatbuilders & Dealers Expo

At Sailwinds. See page 6.

APRIL 2, 2pm-7

Jimmie & Sook's Crabi Gras Event

3rd annual Crabi Gras with live music, food, drink. Outside on Race St.

2ND SAT.

APRIL 9 Second Saturday

Shops, galleries stay open late.

APRIL 16

Guest Artist Event

Benefit for Dorchester Center for the Arts. See page 7.

More at cambridgemainstreet.com

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on March 12!

City supports nonprofit groups

Many thanks to the Cambridge City Council, which recently approved spending a total of \$20,000 to support a dozen community groups at various levels. Cambridge Main Street was one of the awardees, receiving \$7,900. The city is grappling with a tight budget situation, so the amounts are by necessity down significantly from previous years. Here at Main Street, we'll be looking to cover the gap by seeking support from businesses and families in the community, as well as by running more profitable events.

Introducing Fresh Coat Cambridge

As summer approaches, we'll be asking volunteers and supporters to get involved in a fun new project—Fresh Coat Cambridge! Still in the planning phases, the initiative aims to beautify our downtown by delivering volunteer labor to spruce up some key downtown buildings—a coat of paint, minor repairs, etc. Stay tuned for details. In the meantime, thanks to the volunteer planning team working hard to get this up and running—Michael McGrath, Tim Crosby, Amanda Bramble, Lois Colaprete, Ted Kanatas, and Phil Feldman. If you'd like to be a part of this advance team, please let us know: office@cambridgemainstreet.com or 443.477.0843.



New Arrival 1: Welcome, Jazzercise!

Owner Jeannie Weitzel has moved Jazzercise of Cambridge into the heart of downtown, renting a dance studio on the second floor above Canvasback Restaurant at 420 Race Street. Jazzercise offers about a dozen classes per week that mix dance-based cardio workouts with strength training and stretching. More information at 410-419-0879 and jazzcambridge@yahoo.com.



New Arrival 2: Welcome, Crabi Gras

Downtown's newest retail store, Crabi Gras, is now open in sneak-preview mode at 432 Race Street, across from Jimmie & Sook's. Owner Keith Graffius has stocked his fun shop with an eclectic mix of hot sauces, drink mixes, t-shirts, and other novelty items. One wall features an expansive mural painted by artist Danny Doughty! The checkout station is a re-purposed tiki bar. Fun stuff! 432 Race Street, 410-228-0108; crabigras@gmail.com

THE BUZZ

- 1 Renewed hope for Marshyhope.** Great to see construction crews back at work on the old Marshyhope Building, 427-433 Race Street! Thanks to Brett Summers and NOVO Development for their commitment to moving things forward in our downtown.
- 2 Join the team!** Our Promotions Team is the fun-loving crew of volunteers who put on great summer events like Taste of Cambridge and Summer Sendoff. The 2011 Taste Team is holding its first meeting on March 10 and would love to add new members as the event gets closer. E-mail office@cambridgemainstreet.com if you're interested.
- 3 Money-saving idea.** Looking to save money on electric bills? Who isn't? Our friends at the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce are planning informational meetings about their Chamber Electrical Co-op that can cut bills by 12 to 18 percent. Businesses are the focus at 1pm and 6pm on March 16. Residential customers are the focus at 6pm on the March 17. Both meetings are at the Holiday Inn Express. More info at 410-228-3575.
- 4 Fond farewell.** A fond farewell and best wishes to Elizabeth Miskell and her team at Avé salonspa. The salon closed its doors recently.
- 5 Fun Raiser wishes.** Best of luck to our friends and partners at the Dorchester County YMCA as they get ready to hold their annual Fun Raiser on March 19! Call 410-221-0505 to learn how you can join the fun and support a great cause.

NEWS FROM DOWNTOWN SHOPS & RESTAURANTS

A Cambridge Irish tradition returns to Canvasback/Point Break March 17

Canvasback's annual St. Patrick's Day party is always a huge hit here in Cambridge. On March 17, the restaurant will feature music by Chester River Runoff and special Irish dishes including Hargadon's Irish Stew, Irish Whiskey Steak, Guinness Beef Stew, and Cottage Pie—along with the not quite traditional Blarney Skins. Lots of Irish libations will be available as well. Plus, Cambridge's own Anne Watts and friends will be putting on their annual St. Patrick's Day show out back at Point Break Beach Bar. It's two St. Patrick's Day parties in one! Call 410-221-5177 for details.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Jimmie and Sook's has become an essential Eastern Shore stop-in for everything from meatloaf to exotic salmon dishes. Bramble and her ever-expanding and improving restaurant are a major player in the revival of downtown Cambridge."

JOSH DAVIS, *DAILY TIMES*

Backfin Antiques: The first-ever March Madness Antiques Sale will be held on Saturday, March 12, in the parking lot outside Backfin Antiques, 411 Washington Street. Event will be held rain or shine, with savings of up to 50 percent on some items.

Crabi Gras: Stop by on Second Saturday, March 12, for a sneak preview of this new shop and for free samples of Herloch's Dipping Mustard (two cases were sold in no time at the Outdoors Show), Robert Rothschild Farms Roasted Red Pepper & Onion Dip, and Dorchester County Road Kill Hot Sauce. Crabi Gras will have dip samples every Friday and Saturday. 432 Race St.



Chesapeake Classics: These fellows are new additions to the walls at Chesapeake Classics. They'll keep an eye on the shop, which now

sports two floors of hunting, fishing, and outdoor gear, plus tons of decoys.

Leaky Pete's: Try the blackened crabcake with roasted lemon



aioli (pictured here). Wine and beer flights also available. Plus Tuesday is Ladies Night with \$5 martinis and live jazz, and Wednesday is Rib Night.

Sugar Magnolia: 50-70% off of most items, plus new designer spring wear just arrived!

You're ready for spring—but is your boat?

It's only March, but boaters should start getting ready now for that first warm snap. Whitecap Outdoors Consignment is bringing in more supplies each day to help you prepare. If you are looking for something in particular, call ahead. 410-775-6697. Fasteners, paint, dock line, bimini frames, canvas, fenders, etc. The list goes on.

Flip-flop season is almost here!

Watch for FitFlops at Sunnyside. They're biomechanically engi-



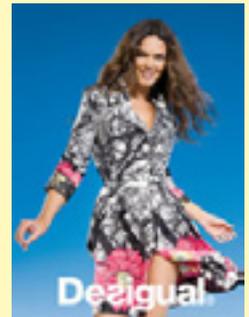
neered to help tone and tighten your leg muscles while you walk in them. Plus Sunnyside has cool recycled rubber bracelets from Africa, only \$1 each. Buy 5 and get the 6th free!



Great way to get into the warm weather spirit.

Spring has sprung at Dragonfly

Spring is in the air at Dragonfly! 15% off new spring arrivals. Tanning is in full swing! Call for details. Spring hours are now Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm.



Book signing at Dorchester Arts Center March 17

Jack Scanlon will share excerpts from *Reflections from a Deer Stand*, and sign books, 5:30-7:30pm on Thursday, March 17 at the Dorchester Center for the Arts. Dr. Scanlon writes about everything from old hunting coats to duck calling to hunting etiquette with a touch of humor in more than 30 short essays. His essays have appeared in the *Washington Post* and New York's *Newsday*, where he was a columnist for 10 years. Books are available for purchase in the DCA Studioworks Gift Shop. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Reserve by March 15 at 410.228.7782.

IN THE GALLERIES

**Empty Bowls fundraiser April 13:**

Artists of all ages have been hard at work, creating and painting lovely clay bowls for the first-ever Empty Bowls fundraiser 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. Kudos to the Dorchester Center for the Arts' Mickey Love, who's serving as the local coordinator (the DCA is also donating supplies to make the bowls), and all the artists (including members of the Wednesday Morning Artists) who have donated their time.

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.

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.



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. A free reception happens Second Saturday, March 12, 5-8pm. 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, March 12. 410 Race Street

Dorchester Center for the Arts: Showing works by 13 different artists, all faculty members at Salisbury University. Photography, paintings, sculpture, and more (we hear there's even work created with cat hair!). Free reception on Second Saturday, March 12, 6-8pm. Light refreshments and live music by Linda Andrews. Show runs March 3-26. 321 High Street



Joie de Vivre Gallery: Showcasing the work of Cambridge folk artist John Root Hopkins. A free reception begins at 5pm on Second Saturday, March 12. (If the artist's health allows, he will be there.) An entire wall at the American Visionary Art Museum now features the work of

this retired patent attorney as part of its yearlong exhibition "What Makes Us Smile?" Hopkins was also featured in a *Baltimore* magazine story when the AVAM exhibition opened last fall. 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 Vogel 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 (click on In the Art Galleries).



Boat Show coming April 1-3

The second annual Maryland Boatbuilders & Dealers Expo sets sail the weekend of April 1-3. Held at Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park, the Expo showcases one-of-a-kind vessels crafted by top custom boatbuilders such as Mathews Brothers, Swain Boatbuilders, Composite Yacht, and others. Top boat dealers will be on hand with their vessels as well. Jimmie & Sook's will be serving up Eastern Shore specialties, and other vendors will be on hand with boating gear and more. A portion of gate proceeds will go to Cambridge Main Street (thanks, MTS Broadcasting!). See marylandboatbuildersanddealers.com for all the details.

Police stats show a safer downtown

With 2010 behind us, Cambridge Main Street asked the Police Department to review its numbers for major crimes in the downtown area. We're happy to report that the serious crimes tracked as "Part 1" offenses are down a strong 29.1 percent over the last two years downtown.

"This confirms the experience of so many people who work and relax downtown," said Jim Duffy of Cambridge Main Street. "Day in and day out, we see just how rare it is that there are any serious incidents."

Citywide statistics haven't been fully compiled for 2010 yet, but they showed a reduction of 27 percent in serious offenses in 2009 compared with 2008. Chief Malik reported that Part 1 offenses are at their lowest level in Cambridge since the mid-1970s. He also noted that in recent months the department has stepped up its focus on "quality of life" issues downtown, such as loitering and vagrancy offenses.

"We'd like to thank the chief and his officers for maintaining a strong, supportive presence downtown," said Duffy. "The work they're doing really helps create a climate that supports the revitalization of our downtown."

Tax break updates

- The city's New Resident Senior Tax Credit is up and running. Open to individuals 60 and older who are moving into Cambridge from elsewhere, the program offers a 50 percent credit on annual property taxes for three years. Get more info at 410-228-4020.

- A new Tax Credit & Impact Fee Waiver kicks in when property owners complete at least \$50,000 in building improvements. Impact fees on such projects are waived, and owners received a graduated break over five years on paying taxes on increases in the assessed value resulting from the improvements.

Both programs were proposed in the city's Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Jimmie & Sook's Crabi Gras Party lasts all day April 2

To celebrate the opening of crabbing season, Jimmie & Sook's throws a party on Saturday, April 2 with lots of live music (Anna Burgess, 3rd Rail Band, Mike Elzey Mayhem Band, and Tranzfusion), food, drinks, vendors, and more. Entertainment begins at 2pm outside on Race Street. Donations will be collected for the Chesapeake Bay Waterman's Association. More info at 443.225.4115.

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 starting to plan 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@cambridge-mainstreet.com.

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:

March 11: Jeff Washington Band

March 12: 3rd Rail Band

March 17: Karaoke with DJ Chuckie (9pm)

March 18: Blues DeVille

March 25: Hot Tub Limo

March 26: Rhythm Method

April 2: Crabi Gras Party with Anna Burgess, 3rd Rail Band, Mike Elzey Mayhem Band, Tranzfusion (2pm-2am)

April 9: Jeff Washington

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

Canvasback Pub:

March 12: Chris Gillis Band

March 17: Chester River Run Off, 7:30pm

March 19: Brooks Long

April 2: Anna Burgess and John Brittingham

Call for more info, 410.221.7888. 420 Race St.

Leaky Pete's Oyster & Wine Bar:

Tuesday nights feature live jazz with Everett Spells, 7-10pm

March 10: David Glaser (acoustic guitar), 8-11pm

March 12: St. Paddy in the Alley with Doug Segree Band and Greg Phillips Trio, 1-7pm (see page 2)

March 24: Meg Murray and Brian Ewaugh, 8-11pm

March 31: Doug Segree

Call for details, 410.228.2245. 404 Race St.

Point Break Beach Bar:

March 12: Blackwater and Sticky Longfingers and the Rusted Butter (plus prizes for best Bill Cosby sweater)

March 17: Anne Watts

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

CAMBRIDGE
MAIN STREET'S*Spring
Fling!*

MAY 7, 2011

Mad money, music, food, and fun!

Cambridge Yacht Club

Watch for details: cambridgemainstreet.com**April 16 Guest Artist event benefits DCA**

For the Guest Artist 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 an invitation, call 410.228.7782.

We wish good luck to all the teams (some pictured above), 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), Wayne Sandberg + Jeanne Ewell (watermedia).

**Christ Church Concert Series:**

See concert pianist Thomas Pandolfi perform on Sunday, March 20, 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. Info at 410-228-3161.