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DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS. Bike racks and trees are coming to downtown! See page 6.

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2ND SATURDAY FUN! Shops and galleries stay open late for Second Saturday festivities Oct. 10. See page 2.

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NATURE AS ART: New work at the Main Street Gallery will have you seeing twigs and grasses in a whole new light. See page 3.

Mural dedication Second Saturday, Oct. 10



This photo montage shows the Cannery Way mural in its entirety.

The Cannery Way mural will be dedicated during a ceremony at 5pm, Second Saturday, Oct. 10. Cambridge Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley is expected to be on hand, as well as artists and volunteers who worked on the mural. Everyone is invited to the dedication to celebrate this wonderful addition to downtown. People from as far away as California, New Mexico, England, and Alaska have worked on the mural, as well as folks from surrounding states and counties, according to mosaic artist Jen Wagner, who helped spearhead the project more than a year ago. The mural is based on a design by artist Willy Schlossbach, who has a studio at 447 Studios & Gallery on Race Street. The mural, on the side of the Hunt Insurance Building at 436 Race Street, traces the heritage of Cambridge and surrounding areas, with the Choptank River serving as the unifying element. The river is created from mosaic.



Artist Jen Wagner (center) and volunteers work on grouting the last of the mosaic.

Second Saturday also features gallery receptions, sales, and more. See page 2.

Schooners coming to town Oct. 23-25

Day sails, dockside tours, illumination, and more



See majestic schooners up close during Schooner Rendezvous. [Photo by Mark Bramble]

Experience the beauty and majesty of schooners and other historic ships during the Cambridge Schooner Rendezvous Oct. 23-25 at Long Wharf in Cambridge. Stop by for dockside tours, sails, and mariner's tours, as well as maritime and bluegrass music, food, vendors, and more. Opening festivities include a Parade of Sail 11am-1pm on Saturday. And be sure to stop by at night—for the first time, the boats will be illuminated until 11pm Friday and Saturday nights (thanks to the Choptank Electric Cooperative).

More than a dozen schooners and other historic vessels are expected, including *Pride of Baltimore II*, *Mystic Whaler*, *Lady Maryland*, *Liberty Clipper*, *Martha White*, *Pirates Lady*, the skipjack *Nathan of Dorchester*, and a deadrise workboat.

For details go to cambridgeschoonerrendezvous.com or call 410.221.1871.

Cambridge Schooner Rendezvous Highlights

Opening festivities, 10am, Sat.

Parade of Sail, 11am-1pm, Sat.

Dockside tours, day sails, mariner cruises, live music, vendor row—Sat. & Sun.

Eastern Shore Dinner, tickets required, 6:30pm, Sat.

Schooner illumination, dusk-11pm, Fri. & Sat.

Movie: *Master and Commander*, Sat. night

Details: www.cambridgeschoonerrendezvous.com or 410.221.1871



ABOUT CAMBRIDGE MAIN STREET

Cambridge Main Street is a volunteer-driven nonprofit dedicated to revitalizing our historic downtown. Contact Executive Director Jim Duffy at office@cambridgemainstreet.com or 410.228.0020.

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Second Saturday fun on Oct. 10 downtown



Don't miss Second Saturday, Oct. 10, with music by Mike Elzey and his guitar students starting at 5pm. Plus special sales, art exhibits, fine dining, and more. Shops and galleries stay open until 8 or 9pm.

Date night for the

parents: Here's your chance to drop the kids off and have a date night to yourselves—and what an amazing deal. See if you qualify for the new Second Saturday Date Night babysitting at the YMCA—only \$10 per child for Friends of Cambridge Main Street and \$5 for YMCA members. It runs 5–10:30pm for children ages 4 to 10. Parents who tried this last month are raving about it! Reserve by noon, Oct. 8, by calling the Y at 410.221.0505. (See story on page 6 for details on how to become a Friend of Main Street.)

Shopping: Check out new fall items in the stores. See a roundup of restaurant and shop specials on page 5.

Arts: Take part in celebrating the official dedication of the Cannery Way mural at 5pm (see page 1). Explore new work at the galleries. Art galleries will stay open late, most with free receptions. See the complete rundown of gallery shows on page 3. While you're at Joie de Vivre, stop by the book signing for *Haunted Eastern Shore* (see page 4).

Dining: Stop by for lunch, a cocktail, a snack, dinner, or dessert at one of the restaurants that's part of Cambridge's growing dining scene. Try Bella Luna (Italian), Bistro Poplar (French), Canvasback (Irish pub and restaurant), Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar & Grill, Portside, and Scoop Station.

More: Second Saturday Book Sale at the Cambridge Library, 9am–2pm.... Fall Festival at Grace United Methodist Church, 501 Race St., 7am–1pm.

Don't forget the YMCA's Second Saturday Parent's Night Out on Oct. 10—only \$10 for 5+ hours of games, movies, swimming, and pizza for your child!

2nd SAT.

Revitalizing a community with Cambridge Lives!

Cambridge Lives! played host to more than 100 youth and families, and dozens of community and business leaders at a Back-to-School Picnic & Community Cookout, Sept. 26.

The event, complete with marching band, parade, BBQ, moon bounce, popcorn, and live entertainment, was held at a city-owned lot just off High Street and Chesapeake Court at Schoolhouse Lane and was organized in an effort to showcase community involvement in the revitalization of the Pine Street community.

Many thanks to the generous donors and volunteers who made the event possible, including Bethel AME Church, Club Envy, Concerned Men of Cambridge, Elks Lodge #224, and numerous community partners. Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley, Cambridge Main Street, and several members of the Cambridge City Council were on hand to help with the event and talk to the community about Cambridge Lives!

Cambridge Lives! is a project designed to coordinate a detailed community action plan and advance revitalization efforts in the Pine Street



A community picnic sponsored by Cambridge Lives! drew more than 100 residents in the Pine Street community.

community. To get involved and help support Cambridge Lives! please mark your calendars for Nov. 6 and 7, when a two-day planning workshop open to the public will examine ideas, priorities, and possibilities for the future of a neighborhood filled with historical and cultural riches.

For more information, 410.228.0020.

EVENTS

OCT. 8, 15, 3:30–6:30pm

Main Street Farmers' Market

Last days of the season! Thursday near Academy & Muir Streets. Fresh produce, meats, oysters, baked goods, and more.

2nd SAT.

OCT. 10, 5pm

Cannery Way Mural Dedication

Ceremony to mark the completion of mural. 400 block of Race St. See page 1.

OCT. 10, 5–9pm

Second Saturday

Galleries and shops stay open late. See story at left.

OCT. 11, 11am–4pm

Kite Festival

Go fly a kite at Sailwinds East by the Visitor Center. See page 5.

OCT. 17, 12–8pm

Crabtoberfest

German and Eastern Shore food, music, dancing, heritage, more. Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park. See page 4.

OCT. 23–25

Schooner Rendezvous

More than a dozen ships come to Cambridge for dockside tours, day sails, more. See page 1.

NOV. 6 & 7

Cambridge Lives! Community Workshop

Planning for the future of the Pine Street community. See story at left.

**More events at
cambridgemainstreet.com**

the Arts in Cambridge



Frank Thomas, a welder at Cambridge International, works on a sculpture to mark the city's 325th anniversary. [Photo by Dave Harp]

Major sculpture to mark city's 325th

A major public sculpture will be unveiled in the coming weeks to mark the city's 325th birthday. The sculpture was designed by artist Martin Hughes, a key member of the volunteer team running the Main Street Gallery. It is being fabricated by a team of employees at Cambridge International, the world's largest manufacturer of metal belt and wire cloth. The employees are donating their time to the project.

A final location for the piece has yet to be determined, but sneak previews of the project are planned for the Main Street Gallery during Second Saturday festivities on Nov. 14 and during a city 325th birthday bash at Sailwinds Park on Dec. 11. Watch future issues of this newsletter and www.cambridgemainstreet.com for details.

Share your best vacation photos in art center's show

The Dorchester Center for the Arts is seeking submissions to Dorchester County's Annual Community Photography Show & Sale. This year's theme is vacation photos. Both amateur and professional photographers are welcome to submit works. There's also a youth category. The show happens Nov. 5-28 at the center. Download



an application at www.dorchesterarts.org (click on "Events") or call 410.228.7782. The reception and awards ceremony happens Second Saturday, Nov. 14, 6-8pm. Open to the public, the show is judged and each photographer may enter up to three works.

IN THE GALLERIES

Twigs, bark, grasses transformed into works of art at Main Street Gallery

Artist Marcia Wolfson Ray transforms what others might toss on the yard waste pile into stunning works of art. She lives in South Dorchester County for the summer; Baltimore for the winter. Wherever she goes, from fields and marshes to vacant city lots, she's on the lookout for twigs, bark, seed-pods, grasses, reeds, and plant stalks. She's inspired by the patterns and rhythms she finds in these natural "found objects."

She spends weeks on each sculpture, carefully preserving the pieces with a protective coating (which makes them surprisingly sturdy) and tying them together with string. The result is a beautiful work of shape, geometry, texture, and structure.

Wolfson Ray is just one of more than a dozen artists whose works are featured in this month's show at the Main Street Gallery, "The Shore: Line, Light & Color." You can meet some of the artists at a reception open to the public 5-8pm, Second Saturday, Oct. 10. The show runs through Nov. 7. The gallery is open Friday and Saturday, 11am-4pm.



MARCIA WOLFSON RAY



DAVE HARP

Main Street Gallery:

A new show, *The Shore: Line, Light & Color*, runs through Nov. 7 (see story

above). Featuring, among others, Carla Huber, Diane Stoecker, Pat Hayes, Bob Madden, Deborah Haynes, Dave Harp, Anne Nielsen, Dave Gibbons, and Marcia Wolfson Ray. Come to the reception Second Saturday, Oct. 10,

5-8pm. The gallery is open Friday and Saturday, 11am-4pm; until 8pm Second Saturday, Oct. 10. 413 Muir Street



LINDA ROY WALLS

Dorchester Center for the Arts:

Featuring works by Ed Wozny (wood carvings), Linda Roy Walls (photos on canvas). Also, maritime/schooner-themed work to celebrate this month's Schooner Rendezvous. Artists' Reception on Second Saturday, Oct. 10, 6-8 pm, with live music by Betty Boda (celtic harp) and light refreshments. Show continues through Oct. 31. 321 High Street

Joie de Vivre

Gallery: Featuring the work of folk artist Danny Doughty in the main gallery, metal sculptor Albert Doughty, Jr., mosaic

JEN WAGNER



artist Jen Wagner, and more. Open late on Second Saturday, Oct. 10. 410 Race St.

Maris Elaine Gallery: A new photo essay, "100 African-American Women We Admire." Show opens at 6pm Second Saturday, Oct. 10; remarks at 7pm. The second-floor gallery also includes wide-ranging work from local, national, and international artists. 520 Race Street

447 Studios &

Gallery:

See the new exhibit that opened Oct. 3 with work by Deanna Davis, Maureen Sheridan Farrell, Patti Lucas Hopkins, Mary Ann Schindler, and Willy Schlossbach. Plus guest artists Robert LaForce and Heidi Wetzel. Open Saturdays, 10am-4pm; open until 8pm on Second Saturday, Oct. 10. 447 Race Street



DEANNA DAVIS

Also, don't miss the work of artist George Wright at **Wright's Art & Framing**. (Did you know Wright's work hangs in Cooperstown's Baseball Hall of Fame and the Maryland Senate?) Plus, see the work of waterfowl artists at **Chesapeake Classics**.

For the latest on what's happening in the galleries, check out the "The Arts in Cambridge" web page at cambridgemainstreet.com.

Crabtoberfest is Oct. 17.

The fourth annual Crabtoberfest Saturday, Oct. 17 features an authentic German biergarten (and wine); German and Eastern Shore cuisine; music (including die Schlauburger, America's #1 German band, and D.C. bluesman Swamp Dog), dancing, and entertainment on two stages; displays showcasing Dorchester County's heritage; children's activities, and more. Noon–8pm at Governor's Hall at Sailwinds Park, on the waterfront in Cambridge. General admission \$5 (children 10 and under free). Details: www.crabtoberfest.com, 410.228.3575.



DRAMA

Murder Mystery Oct. 23-24:

Wedding Bells of Doom, a Murder Mystery Production at Dorchester Center for the Arts. Brought to you by the Dorchester Drama Guild. A bride who is fascinated with Halloween has chosen that night as her wedding date, then drops dead in the middle of the ceremony. Come watch the real high jinks that begin. 7:30pm, Oct. 23 and 24. \$10 for DCA members, \$12 for non-members. Refreshments included. For more information, call 410.228.7782.



NEWS

Ghost Walks on Saturdays in October

Discover the county's eerie legends and folk tales during the Ghost Walks on historic High Street, sponsored by the Dorchester Center for the Arts. Great for the family. Saturdays only at 8pm, through Oct. 31. \$10 per person. Pre-register at 410.228.7782.

New book tells Dorchester's spooky stories

Stop by the book signing at Joie de Vivre Gallery starting at 5:30pm, Second Saturday, Oct. 10, for the new book, *Haunted Eastern Shore*, by Shore resident Mindie Burgoyne. Dorchester County mentions in the book include Shoal Creek Manor, Patty Cannon's Trail of Tears, Suicide Bridge, Green Briar Swamp and Big Lizz, and various tales from Down Below.



Intermediate line dancing at Main Street Gallery

We're guessing that if you do line dancing, you've never danced surrounded by beautiful works of art. Now you can. The Main Street Gallery, 413 Muir Street, is the site for Phoenix Line Dance, new line dancing classes for experienced dancers. Word has it that the floor is amazing to dance on. The dances are led by Joyce Fritz Ritz, an energetic and passionate dancer (and chair of the Arts & Entertainment Committee for Cambridge Main Street). Classes happen when the gallery is normally closed. Tuesday, 4-6pm, is an intermediate/advanced class for those who have been dancing for years and are interested in learning more challenging dances. \$10 per class. Thursday, 4-5pm, is an intermediate class for dancers who have taken a beginner class and are ready to learn more. \$5 per class. The first class is free. (Beginner classes are available at the Dorchester County YMCA). For details, contact Joyce Fritz Ritz, phoenixlinedance@gmail.com or 443.205.9259.

Get your Eat, Drink & Buy Art passport stamped!

"Eat, Drink, & Buy Art" is a new way to explore the arts, dining, and more in nine towns around the Eastern Shore, including Cambridge. This campaign includes a 16-page brochure inserted in the October issue of *Maryland Life* magazine, as well as a website – EatDrinkBuyArt.com—with info on artists, restaurants, galleries, shops, and events. Join the passport contest—and be eligible for prizes—by getting your "passport" on the back of the brochure stamped at participating sites. Find out more at EatDrinkBuyArt.com. The nine participating towns are Berlin, Cambridge, Chestertown, Easton, Elkton, Denton, Princess Anne, Salisbury, and Snow Hill. Eat, Drink & Buy Art was developed by Eastern Shore TADD (Tourism, Arts, and Downtown Development).



MUSIC

Jimmie & Sook's: Live music Wednesday through Saturdays. Every Wednesday is Anna Burgess; every Thursday is acoustic jam. Upcoming shows:

- Oct 10:** Justin Ryan.
- Oct. 16:** Patty Reese.
- Oct. 17:** Blues DeVill (fundraiser for Cambridge South Dorchester High School's Athletic/Music Boosters).
- Oct. 23:** D'Vibe & Conga Duo (fundraiser for Richardson Maritime Museum and Cambridge Schooner Rendezvous).
- Oct. 24:** Sean Pelan.
- Nov. 6:** Patty Reese.
- Nov. 7:** Madman Doug.

For the latest, check the calendar at www.jimmieandsooks.com. 421 Race Street

Scoop Station: Live music every week.

- Oct. 8:** James Cook Jazz.
- Oct. 9:** Greg McElroy Meisner (Irish, folk, and blues)
- Oct. 23:** Spare Time and open mic.

For the latest, check the calendar at www.thescoopstation.com. 400 Muir Street

Big Band Music: Hot Society Orchestra of Washington

plays their big band music from the 1920s, 30s, and 40s on Sunday, Oct. 18 at Christ Episcopal Church. Concert starts at 4pm, followed by a reception. This is part of the Christ Episcopal Church Concert Series. Tickets at the door \$10 (free for children and students). More info at 410.228.3161.



Canvasback Restaurant & Pub: Call for information on live music, 410.221.7888.

Point Break Beach Bar: Call for upcoming shows, 410.221.7850.

NEWS



Save the Christmas Parade!

This year's Cambridge-Dorchester Christmas Parade could be canceled unless the community steps up with donations and volunteer help. The committee is aiming to raise at least \$10,000. If this doesn't happen, the parade will be canceled and the committee will concentrate its efforts on building a strong base for the 2010 parade. To help, contact Laura Weldon, 410.228.3092, info@christmasparade.org.

Kite Festival is Oct. 11

Fifth annual Kite Festival features kites of all shapes and sizes, stunt kite competitions, demonstrations. Free. Bring a kite, or buy or make your own at the festival and enter it into the competition. Don't miss OLO, the 130-foot octopus kite. 11am-4pm, Oct. 11, Sailwinds Park East near the Visitor Center. Details at 410.228.1000 or TourDorchester.org.



New writers' group forming

Have you always wanted to be a writer? Join others in a new writers' group at the Dorchester Center for the Arts. The first meeting will be 7:30pm, Wednesday, Oct. 28. The group will meet every third Wednesday. For details, contact Doug Ridley at dougridley@comcast.net or 443.521.0039.

Harriet Tubman museum open during construction

The Harriet Tubman Organization Museum & Education Center at 424 Race St. is open regular hours, Tuesday through Saturday, during construction while the facade is improved. Please use the rear entrance. With help from a state grant, construction crews are rehabbing the center, one of downtown's most historic buildings.

NEWS from SHOPS & RESTAURANTS

LunaChick now open.

LunaChick features fun and funky clothing and jewelry, as well as one-of-a-kind handcrafted items from artisans around the country. A longtime artist and crafter, owner and Easton resident Christie Rottman (pictured here) has filled LunaChick with her creations and the handmade creations of others from as near as Cambridge and as far away as Greece. There are "green," repurposed pieces—accessories made from vintage men's neckties, dominoes turned into jewelry, and old glass bottles re-blown into vases. There's also clothing from Sacred Threads, Freak Street, and Jayli—all fair trade companies—along with reasonably priced sterling silver jewelry. Open Wednesday-Sunday at 430 Race St., 410.221.0016.



BELLA LUNA:

Mon. dinner special: salad, lasagna, glass of wine, \$20.



CANVASBACK: Three-course weekend dinner specials, only \$18.99. Chef's choice includes appetizer, entree, and dessert. Also, stop in for live music.

CHESAPEAKE CLASSICS:

Starting in mid-October, expanded hours and more. Stay tuned.

DRAGONFLY: Fall sweaters, jackets, more. BB Dakota, Weston Wear, and others.

JFH DESIGNS: Draperies, upholstery, lifetime warranty on Hunter Douglas shades, blinds, shutters. 443.521.2258

JOIE DE VIVRE: Check out rings made with recycled watch parts, and funky watches and bracelets. New work arriving (and disappearing!) daily.

MARIS ELAINE GALLERY:

Trollbead sale: Buy a clasp and two beads and get a free bracelet.



PEAR TREE SOUTH: New bamboo wear has just arrived. New sizes. New baby bamboo colors, and now Bamboo lounge and sleepwear for men. Deliciously soft.



RUG & ANTIQUE GALLERY: Store closing, retirement sale. Everything up to 75% off.

SUGAR MAGNOLIA: 4th anniversary sale: Buy 3 items; get 4th free. For a limited time.

SUNNYSIDE: All new for fall. Spend \$50 and you'll get \$10 toward your next purchase. Good through October 31. One per customer. Open 7 days.

WRAP ME UP BOUTIQUE: Stop by for fall knits: sweater-jackets, shawl-collar sweaters, flowing shawls, scarves. 410 Race St. (in Joie de Vivre)

POPLAR FEST AT BISTRO

POPLAR: Enjoy German beers paired with specialty foods from Germany. \$50 per person (tax, tip not included). Friday, Oct. 23, 6pm. www.bistropoplar.com. Call to reserve: 410.228.4884.

NEWS BITS

1 Many thanks to Rick and Rosie Travers for the incredible job they did watering and maintaining the hanging baskets and flowerpots downtown this year. **2** A shout-out to Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill, which has planned a fundraiser for Cambridge Main Street featuring music by the Bullets on Second Saturday, Nov. 14. **3** The skipjack *Nathan of Dorchester* wraps up the season with cruises through Oct. 31. Get the schedule at www.skipjack-nathan.org.

Bike racks coming to downtown

Great news for those of you who like to get around by bicycle. Bike racks are coming to downtown! Five attractive bike racks will be installed in the coming weeks near Bella Luna, Avé Salon Studio, A Few of My Favorite Things, Jimmie & Sook's, and 450 Race Street. The bike racks came about when someone attending Taste of Cambridge saw the need—and gave an anonymous donation to the Choptank Heritage Trail group (Thanks to that anonymous donor!). "Providing



bike parking in our downtown shows that cyclists are welcome, and where we stop and store bikes is to be celebrated rather than hidden," said Brian Roche, a member of Main Street's Clean Safe & Green Committe. "The design fits well with the historic buildings downtown—the equivalent of a modern day 'hitching post' long ago when people rode horses."

25 trees to be planted downtown this month

This month, 25 trees will be planted downtown to provide more shade and complement the existing street trees. Funding comes through a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust Urban Greening Grant Program. The trees will all be native to Maryland, including dogwoods, redbuds, sycamore, oaks, maples, and tulip poplars. Planting days will be scheduled soon; check cambridgemainstreet.com for updates. "The City of Cambridge and Cambridge Main Street see the benefits of trees in making our city a better place to live," said Brian Roche, a member of Main Street's Clean Safe & Green Committee. "We hope to eventually get trees planted everywhere in the city the community wants them."

How you can help downtown Cambridge

The work we do at Cambridge Main Street is all about making our community a more vibrant, fun place to live and a more successful place to do business. Ever wonder how you can help? Here are three ways:

Become a Member.

Join the many other businesses, individuals, and families who help our downtown by becoming full members in Cambridge Main Street. Membership gifts begin at the \$100 Stakeholder level; learn more at www.cambridgemainstreet.com

Become a Friend.

The brand new Friends of Cambridge Main Street program is designed to boost connections between Main Street and the families and individuals who love our downtown events and are loyal to our downtown shops. Learn about the benefits of donating \$50 and becoming a Friend 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. Send an e-mail to office@cambridgemainstreet.com or call 410.228.0020 for more information.



Farmers' Market closes season

Oct. 15: Enjoy fresh and organic produce, meats, and more during the final weeks of this season's Cambridge Main Street Farmers' Market, Thursday, Oct. 8 and Oct. 15, 3:30-6:30pm. At Academy and Muir Streets downtown. Thanks to our Market mistress, Beth Ann Lynch, our vendors, and to everyone for a great season. See you in May 2010!



Main Street Mile winners! Team Scrapple (left) won the 2009 Main Street Mile relay race with the fastest time, knocking out the three-time champion team from the Hyatt, which came in second. Team J came in third. With handcrafted red hats, energy, and synchronized stretching before the race, Team CrabCake (right) was the undisputed winner of the Best Team Spirit Award. The Main Street Mile was the highlight of the Summer Send-Off Beer & Wine Block Party on Sept. 19 downtown. Thanks to everyone who came out, and thanks to our sponsors Koons Easton Toyota Scion, Hodes Pessin & Katz, and Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort. Summer Send-Off was organized by Cambridge Main Street.

