

CAMBRIDGE

*Main Street*NEWS *from* DOWNTOWN

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CALENDAR

February 10, 5–9 p.m.
For Your Valentine

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Don't forget your sweet-heart this Valentine's Day! You'll find everything you need downtown: flowers, cards, chocolate, jewelry, and gifts of all kinds. Downtown stores will be open late with special sales and events.

February 12, 5:30–7 p.m.
Main Street Board of Directors Meeting

Open to the public.
 Chamber of Commerce.

March 10, 5–9 p.m.
Celebrating Harriet Tubman

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Downtown stores will be open late with special sales and events. Plus a fundraiser to benefit the Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on Pine Street.

SAVE THE DATE!
May 12

Groove City Jazz & Blues Festival

Performers to include Lafayette Gilchrist, Chris English, Chopsteeth, Rumba Club, and Boister.

Four new restaurants planned for downtown Cambridge by year's end

In the next several months, downtown Cambridge could be welcoming four new restaurants, three of them in the same block.

So far, only one—a **French bistro** planned for 539 Poplar Street—has a chef. That's Ian Campbell, a 26-year-old Cambridge native who graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in New York and has worked at restaurants (including the Inn at Easton) from Florida to California. The bistro will have a relaxed atmosphere and offer reasonably priced fare where you could order everything from a piece of quiche to a five-course dinner. Demolition has started and Mr. Campbell hopes to open in mid-June. "I wanted to open the restaurant in Cambridge and nowhere else," he said. "We definitely want to help with rebuild-

ing downtown and I think this restaurant will be key in doing so."

Crews are hard at work at **Four Corners**, on the corner of Poplar and High Streets, owned by Cambridge native Gage Thomas of Choptank Real Estate. He's still exploring options, but hopes to have the first floor ready for a restaurant this summer. Meanwhile, work is continuing on **513 Poplar Street (formerly Garner's)** owned by Ann Damianos, who plans a two-story restaurant/bar with outside deck opening this summer. And a 130-seat, upper-end casual restaurant space is now complete on the first floor of **540 Race Street**, being developed by Cambridge resident Brett Summers and Novo Development. Mr. Summers reports they're looking for the right chef or restaurant management company.

Pine Street historic marker in the works

A marker is in the works to celebrate the jazz and blues musical heritage of Cambridge's Pine Street, which drew world-famous musicians from the 1920s through the 1950s. The historic marker will be placed in front of the Elks Lodge at 618 Pine Street. Main Street is contributing funds toward the marker, but more is needed for fabrication and installation. Please send checks, made out to Cambridge Main Street, to 501 Poplar

Street, Cambridge, MD 21613. For more information, call 410.228.0020. For a sneak peek of the marker's content, go to www.cambridgemainstreet.com.

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NEWS BITS: **Sunnyside Shop** is taking a late winter hibernation starting February 1 with a grand re-opening March 10 . . . Victor MacSorley's ambitious renovation of **the Nathan buildings** at 315-317 High Street is nearing completion; watch for news on the unveiling . . . **Saguaro Silver**, opened by Jamie Summer in November

2006 as a temporary jewelry store, will close after February's Second Saturday to make way for building renovations . . . For anyone working on yarn projects looking for refreshment and conversation, the **Fibre Café** (in Joie de Vivre at 410 Race Street) will host Fibre Fest on Wednesdays, 6–8 p.m., starting February 7.