

CAMBRIDGE

*Main Street*NEWS *from* DOWNTOWN

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CALENDAR

September 9, 5–9 p.m.
Dorchester County
Heroes


Honor the men and women who work hard as our local heroes every day: teachers, police, EMS, fire and rescue. Program to recognize and welcome teachers from the public schools, Chesapeake College, and Sojourner-Douglass College begins at 6 p.m. in Craig's parking lot. Stores on Race and Poplar Streets will be open late with big sales, summer clearance, and new fall merchandise. 447 Studios and Gallery on Race Street will be open until 8 p.m. And there will be a reception 6–8 p.m. for the opening of a George Wright exhibit at the Dorchester Arts Center on High Street.

September 11, 5:30–7 p.m.
Main Street Board of
Directors Meeting

Open to the public.
Chamber of Commerce.

September 23, 5–9 p.m.
Summer Send-Off
Block Party

Say goodbye to summer with a downtown block party. Stores will be open late. Race and Poplar Streets.

More streetscape improvements in the works

Look for more improvements in downtown Cambridge's streetscape this fall. This continues last year's work of installing historic streetlights, burying of electrical lines and adding brickwork on the sidewalks targeting Cannery Way, the 500 block of Poplar Street and the 400 block of Race Street. Now, the City of Cambridge has received a grant to extend the improvements to the 500 block of Race Street, from Muir Street to

Simmons Center Market. The grant comes through the Maryland Heritage Area Administration (MHAA) and is being matched locally by the city. These kind of facelifts can play an important role in spurring revitalization in downtown blocks. Work is expected to begin this fall, and Main Street is seeking additional funding to continue extending the improvements through more areas of downtown.

Block party, boats, showcase, and more Sept. 23–24

Get ready to celebrate the good vibes of summertime one last time this season the weekend of September 23–24. A host of events are planned. Cambridge Main Street will sponsor the annual **Summer Send-Off Block Party** from 5–9 p.m.

Saturday on Race Street with food and drink, Mike Elzey's Battle of the Bands, kids' activities compliments of the Hyatt, interactive dancing from the YMCA, powerboats and classic cars on display, horse and carriage rides, trolley rides, and more. Stores will be open late. In addition to the block party, the weekend includes:

- Fourth annual **Off-Shore Powerboat Association National Championship** on Saturday and Sunday (for details, go

online to www.cbpbba.com).

- Tenth annual **Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race** starting at 10 a.m. Saturday. Watch from Snapper's Café and enjoy coffee and donuts.
- **Dorchester Showcase**, now in its 30th year, brings artists, crafters, performers, and food vendors to High Street near Long Wharf on Sunday, September 24 from noon–5 p.m. Plus free rides on the Skipjack Nathan of Dorchester.

About this newsletter: *News from Downtown* is brought to you by Cambridge Main Street, a 501c3 organization dedicated to revitalizing downtown Cambridge. To learn more or to volunteer, contact Liddy Garcia-Buñuel, Main Street Executive Director, at 410.228.0020 or liddymainstreet@comcast.net. The Main Street office is at 501 Poplar Street.

NEWS BITS: Mark your calendar and get out the lederhosen for Oktoberfest Saturday, October 14. A **44-person Bavarian folk orchestra** is coming from Cambridge's sister city in Germany to perform at Sailwinds during the day and then downtown in the evening.