



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Meetings (dates to-be-determined) will be held at 7:00 pm in the WHCP Meeting Room
516 Race Street, Cambridge, MD 21613

All CAN Board meetings are open to the public. Everyone interested in CAN is invited to attend.

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- JOIN CAN FOR FREE – <https://cambridgecan.org/join-can/>
- CAN Meeting Minutes – <https://cambridgecan.org/category/meetings/can-meetings-2021/>
- CAN's Unofficial City Council Meeting Notes – <https://cambridgecan.org/category/news/city-council-notes/>
- CAN's Unofficial Planning & Zoning Notes – <https://cambridgecan.org/category/news/p-and-z/>
- CAN's Website – <https://cambridgecan.org>
- CAN on FaceBook – <https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeAssociationofNeighborhoods/>
- Contact CAN – CambridgeCAN@yahoo.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was sad to cancel our ice cream social, especially after all the effort Board members Beth Kline and Mary Ellen Jessien put into all the logistics. However, the Board thought that, with the rise in COVID cases in Dorchester, cancelling was the prudent thing to do. One of the main goals of CAN is to bring neighbors together so that we know each other and can understand the problems that are of interest to our members. We will certainly get back to that approach but for the near future we are going to take the safe road.

CAN is in the process of filling Board positions starting in 2022. If you are interested in bringing new ideas and energy to CAN, we would certainly be happy with nominating you. Please consider getting involved in your community and bring a new perspective to the CAN leadership. See announcement below for details. Thanks!

Chuck McFadden, President
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – CAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Per the Bylaws of the Cambridge Association of Neighborhoods (Article VIII, Section 1), CAN Vice-President Roman Jesien is chairing a Nominating Committee to identify candidates to fill upcoming Board of Director vacancies. [See CAN website at <https://cambridgecan.org/welcome/about/bylaws/>.] We are seeking nominees for four positions:

President

Treasurer

Membership Director

Member At-Large

PLEASE CONTACT ROMAN JESIEN (rjesien@comcast.net) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (BUT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2021) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING NOMINATED or HAVE SOMEONE TO NOMINATE!!

CAN FILES OPEN MEETINGS COMPLAINT AGAINST COUNTY COUNCIL

Earlier this summer, CAN Board Members Tom Puglisi, Beth Kline, Sharon Smith, myself and CAN Member Steve Rideout, filed an Open Meetings Act (OMA) complaint against the County Council with the State's Attorney's Office. The County Council was going into closed session without the proper notifications, reasons and reporting that are required under the Act. The County is required to have someone trained in the requirements and that person is supposed to enforce compliance with the OMA. That did not happen. The State's Attorney's Office agreed with three of our complaints and dismissed several others on very, very technical details.

OMA requirements are designed for public entities to be open and transparent in their deliberations and voting. Hopefully, the Council got the message and will comply with State Law. In order to ensure that the Council is following proper procedures, **CAN is asking for volunteers to monitor County Council meetings**

and take notes. The County Council meets twice a month, and the proceedings can be followed on-line. CAN will provide training.

CAN is also looking for volunteers to monitor the City Council meetings. So, if you would like to get involved, please contact Chuck McFadden at Ragtime31@gmail.com.

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MARINA UPDATE

CAN has finished its Marina report on the physical structure and the long-term financing; thanks to the herculean efforts of Rick Klepfer and Pete Doyle. The report was sent to the Mayor and City Council on August 8th, 2021 (SEE FULL REPORT BELOW). The City manager asked for a presentation at the August 23rd Council Meeting, but the Council decided to have a work session on the issue with CAN and Oasis, the company that runs the Marina. The date is yet to be determined.

The report pointed out that there are two basic issues with the Marina. First, is the heavy wave action that comes from storms and power boat wakes. The City has gotten a grant to examine the problem but has no money set aside to fund any solutions. To make matters more complicated, the Shoreline Resilience Project is working on solutions to the flooding and shoreline protection along the whole Citywide shoreline including the Marina, therefore, whatever solution the Marina grant comes up with needs to be compatible with the Shoreline Resilience Project.

Second, when the Marina was redone in 2008, they did not replace docks E, F and H – the ones closest to the shore. These docks are now over 60 years old, the underlying pilings are weak, and the docks are too low. Shoreline Resilience Project projected a 2-foot rise in water levels. At present, the Marina staff has to turn off the electricity to docks E, F, and H, when there is a king tide or major storm. Again, the Marina needs to work with the other groups in the City with regards to sea level rise, sewage and storm systems and overall usefulness to the City population.

CAN recommended several actions that the City could take now to reduce the burden on the City budget, but the major point that CAN wanted to make is that the City needs to establish a standing committee to coordinate all the efforts in the Marina. While CAN is a wonderful organization, it is not the proper tool to coordinate all the issues with the Marina.

CAN's Marina committee has several more projects for the Marina that are more in line with a Civic Association. We are looking at a dingy rack, a dingy dock, and landscaping which we would organize, get proper City approval and raise the funding. If you are interested in helping, or have any ideas concerning the Marina, please contact me at Ragtime31@gmail.com.

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CAN MARINA REPORT

August 8, 2021
Mayor, City of Cambridge
City Council, City of Cambridge
City Manager

To All Concerned,

Members of the Cambridge Association of Neighborhoods (CAN), and others with a history as tenants of the city's municipal marina, have developed concerns regarding the present and future condition of the Municipal Marina facility. CAN has recently conducted a study of the physical facility, as well as its financial condition, in an effort to better understand what issues may need attention, and how they might be addressed to ensure the long-term fitness of the marina as an economic asset to the city. The report derived from this study is provided here as a starting point in achieving that goal.

This report is based upon information provided by the City of Cambridge and Oasis Management, as well as a physical review of the marina infrastructure, although time and resource restraints of those organizations limited the extent and accuracy of the information to a degree. Therefore, while the report is correct in concept, we acknowledge that some details may require modification. We believe however, that the report is worthy of consideration as a suitable beginning in addressing the marina's economic and physical challenges.

Included in the report are an introduction to the issues, data to support options for increasing revenue and recommendations for increasing economic viability. We also offer recommendations for developing a long-term plan for the continued utility, safety and economic viability of the marina. Understanding that there are many demands on the city's personnel resources, CAN representatives would be glad to offer assistance in addressing the marina issues identified herein. It is our belief that delaying attention to the marina will result in more difficult and more expensive challenges in the near term, as well as a continued decline in revenue. CAN looks forward to the opportunity of working with the City and Oasis Management to ensure the long-term viability and profitability of the marina.

Sincerely,

CAN Marina Committee: Chuck McFadden, Rick Klepfer, Pete Doyle, and Steve Gross

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LOOKING FORWARD FOR THE CAMBRIDGE CITY MARINA A Study Performed by the CAN Marina Committee

Introduction

Cambridge is fortunate to have a location that fronts the relatively protected waters of both the Choptank River and Cambridge Creek. There are few waterside towns that have the wealth of cruising waters and are also within easy reach of the Chesapeake Bay. The city is also blessed with a sizable marina, and many boat owners relocate to Cambridge to take advantage of this unique area.

The marina is a major asset to the town. For those approaching from Rt. 50 it serves as the face of the town and it is an inseparable part of the town's identity. In addition to being an asset to boat owners, the marina is a

setting utilized and enjoyed by many other members of the local community. Every day people come to walk along the marina, to enjoy the water, the boats, and the activities. Apart from the recreational and visual appeal, the marina provides financial assets by inviting both new taxpaying residents and transient boaters who contribute to the local community. We need to invest in the marina to preserve the attractions and assets it affords.

Challenges

The marina does have some issues that need to be resolved to realize its full potential and to maintain the attraction it has for boaters and others who enjoy being near the water. The marina infrastructure is ageing, the layout of the slips is far from ideal for the purpose of maximizing income, and docks E, F and H, which were not repaired in 2008, now require several million dollars to replace. These issues need to be corrected for the marina to remain as an attractive and beneficial asset to Cambridge.

While the marina does generate income, its full capability is far from realized. With changes in design and some much-needed repairs, the marina will be able to both produce more income and retain its stature as a central facet of the town.

Like all physical structures, our marina's components have a limited lifespan. The docks, seawalls and utilities are approaching the end of their useful lives. If a plan to take action is not developed and implemented, the facility will become less desirable for boaters, the ability to maintain competitive slip rates will be diminished, and the appearance of the site will cease to be attractive to citizens and visitors.

In conjunction with the declining condition of the physical aspects of the marina, the design of the facility is not as useful as it could be. There are numerous slips designed for 50 and 60-foot boats that are not producing income. To optimize income these slips could be reconfigured to accommodate more income-producing boats (mostly those in the 35-foot range). The 35-foot slips are in much more in demand as evidenced the current practice of placing smaller boats in larger slips at reduced rates.

Another component that is detrimental to the marina is the lack of an adequate seawall. The docks were constructed with inadequate protection from wave action, both from storms and from the wakes of passing boats. The wave action can be very rough inside the marina and even strong enough to dislodge the catwalk from the floating dock (See Figures 1 and 2.) An improved seawall or other wave-dampening structure needs to be constructed to provide protection for boats in the slips. As it now is, both boats and the docks are damaged by waves from time to time.



Figure 1. Seawall on yacht club side with northerly winds



Figure 2. Wave action is strong enough to dislodge the catwalk from the floating pier.

The marina is at a critical point in its life. Its condition is deteriorating quickly, especially docks E, F and H which will likely take several million dollars to replace. Because of these problems additional funding is needed. If nothing is done, maintenance costs will rise exponentially, accompanied by diminished slip rental income due to the poor condition of the deteriorating marina. A further concern is the increase in risk to users and the public due to worsening safety issues. By restructuring the facility to a more useful layout, and by resolving some of its physical problems, the town will be able to reduce its long-range maintenance costs and increase its income. The marina is one of the most valuable assets that the town has, but it is in dire need of attention.

Factors Affecting Income

Years ago, the Marina was a money maker for the City and the City used any surplus to fund other projects around town. When it came time to redo the Marina in 2007, there was no money set aside. As a result, the City had to finance the entire new construction which was approximately \$8 million. The loan with a final payment of \$255,000 will be paid off in 2022. Looking forward, discussions on how to make the marina profitable once more should focus on maximizing occupancy, charging fair yet competitive rates, acquiring helpful grant funding and developing a long-term plan that precludes undue maintenance expenses. This section of the report addresses:

1. A means to increase marina income by increasing occupancy
2. A means to increase marina income with a fair increase in slip rates
3. Costs pertaining to the seawall issue

Marina Occupancy

Due to a number of unforeseeable circumstances, the addition of larger slip sizes did not benefit the marina's economics because of poor occupancy in those slips. However, an opportunity exists to take advantage of available space in the marina to increase income by reallocating slip sizes. By capitalizing on common boat sizes in Cambridge, occupancy can be increased with a resultant increase in income. Table 1 indicates how a reallocation of slips can be changed to favor the typical marina customer while still providing space for larger vessels. By reconfiguring the larger slips, the City could get approximately 280 to 300 slips that are highly rentable. The cost of the reconfiguration would be about \$100,000 per dock side. This short-term loss would be offset by increasing slip rentals.

Fair Slip Rates

The low slip rate not only suppresses the income to the city but also affects pricing in the yacht club and other marinas which must consider the city's rates when setting their own. A survey of other Marinas in the area, together with Oasis management input as to their other marinas could provide rate targets to achieve in two or

three years. The Council should note that by subsidizing commercial fisherman, which is a noble goal, the marina is losing approximately \$30K a year in income.

Seawall

A wave study is being done this year, funded by a grant from the state. However, there are no funds to implement the recommendations.

Table 1. Marina Configurations and Estimated Income

		2021	2022	2023	2024
		# Slips	# slips	# Slips	# Slips
Dock	Slip				
A	50' (com)	17	17	17	17
B	50'	12	12	12	12
	60'	10	10	10	0
	35'	0	0	0	22
C	50'	26	13	0	0
	35'	0	22	44	44
D	50'	27	14	0	0
	35'	0	20	42	42
E	35'	40	40	40	40
F	35'	40	40	40	40
G	50'	18	18	18	10
	35'	23	23	23	35
H	40'	32	32	32	32
Total slips		245	261	278	294
Committee Estimate Slip Rental Income*		205,000	290,000	360,000	405,000

* Committee estimates reflect a bias of higher rates of occupancy of smaller slips
 Numerals shown in **bold italics** indicate slip configuration changes

Recommendations

The city needs a strategic plan to forestall further decline of the marina, to help it become more self-sustaining and even profitable once more and to continue to be a major attraction for the city. We are hopeful that the Mayor, City Council and City Manager will give due attention to the recommendations provided here. Some of the actions needed include:

1. A ten-year plan needs to be drawn up this summer with action taken in 2022.
2. The unrented 50 and 60-foot slips need to be reconfigured to mostly 35 and 40-foot slips. The city now has 245 slips with maybe 130 rented.
3. Increase the slip rental rates by 10% in each of years 2022 and 2023. The Cambridge Marina rates are some of, if not the lowest, on the Bay.
4. Set up an annual \$25,000 dock maintenance fund.
5. Take out a loan in three years to redo docks E, F and H which were not replaced in 2008 and are in deteriorating condition.

- Use funds from increased slip rentals and fees to implement recommendations from the wave action study being planned.

Conclusion

In summary, the marina is a major asset to the city providing direct and indirect financial benefits as well as significant recreational benefits for tenants and other townspeople. Continued realization of these benefits requires planning to assure the marina’s physical and economic status is healthy. Recommendations are offered here to provide additional financial income to address the challenges identified above. Implementation of these recommendations will help preserve this asset to the town and to make the marina more profitable. Please consider the assessments and solutions provided herein as a start.

CAMBRIDGE CORNER

CAMBRIDGE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

By Fred and Martha Phillips-Patrick

Cambridge Market Update:

In July 2021, the median list price of homes in 21613 was \$227.5K, trending up 8.6% year-over-year. The median listing price per square foot was \$134. The median sale price was \$267.6K. Realtor.com characterized Cambridge as a balanced market in July 2021, which means that the supply and demand of homes are about the same. On average, homes in Cambridge, sell after just 61 days on the market. The trend for median days on market has gone up slightly since last month, but slightly down since last year.

Sales: Currently, according to Realtor.com, there are 110 homes for sale (92 single family homes and 18 condos and townhomes) in the Cambridge area. There are also 6 multifamily units for sale, as well as 71 plots of land, and one farm for sale, with an asking price of \$5.4 million. It has 11 bedrooms, 11 baths, 14,000 of square footage, and a 1,306-acre lot. It located at 3675 Decoursey Bridge Rd if you want to take a look. According to Realtor.com, 37 single family, townhouses, and condo sales were completed so far in August (through the 25th), 2021, varying in price from **\$35,000** to **\$810,000**. They are:

415 Cambridge Lndg Unit A, \$499K	5867 Richardson Rd, \$165K	415 Cambridge Lndg, \$499K
116 Black Duck Ct, \$164K	105 Buena Vista Ave, \$100K	207 Crusader Rd, \$245K
515 Glenburn Ave Unit 213C, \$112.8K	803 Church St, \$60K	328 West End Ave, \$100K
210 E Appleby Ave, \$174.9K	106 Linthicum Dr, \$260K	418 Glenburn Ave, \$170K
300 E Appleby Ave, \$215.7K	417 Seaway Ct, \$265K	2700 Willow Oak Dr Apt 110, \$375K
208 Aurora St, \$75.5K	921 Race St, \$70K	726 Twin Point Cove Rd, \$635K
205 Rambler Rd, \$151.2K	1647 Osprey Cir, \$364.5K	6012 Castle Haven Rd, \$299K
408 Caribbean Ave, \$340K	712 Twin Point Cove Rd, \$350K	408 Caribbean Ave, \$340K
106 Sailors Ln, \$225K	5608 Daniels Choice Rd, \$275K	305 Old Squaw Ct, \$155K
221 West End Ave, \$168K	604 Bethel St, \$35K	1315 Broadview Dr, \$499K
110 Richardson Dr, \$190K	214 Rambler Rd, \$190K	6209 Twin Point Cove Rd, \$810K
1604 Town Point Rd, \$585K	506 Wood Duck Dr, \$168K	204 Wood Duck Dr, \$157K
2417 Canterbury Dr, \$447.6K		

Median Sales Price: Given the relatively small number of sales, median sales price can vary quite a bit from month to month. Since November 2013, monthly median sales prices have been as low as \$104K in June of 2015, as high as \$254.5K this past October, and \$180K in November, and \$245K in January, and \$267.6K in July.

Home Values: According to the most recent data on Long and Foster, the median home value in Cambridge is \$240,000. This is higher than the county median home value of \$196,450. The national median home value is \$277,796. The average price of homes sold in Cambridge, is \$240,000. Approximately 38% of Cambridge homes are owned, compared to 44% rented, while 18% are vacant. the median home value in Cambridge, is \$196,700. According to Zillow, Cambridge home values have gone up 9.4% over the past year.

Conclusion: As Realtor.com stated, Cambridge now appears to be a balanced market. Home values have increased 9.4% over the last twelve months. However, nationally, home values have increased more than 16% over the same time period. It appears that the market has cooled a bit, unlike the weather!

CAMBRIDGE FUN FACTS AND LOCAL LORE

By Martha Phillips-Patrick

Stephen Allen Benson was born in Cambridge, Maryland, in 1816 to freeborn African American parents. In 1822 he emigrated with his family to the newly established country of Liberia where he lived for the remainder of his life. There he was a military shopkeeper for four years and then private secretary to Thomas Buchanan, the last of Liberia's white governors. He went on to become a successful businessman. In 1835 he joined the militia, and in 1842 became a delegate to the Colonial Council.

After Liberia's independence in 1847 he became a judge, also serving as a Methodist preacher. In 1853, Benson became the Vice President of Liberia to Joseph Jenkins Roberts, succeeding him as the second President of Liberia in 1856, serving until 1864. At the end of his presidency, Benson retired to his coffee plantation in Grand Bassa County, Liberia, where he died in 1865.

Source: Wikipedia

CAMBRIDGE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT, INC. (CWDI)

By Sharon Smith

Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. (CWDI) held a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors on August 26, 2021. A two-day work session was held Monday and Tuesday to obtain additional input on the Master Plan from industry experts, and sea level rise projections. In addition to the board, Network Realty Partners, a real estate development firm, BCT, currently under contract for design assistance, and Toole Design, a transportation consultancy participated and provided valuable insights. BCT will incorporate the suggestions into the Master Plan for use in the Request For Proposal (RFP) targeted to be released September 15th, a meeting with Secretary Holt (DHCD), an update to City Council on September 13th, and community input.

CAMBRIDGE SHORELINE RESILIENCE PLAN

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ABOUT

The City of Cambridge has secured federal grant funds to identify projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of flooding due to sea level rise and major storms. The identification of various types of flood mitigation and resilience strategies is part of the **FEMA funding project eligibility criteria**. Projects must be identified using a robust stakeholder engagement process. All projects seeking FEMA grant funding should be identified within a City approved and adopted Flood Resilience Plan.

PURPOSE

To comprehensively evaluate factors and conditions contributing to both existing and future flooding problems. To the extent feasible, develop flood mitigation and resilience strategies that lend themselves to innovative funding opportunities that take advantage of various desirable co-benefits for the environment, economy, and community.

RESILIENCE PLAN ELEMENTS:

1. Documentation of the planning process including stakeholder engagement.
2. Identification of flood hazard risk including FEMA regulated floodplain, storm surge, nuisance flooding, and sea level rise.
3. Development of strategies to reduce flood risk vulnerability and improve resiliency.
4. Continued compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

PUBLIC OUTREACH

We are excited to continue our public outreach efforts. The August 10th Open House & Listening Session was the first in a series of public meetings scheduled to further explore flood risk reduction solutions. The [project website](#) is updated frequently, and new public outreach meeting information is posted as soon as it becomes available, under the "Public Involvement & Events" tab at: www.makecambridgeresilient.org.

At this time, the public meetings to discuss project site specific flood risk reduction solutions are being scheduled. While we are still working on meeting logistics, please mark your calendar with the following information:

Great Marsh Area-Gerry Boyle Park

September 29, 2021

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Gerry Boyle Park- Pavilion A, Somerset Ave,
Cambridge, MD 21613, USA

City Marina Public Meeting

September 30, 2021

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Location is TBD

West End Public Meeting

September 30, 2021

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Location is TBD

Cambridge Creek Public Meeting

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Location is TBD

In addition to the project website, please view the City of Cambridge website and Facebook page for updates.

Also, if you have not already completed the [Visual Preference Survey](#), please visit the project website.

COMMUNITY NEWS – COOPERATING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – BIKE THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD – ADULT RIDE – OCTOBER 16, 2021

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING – Volunteers are re needed to staff registration tables, rest stops, and endpoint activities. To volunteer, contact Tom Puglisi at tom.puglisi@comcast.net.

Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation has organized the **BIKE THE UGRR – ADULT RIDE** as part of the **Harriet’s Journey Home** project. To celebrate the life of our very own Harriett Tubman, we want to invite you to join us as we bike 25-mile or 43-mile portions of the Underground Railroad (UGRR) right here in beautiful Dorchester County. We are excited to show many of the historical markers in our area and are VERY excited to say that the proceeds from this event will go towards the costs of the newest monument commemorating Harriett! We hope that you will join us as we leave from Cambridge South-Dorchester High School and travel along the same routes that Harriett would have! Additional details and registration information can be found at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Cambridge/BikeTheUGRR>

MIDSHORE MEALS TIL MONDAY

MidShore Meals 'til Monday sends food home over the weekends all year round for nearly 250 food-insecure children in Dorchester County. During summer months, they provide food to children attending summer school at all elementary schools, the Maces Lane STEM program, the Empowerment Center (Flagg Camp), the Judy Center, and New Beginnings, as well as children whose parents are counseled at Clearview Professional Center. Meals 'til Monday needs your support to keep providing essential nourishment to our children. **Donations are fully tax deductible and can be made at <https://www.mscf.org/donate-online/>.** For more information about *MidShore Meals 'til Monday*, please call Leslie Bishop, Director, at 703-371-5191, or visit their Facebook page or website at www.midshoremealstilmonday.org/.



SHORERIVERS - Letter from the Riverkeepers

With the heat wave finally broken, it feels like the final stretch of summer is here. The Riverkeepers have been out in the field and on the water working with volunteers, partners, and communities across our watersheds -- turbulating grasses, monitoring SAV beds, testing for bacteria, building oyster reef balls, advocating for beneficial land use policies, and much more! We are so proud and thankful for the restoration work we have accomplished this summer, which wouldn't have been possible without our dedicated volunteers. As we look ahead into September, we are so excited about the many ways you can get involved as a volunteer, supporter, spectator, or participant:

- ~ Ride for Clean Rivers at Chesapeake College
- ~ Swim for Life on the Chester River
- ~ Shaw Bay Raft-Up Concert on the Wye River
- ~ Bay Paddle
- ~ Invasive Catfish Tournament
- ~ Corsica River Day

Call for Volunteers: Tree Stewards Needed and Oyster Reef Ball Building

VOLUNTEER CALL TO ACTION

OYSTER REEF BALL BUILDS

with ShoreRivers and
CCA Maryland

Oyster Reef Balls are concrete reefs that oysters and other organisms grow on. Reef balls are placed in our rivers and provide habitat, attract fish for anglers, and are tons of fun to build!



Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help construct reef balls that will be placed in the Choptank River.

Volunteer Builds from 9 AM - Noon at:

Easton Point Marina
975 Port Street, Easton
July 15-16 & August 7-8

Cambridge Waterfront
August 19-20 &
September 25-26

To volunteer please email
Amy at ananimatsu@shorerivers.org



MARYLAND

ShoreRivers Maryland Tree Stewards

Maryland Tree Stewards is a new initiative from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, the Maryland Forest Service and local partners developed to promote, enhance and increase tree canopy coverage in our urban and suburban environments by training and supporting community volunteers in proper tree planting and tree care practices. This four-session online training and program resources will equip Maryland Tree Stewards participants with skills to be able to work with neighbors, organizations and local public agencies within their own communities to organize and lead tree planting projects, assess new potential tree planting sites, care for existing tree canopy and access a variety of technical and financial resources to support their endeavors.



Maryland Tree Steward training covers:

- Tree and Soil Biology
- Site Assessment & Tree Selection
- Tree Planting and Tree Care
- Developing Planting Plans, Organizing Events and Accessing Resources
- Field Portion – Tree Planting (Cambridge MD)

Registration is required and open to residents in Cecil, Kent, Queen Annes, Talbot, and Dorchester Counties who are ready to learn, have fun and meet fellow tree enthusiasts from within your community. A hands on, tree planting session will be scheduled with local partners during October 2021. Participants who attend all 4 webinar sessions and the tree planting event will become a Certified **ShoreRivers Maryland Tree Steward**.

2021 Maryland Tree Stewards Training:

Dates: Monday September 13, 20, 27 and October 4

Time: 6 – 7:30 pm

Location: Zoom webinar

Cost: Free

Registration: Click [here](#) to register

Field Day: Planting Project in Cambridge MD – Saturday, October 16

Please email any questions to Amy Narimatsu at anarimatsu@shorerivers.org



Funding for this program is provided through a grant from the U.S. Forest Service. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

DORCHESTER COUNTY LEARNING LABS

**Dorchester
County
Learning Labs**



Dorchester County Learning Labs is intended to be a community led, safe-space program designed to minimize learning loss and increase socialization opportunities during the 2020-2021 year. The Learning Labs program is currently being created. When launched it will consist of multiple sites around the city where students can go on virtual learning days for some or all of the day. Sites will follow strict COVID-19 safety regulations. Below please find sites that are currently operating and have availability for students. For more information please reach out to the organizations directly.



New Beginnings

Days of Operation: Monday - Friday

522 Greenwood Ave.
Cambridge, MD 21613

Session 1: 8:30-12:30

Session 2: 1:00-3:30

Contact: 410-228-1950 or 443-521-0030



Harvesting Hope

447 Race Street
Cambridge, MD 21613

Days of Operation:

Monday - Thursday

Time: 8:30- 3:30

Contact: (443) 351-4846

**Cambridge
Empowerment Center**

615 B Pine Street
Cambridge, MD 21613

Days of Operation: Tuesday- Friday

Session 1: 8:00-12:00

Session 2: 12:00 - 4:00

Contact: (410)901-1397

Community Partners:



CAMBRIDGE EMPOWERMENT CENTER

The Empowerment Center works in partnership with the community to provide youth development through education, skills training, mentorship and other support services. We strive to inspire confidence, self-esteem, a desire for lifelong learning, and to contribute to the health and well-being of the Dorchester County youth and community. Our youth enrichment programs provide kids with computer experience and other skills that help them succeed in school and life. Our computer literacy lab is utilized by many in our community to develop basic computer skills.



CAN's MISSION & MEMBERSHIP

The Cambridge Association of Neighborhoods (CAN) fosters neighborhood cohesion and community involvement to (a) enhance the quality of community life for all residents of Cambridge through community events, social activities, and neighborly assistance; and (b) protect and enhance the value of properties in Cambridge by improving building and zoning codes, supporting adherence to those codes, and engaging constructively with City Government, including the Historic Preservation Commission. CAN welcomes members from **any and all Cambridge neighborhoods** who are interested in organizing and working together, building a diverse membership reflecting the diversity of Cambridge residents. **Membership is FREE for CY2021** – information is available on the CAN website at <https://cambridgecan.org/join-can/>.

CAN HOUSING QUALITY COMMITTEE – PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

The Housing Quality Committee monitors issues affecting the quality of housing and the maintenance of property values in the City, including code enforcement. Committee members attend Planning Commission meetings to monitor zoning-related issues and report the information to the Board and Membership. *Please contact* Chuck McFadden at Ragtime31@gmail.com to volunteer.

CAN NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – SOCIAL EVENTS & 'NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS'

"Neighborhoods" are organized by small groups willing to work together to address neighborhood issues through small social events and "neighbor-helping-neighbor" activities. The **Social Events Subcommittee** organizes community-wide events. *Contact* Chuck McFadden at Ragtime31@gmail.com to volunteer.

CAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – WRITERS NEEDED

CAN'S **Communications Committee desperately needs writers and photographers to develop articles** about CAN and its activities, get them published in local newspapers, and have them promoted by local media. **We also need volunteers to take unofficial notes at County Council, City Council, and City Commission meetings.** *Please contact Tom Puglisi at* tom.puglisi@comcast.net *to volunteer.*

POWER WASHER AVAILABLE

CAN has an electric power washer available to members. Contact Chuck McFadden at Ragtime31@gmail.com if you would like to borrow it for a project.

