



UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 2022 Annual Business Meeting (date and time to be determined)

will be held 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 City Council Meeting Notes** – <https://cambridgecan.org/category/news/city-council-notes/>
- **CAN's 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

Flooding

As a 16-year resident of Cambridge, I have seen lots of flooding over the years, however, last month's storm was distributing to me. Most of the storms in my memory have come because "named" storms have past-over or near-by Cambridge. Last month, it rained moderately in Dorchester, Co but heavily in Pennsylvania. According to the weatherperson, the rain in Pennsylvania came down the Bay at the same time another storm came up the Bay, pushing water into the Choptank. The water rose over 16 inches on my dock and my boat was riding high as was Water St. and Hambrooks Ave.

What does all this mean? Well, I am not sure. The Choptank is supposed to rise by two feet by 2050 – on 28 years away. It will rise gradually over that time so in 10 to 12 years it will be a foot higher -hard to imagine but real. Larry White's Shoreline Restoration is working hard on ways to hold off the flood waters. The latest thoughts are to build a seven-foot-high berm from Jerry Boyle (Great Marsh) Park to Cambridge Creek. Larry's group is working on several issues with this approach but luckily Cambridge is not the first community to face this issue so there are lots of ideas to draw from. The City is also working on several projects. The first is re-engineering the sea walls at the foot of Oakley, Willis, West End and Choptank to help stop the flooding. There is also a wave action study being done and a review of the sewer system that backs up doing heavy rains. Hopefully, all this fits into a master plan to protect our shoreline.

What this means to you. First of all – **CHANGE**. Things will have to be different. If we do nothing, the houses on the river side of Hambrooks will be lost ,and Water St will be a permanent canal. So, it is important that we support the City and organizations that are trying to fix the problem. **Please get involved** by actively participating in the meetings with positive ideas and voluntary help where needed.

The shoreline is a big deal for Cambridge, the next few years will tell the tale of what it means to you. Get involved. CAN will try to keep you up to date on the status of these projects.

New Welcoming Committee

The CAN Board of Directors has agreed to create a new Welcoming Committee. The idea is to identify new residents and deliver a "basket" of local information and hopefully some "goodies" to welcome them to Cambridge. Judd Vickers has agreed to identify the homes, which we believe should number about 8 to 10 each month.

So, what CAN needs now are VOLUNTEERS so we can deliver the baskets with a welcoming, in-person smile. CAN will pay all expenses of the basket.

Get involved in your community! If you are interested, please, contact Chuck McFadden at Ragtime31@gmail.com.

Chuck McFadden, President
Cambridge Association of Neighborhoods (CAN)
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CAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION – JANUARY 2022

Under Article IV of the CAN Bylaws, Members of the CAN Board of Directors are elected by majority vote of the membership present at the Annual Business Meeting in January. Absentee votes are permitted if submitted to the Secretary seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

Candidates for 2022-2024 terms:

- 1) President: Chuck McFadden
- 2) Treasurer: Jane Weeks
- 3) Member at Large: Mary Ellen Jesien
- 4) Member at Large: Dave Thatcher
- 5) Member at Large: Judd Vickers
- 6) Member at Large: To Be Determined

Continuing Board Members:

- 7) Vice President: Roman Jesien
- 8) Secretary: Tom Puglisi
- 9) Member at Large: Sharon Smith
- 10) Member at Large: Andre Duerinckx
- 11) Member Large: Rick Klepfer

Additional nominations for 2022-2024 terms must be submitted to Roman Jesien (rjesien@comcast.net) or Tom Puglisi (tom.puglisi@comcast.net) no later than December 15, 2021.

CAMBRIDGE CORNER

CAMBRIDGE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

By Fred and Martha Phillips-Patrick

Cambridge Market Update: In October 2021, the median listing home price in Cambridge, MD was \$255K, trending up 10.9% year-over-year. The median listing home price per square foot was \$150. The median home sold price was \$272K. Realtor.com characterized Cambridge as a balanced market in October 2021, which means that the supply and demand of homes are about the equal. The sale-to-list price ratio was 98.21%, which means that homes in Cambridge sold for 1.79% below asking price on average in October 2021. Homes in Cambridge sell after 51 days on the market. The trend for median days on market has gone down since last month, and slightly down since last year.

Sales: Currently, according to Realtor.com, there are 102 homes for sale (87 single family homes and 15 condos and townhomes) in the Cambridge area. There are also 6 multifamily units for sale, as well as 69 plots of land, and 2 farms for sale, one with an asking price of \$16.5 million. It has 11 bedrooms, 11 baths, 14,000 square feet, and a 1,306-acre lot. It located at 3675 Decoursey Bridge Road if you want to take a look. But the sale is pending, so hurry! According to Realtor.com, 35 single family, townhouses, and condo sales were completed In October 2021, ranging in value from \$17,500 to \$1,500,000.

5547 Whitehall Rd, \$1,500K	5416 Bonnie Brook Rd \$340K	416 Cambridge Lndg Unit B, \$438K
408 High St, \$45K	401 Henry St, \$51.5K	2357 Church Creek Rd, \$50K
316 Old Squaw Ct., \$165K	200 Tidewater Dr., \$272K	2502 Legacy Ct., \$305K
314 W End Ave., \$270K	2 Buena Vista Ave, \$182K	210 E Appleby Ave., \$179.5K
912 Race St, \$147K	314 West End Ave, \$270K	2402 Canterbury Dr, \$345.9K
108 Sailors Ln, \$239.9K	112 Choptank Ter, \$329K	Cattail Cv Unit 202, \$198K
320 West End Ave, \$320K	910 Roslyn Ave, \$195K	211 Belvedere Ave, \$364K
900 Marshy Cv Unit 211, \$194K	5438 Tates Bank Rd, \$380K	16 Merryweather Dr, \$240K
102 Teal Ln, \$272K	751 Hills Point Rd, \$635K	13 Nanticoke Rd, \$209K
1609 Stone Boundary Rd, \$162K	202 Maple Ave, \$395K	1014 Miles Ave, \$225K
895 Hudson Rd, \$17.5K	5230 Beaver Neck Vil. Rd \$285K	317 Willis St, \$77K
5125 Maple Dam Rd, \$150K	407 Robbins St, \$156K	

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. In October 2021, the median listing home price in Cambridge, MD was \$255K, trending up 10.9% year-over-year.

Home Values: According to the most recent data on Long and Foster, the median home value in Cambridge is \$273,000. This is higher than the county median home value of \$196,450, but the national median home value is \$277,796. The average price of homes sold in Cambridge is \$272,000. Approximately 38% of Cambridge homes are owned, compared to 44% rented, while 18% are vacant.

Conclusion: As Realtor.com stated, Cambridge now appears to be a balanced market. Home values have increased 10.9% over the last twelve months. However, nationally, home values have increased more than 16% over the same time period. It appears that the Cambridge housing market has cooled a bit, just like the weather.

FUN FACTS & LOCAL LORE –

Thinking about Cambridge native daughter Bea Arthur (1922 -2009) on Veterans Day

By Martha Phillips-Patrick

Rebecca and Philip Frankel, parents of Bea Arthur (nee Bernice Frankel), moved to Cambridge in 1933 when she was 11. They subsequently opened and operated a women's clothing shop in Cambridge. Bea attended high school in Cambridge for two years. At age 16, she developed a serious condition called coagulopathy. Concerned for her health, her parents sent her to Linden Hall School for Girls in Pennsylvania to finish high school. Afterwards she studied at Blackstone College for Girls in Blackstone, Virginia.

During World War II, Bea enlisted as one of the first women to become an active-duty US Marine. After basic training, she served as a typist at Marine headquarters in Washington, DC. In June 1943, the Marine Corps accepted her transfer request to the Motor Transport School at Camp Lejeune, NC. She then worked as a truck driver and dispatcher in Cherry Point, NC, between 1944 and 1945. During her military career, her rank went from private to corporal to sergeant to staff sergeant, the title she held upon her honorable discharge in September 1945. After serving in the Marines, Bernice studied for a year at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, where she became a licensed medical technician. After interning at a local hospital

for the summer, she decided against working as a lab technician, departing for New York City in 1947 to enroll in the Drama Program at *The New School*. That same year, she married fellow Marine Robert Alan Aurthur. They divorced three years later, but she kept his surname, adjusting the spelling to "Arthur."

The rest is history...

Sources: Wikipedia and IMDb website

CAMBRIDGE CODE ENFORCEMENT – GLASS HOUSES

by Judd Vickers

At a recent meeting of the CAN Board of Directors, a suggestion was made to cover various code enforcement topics in our newsletter. I volunteered to research some topics and write a couple of articles. My first thought was to do some research on sidewalk related issues and boy did this hit home for me!

Mom has two trees in her front yard. One is large maple that was planted the year I was born. I'll let you guess that year. On the other side of the front yard is another tree that was planted when I graduated. I'll let you guess that year as well. I'm not sure of the type of tree, but it has little leaves, grows quickly and hangs like a weeping willow. Well, it grew like crazy this summer to the point where it was touching the top of Mom's van and hanging over the street as well as the sidewalk. Mom has been asking me all summer to get this taken care of, but I was distracted with a myriad of other issues. Well, low and behold a "Notice of Violation" arrives in the mail at the beginning of September. Per Section 16-13 (a)(b)(c) of the Cambridge City Code, a tree or bush cannot hang over any sidewalk at a height less than 7 feet from the ground, or any street at a height less than 12 feet from the ground.

When I think about this part of the code from my own experience, it makes quite a bit of sense. We should keep our trees trimmed so they don't hit folks in the top of the head when they walk down the sidewalk, and the limbs don't hit the tops of vehicles as they park or drive by. It's also equally important to remove large clumps of grass growing in the sidewalk so folks have an even surface to traverse. (On a cooler note, Section 16-12 requires property owners to remove snow from their sidewalk within 36 hours after the snow has ceased to fall. Again, another safety related issue.)

The "Notice of Violation" letter was sent by Sandra Wyatt, our new and only Code Enforcement Officer at this time. She is very kind and if you receive a letter, please be nice to her and consider your role in helping to solve the problem and make our community a better place. Based on this experience, I think it is only appropriate to call these articles "Glass Houses." – Gotta go and get some trimming done.

SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW NOTIFICATION AND REPORT

Sanitary sewer overflows occur throughout certain areas in the city when rainwater or tidal water infiltrates the sanitary collection system causing the system to exceed its capacity and overflow its contents. These overflows usually happen after heavy rain events exceeding 1.5" of rain, and during extreme high-tide events. There are human and environmental health concerns when overflows occur including bacteria pollution impacting recreational contact with the water and contact from pets, as well as nutrient pollution to the Choptank River and Cambridge Creek that impacts water quality. The City of Cambridge is asking residents to report overflows as soon as possible by calling the Department of Public Works at 410-228-

1955 and leaving a message if it's after hours. Once an overflow occurs the City is committed to notifying the public by posting a sign at the location of the overflow and posting on the City website at <https://www.choosecambridge.com>. If you have questions or feedback about the city's Sanitary Sewer Overflow protocols, please contact your local commissioner or the Department of Public Works.

NEW LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM IN CAMBRIDGE

The City of Cambridge has issued 2021 guidelines for a revamped city-wide leaf collection program that will protect the Choptank River and local waterways from excess nutrient pollution. As a coastal community, water quality is important to Cambridge. Nutrient runoff from urban areas is greater in the fall season and can cause algal blooms, dead zones, and otherwise poor water quality conditions in local waterways. Cambridge's 2021 guidelines for leaf collection are designed to protect local water quality and implement best practices for keeping nutrients out of the river and protecting against local flood conditions. Cambridge offers leaf collection service for city residents during the fall months as tree foliage changes color and leaves fall to the ground. The preferred and most eco-friendly method for leaf management is mulching or composting. But there's an inevitable need for a city-organized leaf removal program. The Cambridge Clean Water Advisory Committee advised the city that decaying organic materials like leaf litter can release excess nutrients into local creeks and streams, and that when and how leaves are picked up can greatly prevent nutrient pollution from reaching local waterways.

Cambridge's revised leaf collection program incorporates strategically chosen guidelines based on the recommendations from the study, such as when residents can expect leaf pick-up to occur in their neighborhood, and how and where to properly stage leaves for pick-up. Residents who live in Wards 1, 2, and 3 can expect pick-up on Mondays, and those in Wards 4 and 5 will be picked-up on Tuesdays. Residents are encouraged to call the city's Department of Public Works at 410-228-1955 to be placed on the list for the next pick-up and to check what city ward they live in. City wards can also be located by visiting the interactive map of the city's election districts. Program guidelines also stipulate where residents should stage their leaves prior to their scheduled pick-up day. Leaves must be bagged and piled above the curb and not in the road. In fact, the 2021 guidelines cite the city ordinance (Sec. 16-9) that declares it unlawful to place leaves or other lawn debris in gutters or streets throughout the city. Loose leaves that are left in the street during major rain events contribute significantly to the nutrient pollution that the program is designed to reduce. When placed in the street, the decaying matter on the leaves gets picked up by rainwater as it drains to local waterways like Cambridge Creek and ultimately to the Choptank River. Leaves in the street also cover and clog storm drains, ditches and other stormwater conveyance areas, increasing conditions that cause localized flooding. Piling leaves above the curb means less nutrient-rich decaying matter will wash into local waterways and less debris will accumulate on top of storm drains.

The 2021 program guidelines spell out exactly what type of bag residents can purchase that will be accepted, including biodegradable, compostable or otherwise paper bags. Plastic, non-biodegradable bags are discouraged and won't be picked up by the leaf collection program. Materials other than leaves, including sticks, grass clippings and other lawn debris left along the curb will also not be picked up as part of the leaf collection program. The Cambridge Clean Water Advisory Committee is dedicated to reducing nutrient pollution in the City of Cambridge. Cambridge's revised leaf collection program is rooted in science, incorporates best practices, and will better protect local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay from nutrient pollution.

**City of Cambridge
2021 Leaf Collection Program**

The fall leaf pickup begins mid-October and continues weekly according to the schedule below. City of Cambridge residents are encouraged to follow the 4-Step Leaf Collection Program outlined below to properly collect and dispose of leaves throughout the city.

THE (4) STEPS TO FALL LEAF PICKUP

STEP 1: Be a resident that is actively participating in the City of Cambridge's trash collection program. Contact the Department of Public Works (DPW) at 410-228-1955 if you are not already an active participant.

STEP 2: Bag your leaves using biodegradable or compostable ADSM 64 bags, paper leaf bags, or hard open containers. Residents are allowed to dispose of up to 20 (30 gallon) leaf bags per residence, per week.

STEP 3: Call DPW the Friday prior to being placed on the list for the upcoming pickup day at (410-228-1955). Let the City know that your bagged leaves will be on the curb ready for pickup on your next scheduled day.

STEP 4: Follow this schedule for leaf pickup. The pickup schedule is divided into Wards. If you are unsure of the ward you live in, contact DPW at 410-228-1955. Place your leaf bags on the curb (*not in the street*) the night before your scheduled pickup.

- **MONDAYS: Wards 1, 2 and 3**
- **TUESDAYS: Wards 4, and 5**

DON'TS:

DO NOT put items other than leaves in the leaf bags. The City of Cambridge will not pick up leaf bags containing weeds, grass, sticks, trash, etc. If your leaf bags contain anything other than leaves, it's no longer a leaf bag, they will be left at the curb, and you must dispose of them yourself. **The pickup is for leaves only!**

DO NOT put leaves in the street or other areas where they can obstruct the flow of water. Residents are prohibited from placing leaves in gutters, ditches, or streets as per the City of Cambridge Ordinance Section 16-9 which states the following:

Sec. 16-9. - Depositing debris in gutters or sidewalks.

No person shall deposit in the gutters or streets any ashes, leaves or other debris or material which might or could obstruct the free flow of water.

TIPS:

Shredding leaves with a mower will save time and money. Mulching is faster and easier on the back than raking. It's also easier on the wallet (no bags needed). The decomposing leaves and grass cover the soil between the individual grass plants where weeds can germinate. Studies have found that homeowners can attain a nearly 100% decrease in dandelions and crabgrass after mulching leaves for three years. Mulched leaves keep the soil warmer in winter and cooler in summer and the nutrients provided by mulching reduce the amount of fertilizer needed to achieve a green lawn in the spring.

"Be super eco-friendly: Especially in your backyard, leave the leaves! Leaves provide critical habitat for lightening bugs and Luna moths."

This notice is provided by DPW and the Cambridge Clean Water Advisory Committee. If you have any questions, contact the Department of Public Works at 410-228-1955.

CAMBRIDGE CLEAN WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING REQUEST



MEMO TO: Mayor Andrew Bradshaw
Cambridge City Council
David Deutch
George Hyde
Pat Escher

FROM: Cambridge Clean Water Advisory Committee

DATE: September 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Support for Cambridge ARP Funding Request

The Cambridge Clean Water Advisory Committee respectfully requests that American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds be directed to the infrastructure and human resource investments recommended by the City Engineer in an August 17 memo to the City Manager. Included in the memo is a recommendation to fund sewer collection system improvements in the city. This investment, if made, will correct persistent overflows of raw, untreated sewage that threaten the health and safety of residents, expose Cambridge to enforcement actions from the Maryland Department of the Environment, and endanger the city's waterways.

Cambridge's aged and failing sewage infrastructure allows stormwater to enter mainline and lateral collection pipes through cracks and holes, more than tripling the normal volume of material that the city pays to treat at its wastewater plant when it rains. Overflows of sewage induced by high stormwater volumes cause residents to routinely complain of odors, diapers and sanitary napkins floating in streets, and damage to private property. In 2021, bacteria samples collected at local swimming areas (Great Marsh Park and Willis Street Beach) showed that water quality at these sites failed to meet water quality standards nearly 50% of the time due to elevated levels of bacteria. And since July, nine overflows have been reported and thousands of dollars in financial penalties have been charged by the Maryland Department of the Environment in response. As rainfall in the region becomes more intense and frequent, overflows and related enforcement actions are expected to continue if the inflow and infiltration problems are not addressed.

Cambridge has already made a commitment to begin resolving this issue by budgeting approximately \$500,000 for preliminary engineering needed to evaluate options for corrective action. With limited opportunity to source construction funds after the preliminary engineering is complete, we urge the Mayor and City Council to act on the engineering department's recommended utilization of ARP funds, including the \$4.5 million funding request to resolve this critical health and safety concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Pluta".

Matt Pluta, Chair
Cambridge Clean Water Advisory Committee

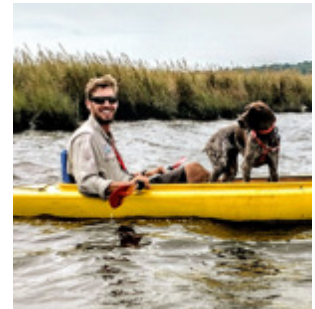
COMMUNITY NEWS – COOPERATING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

SHORERIVERS – Note From Your Riverkeeper

What's on my mind as November settles in on the Choptank? The tree swallows roosting on the Choptank's salt marshes (get out and see them if you can!), fall foliage covering the upper Choptank's forested buffer, the mega-development known as Trappe East (the most dangerous sewage discharge permit the river has been confronted with), pulling the Riverkeeper boat for the season, developing and executing our legislative platform, the alarming rate at which ash trees along the river are dying due to the Emerald Ash Borer, and just how fast our 2.5-year-old son Maxfield is growing up!

"Don't blink and make sure to buckle up," is what I keep reminding myself. It doesn't get much better than November on the Choptank!

See you on the river,
Matt Pluta, Choptank Riverkeeper



ShoreRivers' Wild and Scenic Film Festival

ShoreRivers will host its 12th Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival on Friday, November 19, starting at 7 PM. Hundreds of passionate environmental advocates will gather online to enjoy a carefully curated slate of award-winning films that reflect a theme of 'Resilient by Nature.' General admission tickets are FREE, but donations are welcome.

Proceeds from the evening benefit the important advocacy, education, and restoration initiatives of ShoreRivers that result in real pollution reduction. If you are unable to attend the live event, the films will be available to all registrants On Demand from November 20-30. For more information, contact Freya Farley at ffarley@shorerivers.org. Visit shorerivers.org/events to register or become a sponsor.



Update: Action Needed on Trappe East Wastewater Permit

Over 100 people packed into the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) hearing on the Trappe East Wastewater Permit where I provided testimony on behalf of ShoreRivers. With a unified voice, community members vehemently opposed the draft discharge permit during the hearing.

The permit allows for treated sewage to be sprayed at a volume of over 1,000,000 gallons on some days on less than 90 acres of farmland, with the false understanding that no pollution will ever leave the site. MDE's groundwater discharge permits are based on the standard that zero discharge will occur which is absolute legal fiction. In reality, these permits are extremely faulty and provide very little accountability. A [study by the Chesapeake Legal Alliance](#) showed that between 2019 and 2020, over 50% of the groundwater discharge permittees on the Eastern Shore were in violation of their permit. Permit violations equal pollution in the river.

This particular permit for the Trappe East wastewater system is problematic beyond belief according to an [expert report](#) that showed MDE is using outdated formulas, making incorrect assumptions, and not using enough site-specific information when calculating spray limits for the permit. For too long the State has been hiding pollution loads that are impacting our rivers under these groundwater discharge permits and that needs to stop.

If the impacts of this permit concern you, MDE needs to hear from you. The state is accepting comments until December 6, and you can submit them directly by emailing mary.dewa@maryland.gov and ben.grumbles@maryland.gov. If you would like help drafting your comments, please reach out to me at mpluta@shorerivers.org.

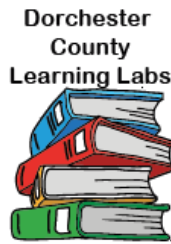
MIDSHORE MEALS TIL MONDAY

MidShore Meals 'til Monday is working to end childhood hunger on Maryland's Eastern Shore by providing weekend food for food-insecure children in Dorchester County. *Meals til Monday* sends home healthy, nutritious food for children at the end of each school week and during the summer months for breakfast, lunch and snacks to bridge the hunger gap for children without access to adequate food. *Meals til Monday* programs currently provide food for more than 500 elementary, middle and high school students. Our partner schools currently include the following elementary schools: Vienna, Maple, Choptank and Sandy Hill. We help students at Maces Lane Middle School and Cambridge-South Dorchester and North Dorchester High Schools. Plans to assist students at North Dorchester Middle School are underway.

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/.



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.

