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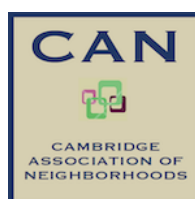
*All CAN Board meetings are announced in advance and open to the public.
Everyone interested in CAN is invited to attend.*

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- **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 – Rethink the Police

By Chuck McFadden, President, CAN, Raqtme31@gmail.com

Cambridge is in a crisis. Crime is up and the Police Department is down. The Cambridge Police Department is down to 32 officers compared to 52 in 2017.

The City Council has taken action by providing a salary increase and a \$10,000 retention bonus, but officers still are leaving. Why?

To be frank, **policing is tough in Cambridge**. There are violent crimes, drugs and tough situations in the City.

- While the City gave officers raises, their pay is still under that of other jurisdictions.
- While the City gave officers a \$10,000 retention bonus, it was for 3-year commitment, and the officers had to pay taxes on it.
- While the City has increased benefits, the health insurance policy does not cover as much as it could.
- While the City offers a \$5,000 signing bonus, Salisbury offers a \$25,000 signing bonus.

In addition, the Police Department has next to no recruitment budget and needs to update its equipment. It is easy to understand, why officers leave Cambridge and drive over the bridge to Easton and St. Michaels.

The City Council should be commended for providing the salary increases and bonuses. However, Cambridge has ended the last fiscal year and this year's with budget surpluses, so money is available for a more comprehensive approach.

The City Council needs to rethink the whole Police Department budget **now** and be **bold**. We need to stop the exiting of officers and be able to choose from and keep the top candidates.

Now is the time to act, since we are at the start of the FY23 budget process. Cambridge needs to offer more than other communities.

We need to make the Cambridge Police a well-paid organization with career opportunities for these young officers. We need a recruitment budget, staffing, and career advancement opportunities to recruit and retain young people who are looking for a place to raise a family.

The Council needs to do a quick re-evaluation and then **act now** before we lose more officers.

Let's be the best employer and see our community grow and be safe.

Thanks very much!

-- Chuck



CAMBRIDGE CORNER

CAMBRIDGE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

By Fred and Martha Phillips-Patrick

National Real Estate Trends

According to Redfin, "Early-stage homebuying demand continues to falter this spring as new listings fell 7% from a year earlier, the average 30-year fixed mortgage rate shot up to 5% and the median asking price climbed to \$397,747, sending the typical homebuyer's monthly payment up 35% year over year to an all-time high of \$2,288." This softening of the national real estate market seems to be reflected in our market as well. Let's see the details as reflected in the March data.

Cambridge Market Update

The median listing home price in Cambridge, MD was \$232.5K in March 2022, trending down -4.1% year-over-year. However, the median home sold price was \$245K, up 27% year-over-year, but down 3.5% from February.

Realtor.com characterized Cambridge as a balanced market in March, which means that the supply and demand of homes are about the equal. The sale-to-list price ratio was just about 100%, which means that homes in Cambridge sold for their asking price on average in March. Homes in Cambridge sell after 64 days on the market. The trend for median days on market has gone down since last month, and but slightly up since last year.

Sales

Currently, according to Realtor.com, there are now 101 homes for sale (80 single family homes and 21 condos and townhomes) in the Cambridge area. There are also 11 multifamily units for sale, as well as 67 plots of land, and 1 farm for sale.

According to Realtor.com, 48 single family, townhouses, and condo sales were completed in March, ranging in value from \$6,000 to \$1,125,000.

In the list of homes sold (below) you will find **201 Mill Street, the old school on the corner of Mill and School Streets**. Here's what the listing said about it: "This iconic Academy School was designed by the famous architect Benjamin J. Brown and was completed in 1903 as an elementary school. Sited on 1.86 park-like acres, just blocks from the mighty Choptank, this historic gem has been approved for up to 8 condo units. Alternatively, it could be made into 4 luxury units with 12-foot ceilings and tall, majestic



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windows overlooking Cambridge's prestigious Mill Street." Should be interesting as to how it is developed. We will provide more details as they become available.

309 Choptank Ave, \$155	818 Washington St, \$55	1308 Town Point Rd, \$900K
5615 Bayberry Way, \$385	6204 Twin Point Cove Rd, \$335K	616 Cross St, \$6K
1006 Washington St, \$89K	201 E Appleby Ave, \$164K	2014 Horns Point Rd, \$1,125K
1710 Brannocks Neck Rd, \$755K	11 Buena Vista Ave, \$142K	507 Robbins St, \$45K
102 Choptank Ter, \$287K	413 Willis St, \$20K	2265 Jenkins Creek Rd, \$275K
410 Leonards Ln, \$165K	1010 River Point Rd, \$395K	704 Rigby Ave, \$80.5K
317 Shipyard Dr, \$300K	313 Belvedere Ave, \$335K	11 Hatsawap Rd, \$425K
729 Rosemont Ave, \$87.5K	310 Regulator Dr S, \$355K	2826 Persimmon Pl #B1, \$449K
211 Choptank Ave, \$245K	1011 Willowmere Ln, \$300K	608 Goldsborough Ave, \$125K
4036 Bestpitch Ferry Rd, \$230K	507 Radiance Dr, \$355K	173 Mariners Way, \$258K
1415 Race St, \$120K	104 Oak St, \$260K	201 Mill St, \$295K
411 Edlon Park Dr, \$100K	5657 Casson Neck Rd, \$300K	101 West End Ave, \$144K
104 Wood Duck Dr, \$184K	1712 Brannocks Neck Rd, \$360K	211 Hibiscus Ln, \$315K
418 Cambridge Lndg #418B, \$450K	7 Oakley St Apt 201, \$300K	1120 Ross Thumb Rd, \$905K
408 Henry St, \$84K	205 Washington St, \$177K	1004 Locust St, \$120K
916 Maces Ln, \$80.1K	809 Peachblossom Ave, \$110K	120 Riverside Dr, \$150K

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 March 2022, the median listing home price in Cambridge, MD was \$232.5K, down 4.1% year-over-year.

Home Values. According to Zillow, the typical home value of homes in Cambridge is \$179,128. This value is seasonally adjusted and only includes the middle price tier of homes. Cambridge home values have gone up 13.0% over the past year, but only slightly from last month. The fact that approximately only 38% of Cambridge homes are owned, compared to 44% rented, while 18% are vacant, has an impact on this value estimate.

Conclusion. As Realtor.com stated, Cambridge now appears to be a balanced market. Home values have increased 13% over the last twelve months, but have slowed more recently and houses are now remaining on the market for a bit longer, but are selling for about asking price.

CAMBRIDGE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT IS MOVING FORWARD

By Rick Klepfer

Cambridge Waterfront Development Inc. has recently presented their concept plans of what they will construct at the old hospital site. On the evening of Thursday, April 7th, a public meeting was held at the



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Cambridge-South Dorchester High School auditorium. A large crowd of interested citizens showed up to see what was in the works.

While the presentation was referred to as a “branding event” to let people have a say in what the new development will be called, CWDI also exhibited a conceptual design for the project. Three alternative names were offered as well, and attendees were encouraged to choose their favorite by placing stickers on the posters set up in the lobby. The three choices were: *Cambridge Harbor, Port Cambridge, or Waterfront Cambridge.*

The event also marked the beginning of a thirty-day period during which the citizens of Cambridge will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed plans, and to offer opinions and suggestions. This is the best and only time for us to make our desires known. The site is a significant portion of the Cambridge waterfront, and what is done there will affect the entire town. This is our chance—let’s take the time to ensure that what happens on the site is what we want.

People can see the design and make comments by going to the BCT Design Group website and making their comments at: <https://www.bctdesigngroup.com/cambridge>. ***Additional information is provided in the CWDI Press Release appended at the end of the Newsletter.***

THE CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT – Community Policing

By Captain Justin Todd, N.A.

Happy Spring everyone!!!

Many of you have social media and hopefully like and follow our Cambridge P.D Facebook page. If not, please do! We post often as possible and a good majority of what we post has to do with Community Outreach and showing that we are strong in our community and how we are a part of the many great things going on within our city. That leads me to speak about our Community Policing efforts at the Cambridge Police Department.

Sgt. Antoine Patton is the Sergeant in charge of the Community Police Division and has been a familiar face around the city for the last 21 ½ years. His responsibilities are events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, Special Olympic fund raisers, etc. They are just to name a few of the events that we have each year.

This fall we plan to do another Citizens Police Academy which we hold in the training room of the Cambridge Police Department. The program allows community members to understand how Police Officers are trained. The citizens get a hands-on experience as they are shown how Officers carry out their daily duties. We have role playing exercises, k-9 demonstrations, and other important information that helps the public better understand why we handle certain situations the way we do. I encourage everyone to consider being a part of the next class. More information will be coming out on it later in the summer.



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Policing has changed since I began my career almost 22 years ago and it is my belief that one of the biggest goals a Police Department should have (especially policing in municipalities) is being able to reach its citizens in a positive manner. Community Policing should not start and end with just an officer or two in a division. Every officer that steps foot on our streets should be out there getting to know our community and allowing our community to get to know them.

As always, if anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me. Also, if you know of anyone who is looking for a career in law enforcement, please have them contact me at jtodd@cambridgepd.org.

*“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about”
– Margaret J. Wheatley*

LONG WHARF CLEANUP – APRIL 2022

by Judd Vickers

Over thirty volunteers participated in the clean-up at Long Wharf on April 2! CAN, in partnership with ShoreRivers and the Naticoke Watershed Alliance removed many bags of debris and trash from the area. Additionally, volunteers were able to help with a head start on Spring maintenance of the bioswales and remove dead growth from the winter months. We even crossed paths with a nesting mallard and marked the area, so she won't be disturbed. CAN would like to extend a special thanks to each and every volunteer, as well as to Matt Pluta (ShoreRivers) and Lisa Wool (Naticoke Watershed Alliance) for helping to organize the event.

The clean-up effort accomplished several things: 1) trash and debris that was removed will not find its way into our river and bay, eliminating pollution and plastics harmful to wildlife; 2) dead winter growth was removed to make way for the spring growth in the bioswales, that will continue to absorb runoff during the heavy thunderstorms to come this summer; and 3) many locals and visitors alike enjoy Long Wharf Park, and it is important to put our best foot forward as a community by maintaining a clean public space.

On Sunday, April 3, Cambridge welcomed the first cruise ship of the season to Long Wharf. It was a beautiful day, and the area was buzzing with visitors from the American Constitution, enjoying the Long Wharf area and boarding tour buses for local destinations. It was great we could provide the visitors with a welcoming environment.

Below is the schedule of port dates for American Cruise Lines this summer. We are seeking volunteers that will help with small sweeps before each arrival to remove any trash and debris from the area. Please contact Judd at judd.vickers@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

2022 Schedule (please note that cruise itineraries can be subject to change):



Constitution Sunday, April 3, 2022
Constitution Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Constitution Saturday, April 23, 2022
Constitution Tuesday, May 3, 2022
Independence Tuesday, May 10, 2022
Independence Monday, May 16, 2022
Star Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Independence Sunday, May 22, 2022

Star Monday, May 23, 2022
Star Sunday, May 29, 2022
Constitution Monday, October 31, 2022
Independence Wednesday, November 2, 2022
Star Thursday, November 3, 2022
Constitution Thursday, November 10, 2022
Constitution Wednesday, November 16, 2022
Constitution Wednesday, November 23, 2022
Constitution Friday, December 30, 2022



COMMUNITY NEWS – COOPERATING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

MAIN STREET GALLERY'S SPRING SHOW -- Hookers, Strippers, and Dyers

By Theresa Knight McFadden

Main Street Gallery is delighted to welcome Betty Burbage and Elissa Crouch as guest artists for May and June in a show curated by local artist Lisa Krentel. Betty and Elissa, who call their show “Hookers, Strippers and Dyers”, are artists who engage in the traditional art of rug hooking to create unique handmade rugs.

Those who engage in this art are known as hookers and they create their rugs by pulling loops of yarn or fabric through a woven base using a crochet-type hook. The wool, which can be purchased or recycled from clothing, is felted and then dyed to a depth and brilliance that the hooker desires. The wool then goes through a process called stripping that leaves it looking like a colorful linguine which is ready to be hooked into the maker's vision.

The inspiration to become a rug hooker came to Betty while she was traveling in Nova Scotia about 27 years ago. She was introduced to some examples of beautiful yarn and wool hooking and was intrigued by what she saw. She thought she may want to try hooking for herself and about a year later she got her chance when she saw someone demonstrating rug hooking near her home in Berlin, MD. She was instantly hooked. Betty, who is a retired supervisor for the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation,



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belongs to the Delmarva Friendship Rug Crafters Guild and is a member of the National Guild of Pearl K. McGown Rug Crafters. Her rugs have garnered honors, including a blue ribbon at the Worcester County Fair. They have also been published in "Celebration", a juried show of the finest rugs in the world.

Elissa, who is a resident of Cambridge, MD came to hooking 38 years ago when a dear friend introduced her to the art. While it was definitely love at first loop, Elissa, who worked full time, could not find instructors nearby, so she taught herself how to hook. Later she took classes from well-known rug hookers and attended classes and workshops to further hone her skills. Elissa is a prolific hooker who is fully engaged in the process of designing her own patterns and custom dyeing her wool. Her work is in numerous private collections, and she has also been published in "Celebration XXIV".

"Hookers, Strippers and Dyers" will open on Thursday, May 5 and will run through Sunday, July 3. The public is invited to meet the artists and see their colorful, one-of-a-kind rugs at two free artist's receptions which will take place on Second Saturdays, May 14 and June 11 from 5-8 pm.

Gallery hours for this show will be Thursday through Monday from 11-5. Visitors may also call the gallery at 410-330-4659 to schedule an appointment to see the show or visit the gallery's website at www.mainstgallery.net.

Main Street Gallery, which is located at 518 Poplar St., is Cambridge's only artist-owned and run cooperative and is currently reviewing work from prospective members and guest artists. Please contact the gallery if you are interested in being a part of this vibrant artist community: Theresa Knight McFadden, Publicity, Main Street Gallery, 703-201-7157

NEWS FROM THE CAMBRIDGE EMPOWERMENT CENTER

The Cambridge Empowerment Center, located at 615B Pine St. welcomes Andrew Shannon as the new Executive Director. Andrew who is from Newport News, Virginia, has over thirty years of executive management experience in the non-profit and public sector.

Andrew's passion for helping others and promoting positive youth development led him to organize a parade in 1990 to give the residents of the southeast Newport News a positive, wholesome family event and a sense of pride in their community. Last year, Andrew celebrated "The 31st Anniversary of a Vision - the Southeast Community Day Parade and Festival". The Parade and Festival attracts over 60,000 attendees annually in September including national, state and local leaders. Family members of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. including his son, Martin Luther King II, daughter Dr. Bernice A. King, and a host of other relatives, U. S. Senators, Governors, Lieutenant Governors, members of Congress and other elected officials have served as the Parade Grand Marshals and Keynote Speakers.

The Andrew Shannon Gospel Music Celebration has featured national recording artists Kierra Sheard-Kelly, Jekalyn Carr, Koryn Hawthorne, Dorothy Norwood, JJ Hairston and Youthful Praise, Luther Barnes, Byron Cage and Dr. Bobby Jones; just to name a few. The concerts are held throughout the country from



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New York to Atlanta, Georgia. The Andrew Shannon Drumline and Talent Showcase have been the featured performers for the United States Department of Energy Black History Month Celebration in Washington, DC.

Andrew is involved in civil rights and serves as the Virginia State Unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) State Vice President and Chapter President. He is also a former member of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Virginia Advisory Committee.

This summer we are planning learning and fun activities for 40 to 50 children for 7 weeks, Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Dorchester County's low income/poverty areas who would otherwise have no positive summer experience. A small fee of \$65 is required so that the parents have some "buy-in" to the program. However, no child is turned away and we provide some scholarships for those who cannot pay. Our actual cost is \$1,000 to \$1,500 per child.

Many children have missed a year of school in 2020-21 and many were already behind when the Pandemic hit. Therefore, we are offering educational activities each week to maintain their skills and even raise them. These activities will include STEM projects, and educational trips in addition to fun activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, and games. The children will receive breakfast and lunch each day.

This year we are expanding our program to include a professional in physical education and music. This teacher will instruct the children preparing for a "Step Show". Stepping is a percussive dance performance in which the participant's entire body is used as an instrument to produce complex rhythms and sounds through a mixture of footsteps, spoken word, singing and handclaps. In August, to conclude our summer program, the Cambridge Empowerment Center will present "Remembering King: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Step Show, Drumline and Talent Showcase." We are sure this will excite and motivate all of our students.

We are asking for donations to support our effort to provide Dorchester County youth with a low-cost option for a quality summer experience. We would appreciate any help you can give us to make this happen. A donation to the Cambridge Empowerment Center, is an investment in our community. Checks can be made out to "Cambridge Empowerment Center" and sent to: P.O. Box 949, Cambridge, Md. 21613, or dropped off at our Center (615B Pine Street, Cambridge). We are always looking for volunteers to help in our programs. To get more information, please call Andrew Shannon at 410- 901-1397.





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SHORERIVERS – Note From Your Riverkeeper

By Matt Pluta, Director of Riverkeeper Programs, Choptank Riverkeeper, [ShoreRivers](#)

I wanted to make sure that everyone is aware of the following: **State of the Choptank**. The flyers below advertise my State of the Choptank River presentation in Cambridge on April 27 at the Packing House and the importance of Green Streets & Healthy Waterways. **Cambridge Sewage Issues**. Following-up on the sewer issues and the need for the City to commit American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to implement the corrective engineering designs. Below is a draft schedule that the City plans to follow for this project.

SHORIVERS
STATE OF THE RIVERS

Join your Riverkeepers to learn about the health and challenges of our local waterways

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 5:30 - 7 PM
STATE OF THE MILES, WYE, & CHOPTANK RIVERS
CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM, ST MICHAELS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 5:30 - 7 PM
STATE OF THE CHOPTANK RIVER
THE PACKING HOUSE ATRIUM, CAMBRIDGE

THURSDAY, MAY 05 5:30 - 7 PM
STATE OF THE CHESTER RIVER
WASHINGTON COLLEGE HYNSON LOUNGE, CHESTERTOWN

FRIDAY, MAY 13 5:30 - 7 PM
STATE OF THE SASSAFRAS RIVER
VOLUNTEER FIRE HALL, BETTERTON

THURSDAY, MAY 19 5:30 - 7 PM
STATE OF THE MILES, WYE, & CHESTER RIVERS
CHESAPEAKE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, GRASONVILLE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
FAMILY FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES
AGES 6 - 12

Free!

MORE INFO AT: SHORIVERS.ORG/EVENTS

GREEN STREETS & HEALTHY WATERWAYS

As rain or melting snow drains off of the land, it picks up pollutants such as trash, leaky engine fluids, pet waste, and lawn fertilizers. Even with just a little rain, these pollutants are carried into storm drains or directly into the Choptank River.

This landscaped area and nearby bricks are specially designed to capture, slow down, soak in and filter polluted rainwater runoff. In addition, the plants are specifically selected to absorb excess nitrogen and phosphorus, as well as provide habitat for native bees and butterflies.

These types of projects are referred to as "green infrastructure" projects that mimic nature to clean stormwater and reduce flooding impacts. Traditional "grey infrastructure" consists of pipes, tanks and channels that control flooding, but many times doesn't clean the stormwater, replenish groundwater or provide habitat. Green infrastructure is very important to Cambridge to protect our fisheries, recreational activities and drinking water.

NATIVE PLANTS
Native plants attract pollinators, like butterflies, birds and bees

POROUS PAVEMENT
This rougher pavement allows water to pass through

TREE TRENCH
Stormwater runs into a storm drain and waters the street trees through underground pipes

POROUS PAVERS & BRICKS
These interlocking porous paving stones and bricks allow water to pass through

CURB BUMPOUT
Stormwater runs through openings in the curb to help absorb excess stormwater and waters the plants

Logos: Chesapeake Bay Foundation, ShoreRivers, Nanticoke, Sea Grant, University of Maryland Extension

West End Area Sewer Upgrades

Activity	Start Date	End Date
Issue RFP & Execute Engineering Consultant Contract	Feb. 2022	Apr. 2022
Project Design, Bid Document Preparation & Permitting	Apr. 2022	Oct. 2022
Bidding & Award of Construction Contract	Nov. 2022	Jan. 2023
Construction	Feb. 2023	Dec. 2023

Trenton Street Pumping Station Upgrades

Activity	Start Date	End Date
Preliminary Engineering Report	Nov. 2021	Apr. 2022
Project Design, Bid Document Preparation & Permitting	May 2022	Dec. 2022
Bidding & Award of Construction Contract	Jan. 2023	Mar. 2023
Construction	Apr. 2023	Sep. 2024



DORCHESTER WOMEN'S MURAL



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For Immediate Release

Contact: Theresa McFadden
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The Dorchester Women's Mural, a public art project of the non-profit Cambridge Community Arts Foundation, Inc. (CCAF) will feature 12 remarkable Dorchester-based women, past and present, and is slated for installation this May-June by winning muralist Bridget Cimino of Baltimore. CCAF President Theresa Knight McFadden praised Cimino's design as "bold, energetic, and uplifting" noting that she won in a competition among a field of 17 proposals submitted last year in response to a detailed Request for Proposals.

"We are so grateful to the Maryland State Arts Council's Public Art Across Maryland grant program which is providing lead funding for the mural through a competitive process we were fortunate to secure," said McFadden. "But it all started locally with a handful of individual seed contributions from leaders in the community, as well as start-up funds from a cross-section of community organizations including the Dorchester Center for the Arts, the Cambridge Arts and Entertainment District, and the George B. Todd fund of the Mid-Shore Community Foundation."

The Mural Selection Committee initially chose seven nationally recognized women with ties to Dorchester County to appear on the mural: Yogananda Pittman, former Acting Chief of the U.S. Capitol Police, Civil Rights activist Gloria Richardson, Admiral Sara A. Joyner, the first female carrier strike fighter squadron leader, Anna Ella Carroll, advisor to President Lincoln, Bea Arthur, actress of stage, screen and television, and champion sharpshooter Annie Oakley.

This winter and spring, the Committee, with input from the community at large, chose to add five additional women, noted for their contributions in Dorchester history:

Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley, first woman and first African American mayor of Cambridge (three terms), Dr. Lida Orem Meredith, the first woman doctor in Dorchester County, especially noted for her service to the underprivileged, Fronnie Jones, matriarch of a legendary 60-year, multi-generational crab picking family at J.M. Clayton's, Donna Wolf Mother Abbott, first woman Chief of the Nause Waiwash tribe, and Dakota Abbott Flowers, six time champion muskrat skinner, and former Miss Outdoors.

Said McFadden, "What these women have in common is the indelible imprint they have left on our community. They have shown us that Dorchester's rich heritage as a waterfront community, where lives are tied to the land and water, can stimulate the imagination of women from humble beginnings to do great things both in our community and in the world. We are so very proud of their accomplishments and hope that their



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stories, which we are documenting in conjunction with the school system, will prompt other young women to strike out on any path that excites their passions.”



Artist Bridget Cimino's rendering of the “left panel” design for the Dorchester Women's Mural

A “Community Artist Day” is planned for one Sunday late in May or early June for members of the community to sign up in shifts and put brush to masonry under the tutelage of muralist Bridget Cimino and help bring the mural to life. Anyone is encouraged to register their interest in participating by emailing the Foundation at ccartsfoundation@gmail.com. Young people are encouraged to attend, but anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants, or their parents/guardians will need to sign a participation waiver.

Nine women from a cross-section of arts and community organizations served on the Mural Selection Committee, which provided honoraria to the three finalists, and then ultimately selected Bridget Cimino's final design. Notably, Cimino recommended that consideration be made to extending the mural onto the adjacent wall of 516 Poplar Street to include other locally significant women. Building owner William E. Harrington was supportive of the effort and mural easements were secured on both 518 and 516 Poplar's side walls.

Muralist Cimino said, “I've had the privilege to be involved in painting over two dozen murals now, and this is the one that excites me the most so far. I can't wait to engage with the community on the Community Artist Day and to meet everyone at the official ribbon cutting. It's great to think of some young girl learning about the stories of these incredible women and thinking about which one inspires her the most as she contemplates her future.”

CCAF, Inc. was founded early in 2021 by a group of artists who first met as members of the Main Street Gallery co-op and wanted to expand art projects into the



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community. The Foundation's first project was creating the "Little Free Art Gallery" which offers small works of art for anyone who would like to take them home (just like a little free library). "Bring a piece, take a piece" is our motto, said McFadden, "and we have been so gratified by the number of small works people in the community have placed in the Little Free Gallery to be enjoyed and shared with others."

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

522 Greenwood Ave.
Cambridge, MD 21613

Days of Operation: Monday - Friday

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:





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/.



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 **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 CY2022** – 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.

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CAMBRIDGE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT, INC. SHARES PLANS; OBTAINS FUNDS

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CAMBRIDGE, Md. Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. (CWDI) hosted Secretary Kenneth C. Holt and a team from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development along with Governor Larry Hogan's Deputy Chief of Staff Allison Mayer for a tour earlier this month featuring the ongoing revitalization of the former Phillip's Seafood packing house. The tour



Secretary Holt (Center); Allison Mayer (left of Sec. Holt)

was followed by a presentation of CWDI's plans for development and management of the mixed-use, waterfront site. The tour with Secretary Holt's team was just one of several recent milestones in the waterfront redevelopment.

"Each time I visit and tour the CWDI site, I am impressed and inspired by the ongoing progress," said Secretary Holt. "This project will truly transform the landscape of Cambridge, adding jobs, attracting tourists, and advancing economic and cultural growth in this historic city for current and future generations."



Dion Banks Presents at Branding Event

As part of their efforts to include Cambridge residents in their planning, CWDI hosted a branding event at the Cambridge-South Dorchester High School. Over 200 community members attended the event where Mr. Dion Banks, a member of the project's Branding Working Group, and Mr. Brennan Murray of BCT Design Group presented the working group's process. The working group used a series of exercises and held a discussion to finalize three potential names - Cambridge Harbor, Port Cambridge, or Waterfront Cambridge.

"We worked diligently to develop names for the waterfront project that represented our community," said Mr. Banks of the year-long process. "Our city and county are unique because of our ties to the water, our appreciation for our heritage, and our sense of community. We must use this naming opportunity to celebrate who we are and share it with others."

The final name will be announced at CWDI's next board meeting based on comments received from the community and recommendations from the working group.

