



CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS

Building a Better Community, Block by Block

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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 Meeting Minutes – <https://cambridgecan.org/category/meetings/>
- 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/>
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – We want to hear from you!

The Cambridge Association of Neighborhoods (CAN) has grown to 425 members this year, making it a sizable voice in the City. In 2022, the CAN Board has made a concerted effort to keep the community informed about City wide issues such as the need to increase pay for our police department, updating our fire equipment, enforcing code violations on landlords, need for road and sewer improvements, etc. This is an important effort to keep our members informed as to what is going on City wide.

While this is a core responsibility of CAN, we also want to represent our member's interest in your local area. So we need to hear from you - what are the issues in your neighborhood that are of a concern. Is it speeding cars, vandalism, trash pickup, noise, whatever? Let us know and we will work to get the City to notice. Reply back to me at Ragtime31@gmail.com.

Also, we need help with writers to cover City hearings and researchers willing to dig in on certain issues. CAN is an ALL-VOLUNTEER organization that is free to join.

Thanks,

Chuck McFadden, President of CAN, Ragtime31@gmail.com

PS: Thought you might like to see the comments I made during the August 22 City Council Meeting:

- Ordinance 1204 (on short term leasing) includes requirements for license, specialized safety equipment, payment of room tax and possible City Inspections. (i) Effective date should be after this year's Ironman. (ii) The ordinance should exempt Ironman and Eagleman from the 3-day limit. Many homeowners get 4-day listings for these events.
- Questioned why there was no public comment allowed on first or second readings of two ordinances.
- On the GFNY cycling race, stated that CAN was generally in favor of such events promoting the City but requested that the City explore changing the date so as not to be so close to Ironman.
- Made a very favorable comment on the City Manager's priority list for FY 23 and suggested adding a grant writer to help get funds especially in light of the \$20 million needed to fix the sewer system.
- Praised the reappointment of the HPC members. This group has calmed down the process and added needed stability to the system. It has done a wonderful job of improving the look of our housing.
- Comments on the \$450,000 going to the developers and Hyatt for a bridge on private property. Why didn't the Council ask how much profit the developers were going to make after building 651 high end houses? What assurances were there that the developer was going to build all these homes. Why was the Hyatt picked to get special treatment; are other developments and Companies in Cambridge eligible to get hundreds of thousands to benefit their private property? The stated economic purpose in the proposal to the City is "The additional residents from these new homes will support the Hyatt Resort's food and beverage business operations as well as drive additional demand for room revenue to support the Resort during the off season". There is no mention of helping the City, just one private developer helping a private company but asking for City funds to do so. The \$75,000 a year from the general fund could get a grant writer or increase pay at the police department or even fund a new engine.



CAMBRIDGE CORNER

CAMBRIDGE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

-- by Fred & Martha Phillips-Patrick

National Real Estate Trends

The softening trend in the residential real estate nationally has continued. Redfin, for example, reported that home prices in Maryland were up 5.8% year-over-year in July. At the same time, the number of homes sold fell 25.2% year-over-year and the number of homes for sale fell 16.3%. In light of these trends, let's see how the Cambridge real estate market is doing in this environment.

Cambridge Market Update

According to Zillow, the typical home value of homes in Cambridge is \$185,403, slightly up from June. This value is seasonally adjusted and only includes the middle price tier of homes. Cambridge home values have gone up 10.9% over the past year, up more than the state average of 5.8%. However, Redfin reported that Easton's home values, for example, were up 26% over the same time period, ranking among the top ten markets in Maryland.

Realtor.com now characterizes Cambridge as a buyer's market, which means that the supply of homes exceeds the demand of homes. The sale-to-list price ratio was 99.5%, which means that homes in Cambridge sold for slightly less than their asking price on average in July. Also, according to Movoto, some 39 properties have had their asking price reduced in light of market developments.

Sales: Currently, according to Realtor.com, there are now 165 homes for sale (137 single family homes and 28 condos and townhomes) in the Cambridge area, up from 139 in June. There are also 6 multifamily units for sale, as well as 59 plots of land.

According to Realtor.com, 26 single family, townhouses, and condo sales were completed in July, ranging in value from \$35,000 to \$485,000. They are:

605 Bethel St	\$40K	409 Cemetery Ave	\$35K	6119 Twin Pt. Cove Rd	\$485K
119 West End Ave	\$150K	2700 Willow Oak 110C	\$375K	612 Wells St	\$52.5K
104 Sailors Ln	\$270K	907 Talisman Ln	\$151K	109 Willis St	\$315K
10 Willis St	\$85K	1311 Race St	\$270K	719 Robbins St	\$105K
5312 Spring Dr	\$143K	324 Shipyard Dr	\$245K	5 Willis St	\$300K
412 Washington St	\$45K	617 Rigby Ave	\$102.8K	1668 Terrapin Cir	\$300K
1302 Glasgow St	\$95K	915 Hudson Rd	\$308K	719 Robbins St	\$105K
5708 Wingate Way	\$415K	405 E Appleby Ave	\$137.8K	301 Muir St Unit 306	\$425K
305 Elm Ave	\$234K	1010 Glasgow St	\$180K		



Other Developments

In other real estate news, the Davis Group presented an initial concept plan for the Mill Street School redevelopment to the Planning Commission on August 2. The plan included a change from the old school building being redeveloped as condominiums to now 8 apartment units. The rest of the lot would be developed into 10 owner-occupied duplex units (5 buildings). The Davis Group also proposed that School Street be widened and become 2 ways between Choptank and Mill. Some neighbors raised concerns as to traffic related issues, as well as drainage as there is considerable runoff between Mill and Choptank Avenues, which was the site of an historic creek area that drained into the Choptank River. More to come.

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL FUNDS CREATION OF LAND BANK

-- by Sharon Smith and Judd Vickers

The City Council has allocated \$1,000,000 in ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds to create a Land Bank.

What is a Land Bank? Land Banks are government, or quasi government authorities that are used to eliminate property blight.

What does a Land Bank do? The following list provides some examples:

- Acquiring vacant properties for conversion into green spaces.
- Acquiring a blighted property and quickly demolish it, to prevent it from becoming a longer neighborhood nuisance.
- Acquiring a neglected property, make renovations and then resell.
- Leasing a commercial space at a reduced rent to support strategies related to neighborhood revitalization.
- Exercising has several unique powers, including:
 - Clearing titles
 - Extinguishing back taxes and liabilities
 - Holding properties tax-free
 - Leasing properties
 - Negotiating sales based not only on highest bid but also to align with community goals

How do Land Banks Acquire Properties? Land Banks do not have the power of Eminent Domain, or Condemnation. Land Banks typically acquire properties through the tax sale process at a low cost but can also obtain properties through donations, bad titles, abandonment, etc. Maryland passed legislation in 2017 to allow the creation of land banks. The city must now pass an ordinance to create it locally.

Twenty-five states allow land banking. The closest city to Cambridge having a land bank is Wilmington, DE. Dorchester County government does not officially have a Land Bank. However, the County in the past has removed certain properties from the tax sale and sold them to buyers who contractually agreed to make renovations and improvements. Several properties have been sold by the County to private owners, who in turn made improvements and they were placed back on the tax rolls.



What can a Land Bank do for us in Cambridge? Quite a bit, actually:

- Acquire homes from tax sale and work with entities like Habitat for Humanity and other non-profits to make renovations and sell to a homeowner.
- Purchase a neglected historic structure and stabilize it until a buyer could be found that is willing to make the appropriate restorations.
- Acquire one of our older, non-functioning corner stores, make renovations and offer for rent to a shopkeeper.
- Demolish an abandoned structure to create an area for a community garden.

This is a great tool for Cambridge to improve our housing stock and it should be off to a great start with \$1,000,000 up front funding!

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Report

-- by Sharon Smith

The July meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held on Wednesday, July 20th, 2022, at 6pm in Council Chambers at 305 Gay Street. Several people participated by conference call, and the session was streamed live on TownHallStreams.com.

It was a busy month, with a total of 16 applications submitted for approval. City staff gave administrative approval for three asphalt roof shingle replacements and one slate roof repair. Three applications were approved without discussion via the consent agenda. These included a wooden fence installation, porch railing, and TPO membrane for a flat roof.

Nine applications received full reviews. The items included replacement of windows and doors, fences, siding, a small addition, and garage and deck construction. Demolition of two accessory structures in dilapidated condition was also approved. Two decisions were deferred, one for a site visit of wood window deterioration, and one for deck railing design consideration.

***HPC meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month.
Note that any exterior modifications to structures in the West End Historic District
require prior approval from the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC).***

THE CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT – CPD News & Officer Highlight: Sgt Edward Howard

-- by Captain Justin R. Todd, NA#258

I hope everyone's summer is going well. As you can imagine it has been a busy summer here at the Police Department. I am sure many of you are aware that, effective September 6, 2022, Chief Lewis will be retiring. Captain Nichols will also be retiring on August 31, 2022. I will be taking over as the Acting Chief.

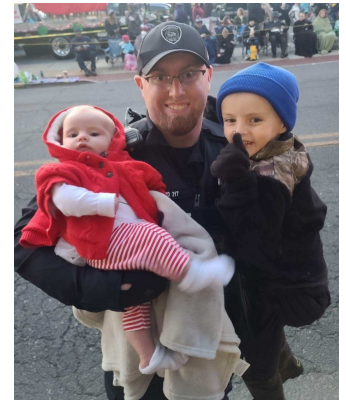
I look forward to this opportunity and am excited to get to work. I have a great vision of what I believe can help reduce crime in the city and getting the citizens to know and trust their Police Department more. I



believe Community Oriented Policing is the key to success and every officer playing their role in the community in which they serve. I appreciate your continued support and thank you all for everything you do each and every day to help make your community better.

Now enough about me. I want to speak about another one of CPD's finest, Sgt. Edward Howard. Sgt. Howard has been an officer at Cambridge P.D. for 11 years and has quickly risen through the ranks, working in Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Narcotics, and assisted in our Community Policing Program. He has authored and executed over one-hundred search and seizure warrants and has been a part of many high-profile cases which include, homicides, armed robberies, rape, etc. Sgt. Howard is also the assistant team leader on the Department's Emergency Response Team and is a certified firearms and taser instructor for the Department.

Before his life as a Police Officer, Sgt. Howard grew up in Hudson and after graduation from Cambridge South Dorchester H.S, he went on to study at Salisbury University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. Sgt. Howard was on the dean's list five times. It was there that he met his wife, Ashley of six years. They currently live in Hudson with their two children. Sgt. Howard is also an active member of the Neck District Fire Company.



We are so very blessed to have Sgt. Howard as a part of our Department. He sets a great example for our younger officers and is dedicated to the City of Cambridge and Dorchester County. When asked who his biggest influences in his life was, he responded "my grandfather, George Howard Jr. He taught me the value of hard work and keeping your word. He shaped me into the person I am today." He also credited his parents as playing major roles in his life.

CAMBRIDGE FUN FACTS & LORE – Did you know?

-- by Martha Phillips-Patrick

- Cambridge is home to 15 different sites and buildings registered on the National Register of Historic Places, administered at the State level by the Maryland Historical Trust.
- The highest temperature of record for Cambridge is 106 degrees; the lowest -6 degrees.
- Cambridge (population 13,000) is the fourth most populous city on the Eastern Shore after Salisbury (33,000), Easton (17,000) and Elkton (16,000). The population of Cambridge steadily increased from 1900 until 1960 when it reached over 12,000. From 1960 to 2000, the City's population declined to less than 11,000. Since 2000, however, the City's population has gradually been increasing again.
- Horn Point Laboratory is home to the largest oyster hatchery on the East Coast.
- According to Chris Brohawn, co-owner of ReAle Revival (RAR), the Poplar Street site where the brewery opened had been a pool hall from the 1950s to about 2004. During that time, it had also been a bowling alley and place for high-priced card games and a big seller of pool hall hotdogs, selling up to 150 hot dogs a day. – And speaking of dogs...the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Hotel is dog friendly. (With rules and a nightly, non-refundable pet fee of \$150.)



DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD VOTES AGAINST ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS GRANT

-- by Susan Olsen

When President Biden signed into law the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) last November, he provided a way to make climate change mitigation affordable. One way the BIL is helping to lower greenhouse gases is by funding school districts to switch from diesel to electric buses. These electric buses, which cost up to \$375,000 each, would be unaffordable to many rural school districts such as Dorchester without the millions of dollars in funding from BIL.

Under Title XI of the law: Clean School Buses and Ferries, the BIL will be providing \$5 billion (during FY 2022 – 2026) for the replacement of existing school buses with clean school buses and zero-emission (electric) buses. This money is now being distributed through grants available through government agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Agriculture, Department of Transportation, and the Department of Energy.

One such grant was available from the EPA. The agency developed five “priority school districts” in Maryland. Dorchester County was granted this prized status which means the EPA would have paid the full cost of electric school buses for our county (up to \$375,000 each). The school board/bus contractors were entitled to order as many as 25 buses, and they would have been completely paid for. In addition, the grant would have paid up to \$20,000 per bus for the charging infrastructure (the full cost of Level 2 chargers).

Although the grant appears to cover all the financial aspects of putting electric school buses on Dorchester County Roads, some administrators worry that there could be unforeseen financial responsibilities. That should not be a concern. The USDA alone has three or four agencies that provide gap money to rural communities seeking to utilize electric buses. Furthermore, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Energy are also providing funds for this purpose. In addition, SB 948 – “Public Utilities – Electric School Bus Pilot Program also proposes an innovative way for schools to buy electric school buses by working with utility companies.

This grant application deadline has now passed. Unfortunately, the Dorchester County School Board voted against applying. Some school officials thought that maybe we could start with one electric school bus; however, even that was not supported by the Dorchester Board.

We must begin to convert Dorchester County’s diesel buses to electric as soon as possible. Transportation accounts for approximately one third of our greenhouse gas emissions. Electric buses, at zero emissions, will enable us to lower tremendously the amount of GHG escaping into our atmosphere, thus mitigating climate change. In addition, there are reduced maintenance costs for electric buses due to regenerative braking as well as no engine or exhaust system maintenance. Fuel costs are also less.

We cannot afford to wait any longer! We must join the rest of the state in working to alleviate the climate crisis. Electric school buses would be a big step forward.



MAKE CAMBRIDGE RESILIENT FLOOD MITIGATION & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (Aug 4, 2022)

-- by Larry White P.E. Project Manager

We are nearing completion of our Make Cambridge Resilient Flood Mitigation Plan, and working to acquire funding for design and construction. I will be writing articles periodically to provide the public with updates on where we are in the process. This is an update on our grant applications and a new community development program we are seeking funding for which I just briefed our City Council.

Update on Grant Applications: We have a grant application to FEMA under their Build Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program for both design and construction of our flood mitigation project over about a three-to-four-year period. This is a national competition, but we believe we have a good chance of obtaining a grant. We should hear something as early as October 2022. As a backup, we have also submitted a grant application to Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) for design and construction funding under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This will be funded using COVID disaster relief funds already awarded to the State so there is less competition. However, awards for this grant would be sometime in early 2023. We also have a grant application to MD DNR to design and construct a pilot project around Gerry Boyle Park using material we could dredge from Hambrooks Bay. This would allow us to address a high priority area in the short term.

Make Cambridge Resilient Community Development Program

Once we were nearing completion of the planning for our flood mitigation project, we realized much more needed to be done, for example in planning for the operation and maintenance of the project, and the need to implement more nature-based flood mitigation measure to reduce storm water runoff. To maintain the momentum of our Make Cambridge Resilient planning initiative we are therefore proposing, as a complement to our flood mitigation project, the implementation of a "Make Cambridge Resilient Community Development Program" aimed at strengthening our community capability and capacity to further develop and implement risk reduction measures going forward to institutionalize flood risk management within city planning and development. I just briefed City Council on this program July 25th and received approval to apply to FEMA for grant funding. We just submitted a grant application to FEMA under their Hazard Mitigation Program to fund this project for an initial three years.

Key initiatives that will be managed under our "Make Cambridge Resilient Community Development Program" include (1) developing, implementing, and funding an operations and maintenance (O&M) program for our flood mitigation project, (2) integrating our flood mitigation plan into the city's project planning process including our Comprehensive Plan and Working Waterfront Plan, (3) implementing nature-based flood mitigation features city-wide into existing and future public infrastructure projects such as our sewer and water supply systems, parks and roads, and private developments such as Cambridge Harbor, (4) supporting business and residents in project planning and grant funding for risk reduction on private property, and (5) developing a workforce to support the long-term needs of the city, businesses and residents in the planning and implementation of additional engineered and nature-based flood mitigation measures city-wide that will further reduce our risk of flooding due to sea level rise and major storms. A brief summary of the key elements of this program will include the following which I will write about in future project updates.

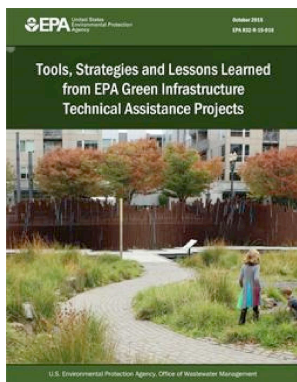


Flood Mitigation Infrastructure O&M: A key priority will be to ensure our flood mitigation project is maintained properly. Our hybrid “Make Cambridge Resilient Flood Mitigation Project” is complex combining both engineering and nature-based feature and spanning both public and private property that will require the development and implementation of an operations and maintenance plan that defines roles and responsibilities, technical requirements and operations, and provides funding to support it.

City Flood Mitigation Project Planning: The City will institutionalize flood risk reduction in its project planning process including implementation of the city’s Comprehensive Plan and Working Waterfront Plan. to “Make Cambridge Resilient” to sea level rise and major storms going forward. Emphasis will be placed on the implementation of nature-based flood mitigation measures that will be integrated into all project planning and design efforts going forward.



Nature-Based Flood Mitigation: Another key initiative of our Community Development Program will be to create and implement a Green Infrastructure Plan for the city. Major storms associated with climate



change have led to an increasing number of flooding events in urban areas such as the City of Cambridge due to the insufficient capacity of conventional grey stormwater management infrastructure that are primarily oriented towards the control of water quantities. Also, intense urbanization over the past few decades has significantly increased the proportion of impermeable surfaces that has resulted in increased amounts of surface water runoff and decreased amount of rainwater infiltrated into the soil. This has also resulted in a deterioration of water quality. Although we have developed, as part of our Make Cambridge Resilient Project, the capacity to capture and store stormwater that may accumulate as a result of a 100-year rain event, much more needs to be done to develop and implement nature-based flood mitigation measures city wide, to improve on our flood mitigation plan in mitigating the impacts of an expected increasing amount of stormwater that we will experience as a result of projected sea level rise and major storms in the future. Our Green Infrastructure Plan will identify multiple nature-based solutions that will reduce the volume and flow rate of stormwater runoff and removing contaminants from stormwater. This may take the form of urban parks and open spaces, wetlands, bioswales, rain gardens and detention and retention ponds promote water storage and infiltration, reducing stormwater runoff and they are attractive in combination with grey infrastructure, not only for stormwater management but also for their integration within the wider Green Infrastructure network

Business and Residents Flood Risk Reduction: The project team will use the results of the planning process including the development of the Green Infrastructure Plan to provide support to businesses and residents in the planning of specific engineered and nature-based flood mitigation projects on their properties including support in obtaining grant funding. A key element of our Community Development Program is to work with businesses and residents in providing technical support to them in developing concepts and plans to reduce their personal risk and potential grant funding to support it. Our program management team will support





businesses and residents using the results of our flood mitigation and green infrastructure planning to support them.

Workforce Development: Another key initiative is for the city to develop the workforce to support this program to reduce reliance on the need for contractor support over the long term. We will develop a strategy and plan to develop our long-term workforce. Our approach is to work with non-profits such as Shore Rivers and Partnership for Learning, and the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science who is supporting the city with the design of our living shoreline component of our flood mitigation project. Our goal is work with these partners to develop a strategy and plan to develop the skill base within the city and surrounding area to support our flood mitigation and green infrastructure development, maintenance and operations efforts. The city will develop a long-term staffing plan based on program requirements, and experience obtained during program implementation. For example, while managing the design and construction of our hybrid flood mitigation project and developing our operations and maintenance plan, we will identify the skills and resources that will be needed to maintain our flood mitigation infrastructure.



COMMUNITY NEWS – COOPERATING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

HARRIETT TUBMAN STATUE – Fundraiser and Unveiling

SAVE THE DATE! Harriet Tubman Bicentennial Celebration!
Saturday, September 10th! A Day of Resilience/Harriet Tubman Statue unveiling!

We are selling bricks that will be placed around the Harriet Tubman statue. You can leave a legacy by putting YOUR own words around the Harriet Tubman statue at the Dorchester County Courthouse. Visit our website today- <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/harrietsjourneyhome>. Thanks again for your time and support!

Adrian R. Holmes, President and Program Director, Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation, info@AlphaGenesisCDC.org, 410-989-3909, www.AlphaGenesisCDC.org.



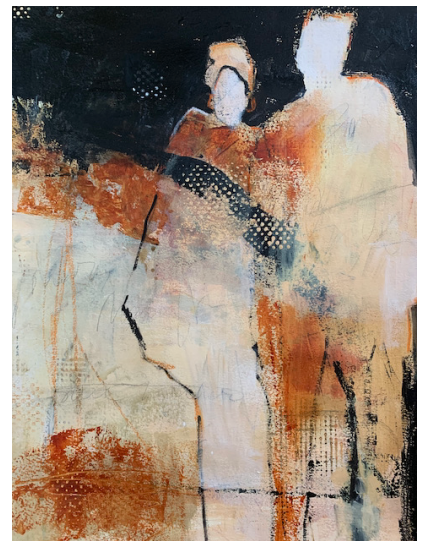


MAIN STREET GALLERY: “Imperfectly Perfect” is Fall Exhibit

Award winning acrylic painter, Maureen S. Farrell, is Main Street Gallery’s guest artist for September/October. Her show, “Imperfectly Perfect” highlights a collection of the artist’s figurative and abstract paintings which she created both in her home studio in Cambridge and her studio at the Davis Art Center in Easton.

On any given day, Maureen’s studio is filled with several paintings she is working on at the same time. Describing her paintings as process oriented, Maureen says she starts a painting by making marks and also journaling directly onto her canvas or paper with graphite and charcoal. “I then obliterate some of those marks and add more marks to the surface before moving on to the paint.” says the New York native who relocated to Cambridge in retirement. She says she works her way through the process allowing each painting to take its own course. “Over the years”, she says, “I have discovered that when I am fully engaged and give up control the magic happens.” She finds that concentrating on self-expression and using many marks and leaving what she calls “imperfections” add character and strength to her works.

But while her subjects are usually figurative or abstract, it is really her emotions that have the greatest influence on her pieces. “I paint what I feel” she declares, “not what I see”.



Interestingly for the former mail carrier, the daily handling of catalogs, magazines and newspapers that come to her through the mail have informed her work as well and often find their way into her paintings as written passages and collaged elements.

It wasn’t until after studying education and sociology in college and working as a rural mail carrier while raising three children as a single mom, that Maureen found her artistic voice. “My passion for art”, she says, “truly blossomed after I remarried, retired and reevaluated my whole purpose in life.” A gifted watercolor teacher early on became a good friend and mentor and encouraged her to continue painting. That support and the skills she acquired through taking many classes and workshops helped fuel her new found passion.



Maureen is a Signature Member of the International Society of Acrylic Painters and has shown her work locally, nationally and abroad. She is currently represented by Bishop's Stock in Snow Hill, MD and West Annapolis Artworks.

"Imperfectly Perfect" will open on September 1 and run through October 30. The public is invited to two artist receptions which will take place on Second Saturdays, September 10 and October 8 from 5-8 pm. The receptions are free and light refreshments will be served. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday from 11-5 and online shopping is always available on the gallery's website at mainstgallery.net. Main Street Gallery is located at 518 Poplar St. and is Cambridge's only artist-owned and run cooperative. The gallery is currently reviewing work from prospective members and guest artists. Please contact the gallery through its website or by phoning 410-330-4659 if you are interested in being a part of this vibrant artist community.

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.

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/



BIKE THE UGRR – WE NEED VOLUNTEERS — Saturday, October 15, 2022

- Route setup and take down: 7:00 am – 8:00 am & 12:00 Noon – 1:30 pm
- SAG (Support And Gear) Cars, Drivers, Communications: 7:30 am – 1:00 pm
- Rest Stops: Captains, hosts, set-up, and take down: 7:30 am – 1:00 pm
 - Bucktown Store, Harriet Tubman Visitor's Center, Oak Grove Church, Malone Church
- Finish Line – Check-out and take down: 10:00 am – 1:30 pm
- Miscellaneous activities as needed: anytime between 7:30 am – 1:30 pm



To volunteer, contact Tom Puglisi, tom.puglisi@comcast.net



CAN MISSION, MEMBERSHIP, and COMMITTEES

The Cambridge Association of Neighborhoods (CAN) fosters neighborhood cohesion and community involvement to enhance the quality of community life for all residents of Cambridge through community events, social activities, and neighborly assistance; and 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.

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.

