



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 on FaceBook – <https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeAssociationofNeighborhoods/>
- Contact CAN – CambridgeCAN@yahoo.com

SAVE THIS DATE FOR THE OCTOBER CAN MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 pm at the Library – Habitat Choptank





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Lots Going On!

-- Charles McFadden, President, CAN

The City Council meeting of September 11 had two guest speakers with rather grim messages about Cambridge. Pam Gregory of the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore spoke about the poverty level in Cambridge as being one of the worst, if not the worst in the State. She used combined poverty level and near poverty level statistics which she referred to as “asset limited” to show that the State level is at 38% asset limited but the Cambridge level is at 57% asset limited. Lisa Molock of MD Moms Demand Action spoke about the rise in gun violence in the State and especially in Cambridge. Both speakers left the Council and the audience feeling a little low and overwhelmed by the problems.

Many citizens have approached me asking what the city is doing or what the police are doing or what the School Board is doing or what Code enforcement is doing on a variety of issues. We can look to these organizations for leadership but we as citizens need to get involved if we are going to improve things in our city. The City manager has been on the job less than 18 months and has had to deal with elections to replace the Mayor and two Council members, in addition to hiring a new staff which included a new Deputy City Manager, a new Police Chief, a new Director of Public Works, a new Personnel Director, a new Finance Director, a new chief Engineer, a new Code Enforcement position and additional supporting positions. So, I would like to give him some time to see what he can do with a new team.

As for the police, our new Chief, Justin Todd, is trying to install a “community policing” approach. This effort involves getting the police into the communities and developing “trust” within the community. This approach is off to a good start, but the police force has only 35 officers to cover the city 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The police force used to have 52 officers but budget cuts over the years have reduced the authorized number to 46. Even at that number, we are still well short of what we need. The City has raised wages, but we need to do more to attract and maintain our police force. We need to have some “out of the box” thinking such as rent subsidies to get our police to live in the city and our neighborhoods. Also, we as citizens need to support our police. Captains Hinson and Patton are trying to install “Neighborhood Watches” in the communities to help police and our neighbors in identifying potential criminal activity. This is where we as citizens can be a positive force and help our police. People interested in establishing a Neighborhood Watch should contact the police or a Can Board member. You can help with this problem by getting involved.

Regarding the school system and its problems, one needs to remember that the School system is run by the county not the city. There is a basic problem built into a county wide approach which pits the needs of rural parts of the county against those of the city. That said, there are many programs that you can get involved with in support of the schools. There are reading programs, Meals till Monday which provides food on the weekends to students who need it, and most importantly there is involvement with the School Board. Your participation in school board meetings is needed to help change the culture of an old system.



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The new school board, led by Susan Morgan and Mike Diaz, is trying hard to bring in new ideas but needs your support to really overhaul an outdated and underfunded system.

Code enforcement is another area of concern to citizens. Our basic problem is that we have 60% rentals and only 40% home ownership. This leads to absentee landlords who do not maintain their property and who resist city efforts to enforce the codes. The city needs to have “inside and outside” code enforcement regulations and enough staff to enforce them. We have a new director of Code enforcement, and we need to support his efforts. I have received complaints from homeowners who have been cited for small violations when there are obviously outrageous violations elsewhere. The Housing Code applies to everyone living in Cambridge and we need to support the program if we want to improve our housing stock. Let’s see what the new director can do and what we can do to support a larger Code Enforcement team.

It is easy to complain about what is wrong with Cambridge and that and \$4 will get you a cup of coffee. As citizens, we need to get involved and help improve our community through participation and involvement. Please don’t get fed up with Cambridge, get involved.

-- Chuck McFadden, President

CAMBRIDGE CORNER

COUNTY LOSES CREDIT RATING

-- Jim Brady (WHCP)

Dorchester's County government has lost a key credit rating in the latest fallout from years of overdue financial audits that are only now becoming available.

Moody's Investors Service late last week formally withdrew Dorchester's A-level credit rating when county officials failed to produce financials under a 30-day deadline. Moody's cited the lack of information from Dorchester in wiping out its credit rating.

County officials on Monday posted on their website the oldest of the missing audits, for fiscal year 2021. County council President Lenny Pfeffer said Dorchester officials are engaged with Moody's to try to fix the lack of information. As more information becomes available, the county sends it to Moody's.

With no credit rating, the county would be forced to pay much higher interest rates on any bonds or capital leases. The difference could be 12-15 percent higher than the desirable A-level municipal bond rating it had enjoyed until now. That's more taxpayer dollars going to pay for higher interest.



The lack of a credit rating also means a likely discount in the resale value of at least \$30 million worth of bonds the county previously issued. Another big rating agency, S&P Global, withdrew its rating for Dorchester County in April.

The county government has failed to file legally required annual audits to the state since 2020. Officials have previously cited high turn-over in the finance department and a 2020 computer hack as reasons for the delay. But multiple extensions granted by the state since last year have expired without a completed audit submitted.

Pfeffer said that the current delay is a matter of the time auditors need to work. He said the county has dedicated staff and other resources, but ultimately, it's in the hands of the independent auditors.

Pfeffer said at a council meeting September 5th that the audits were 99 percent complete, and predicted the oldest missing report, for fiscal year 2021, would be ready in two weeks. With the posting of the FY 2021 audit, he beat his prediction by one day. Pfeffer said this week that he expects progress will accelerate, so that 2022 audit will not be far behind. A fiscal year 2023 audit is due by the end of October.

The county can submit a fee to Moody's to re-evaluate a credit rating once it has the required financial reports finished. Moody's did not indicate how long it could take to re-establish a credit rating after financial audits are completed.

CAMBRIDGE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

-- Fred & Martha Phillips-Patrick

National and Regional Residential Real Estate Developments

CNBC reported on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 that: "The average contract interest rate for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages with conforming loan balances increased to 7.27% from 7.21%. Demand for refinances dropped 5% for the week and was 31% lower than the same week one year ago. Applications for mortgages to purchase a home rose 1% week to week but were 27% lower than the same week one year ago. Mortgage applications decreased for the seventh time in eight weeks, reaching the lowest level since 1996." How is Cambridge fairing in this tough market environment? Let's see.

Cambridge Market Update

Realtor.com characterizes the City of Cambridge as a buyer's market in August, 2023, which means that the supply of homes is greater than the demand for homes. In August, the median listing home price in Cambridge was \$260K, trending down -1.7% year-over-year. Homes in Cambridge sold after 57 days on the market in August, about the same as in July. Homes sold for 1.96% below asking price on average in August.



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Sales: Currently, according to Realtor.com, there are now 168 homes for sale (114 single family homes and 54 condos and townhomes) in the Cambridge area, up slightly from July’s 164. There are also 4 multifamily units for sale, as well as 69 farms and plots of land. The properties’ asking prices range from \$29,900 to \$3,995,000.

In August only 20 single family, townhouses, and condo sales were completed, ranging in value from \$65,000 to \$1,725,000. They are:

302 Oyster Catcher Ct	\$197K	102 Shawnee Cir	\$520K	5619 Casson Neck Rd	\$625K
1600 Osprey C	\$375K	301 Mill St	\$465K	403 Sandy Hill Rd	\$363K
1621 Terrapin Cir	\$350K	5230 Heron Rd	\$570K	5333 Bucktown Rd	\$248K
701 Wood Duck Dr	\$190K	301 Muir St	\$460K	1107 Holland Ave	\$150K
4631 Egypt Rd	\$350K	1619 Terrapin Cir	\$323K	608 Hills Point Rd	\$1,725K
313 Cemetery Ave	\$65K	628 High St	\$85K	101 Hataswap Cir	\$1,025K
113 High St	\$580K	403 Talbot Ave	\$225K		

Other Developments

At the CAN meeting on September 7, 2023, Matt Leonard reported on recent developments concerning progress related to Cambridge Waterfront Development Inc. (CWDI).

Mr. Leonard stated that 7 acres (35%) of Cambridge Harbor’s 20 developable acres will be devoted to public access and use, and that negotiation is under way for development of individual parcels within the remaining acreage. Multiple developers will be involved, but CWDI will decide which developer is best for each individual parcel, so no single developer will control the development of Cambridge Harbor.

Based on responses to CWDI’s solicitation for letters of interest, discussions are under way for an expansion of the Richardson Maritime Museum; a public waterfront park with an event stage; a marina for transient boat slips; a 4-story boutique hotel with rooftop and ground-level restaurants; watersports rentals; and residential areas, including a mixed-use retail corridor with residential space on upper floors.

The Yacht Maintenance Company has plans for a major expansion to include a very large boat lift capable of bringing in large vessels for maintenance and restoration. The YMCA is considering a two-story full-use facility to include expanded exercise and activity spaces and administrative offices for the YMCA of the Chesapeake. However, no contracts or commitments have been signed to finalize development of any parcels or projects, including the YMCA project, except for the sale of land to Yacht Maintenance. CDWI is in the process of completing due diligence on all proposed projects.



CAMBRIDGE FUN FACTS AND LORE – Cambridge Windmills

-- Martha Phillips-Patrick

During the 18th century, Cambridge, as a significant and growing trading port, had begun to develop a shipbuilding industry of its own. By the 1790s the output of tobacco was declining in Dorchester County, and wheat, corn and other food crops had become the staples of the County's agricultural economy.

Dorchester County's flat land and winds allowed for the use of windmills for the grinding of grain. By 1887 there were at least 20 windmills in the County. In Cambridge, Mill Street got its name from such a mill. The last windmill to be built in Cambridge was built at the foot of Muir Street in 1858. Toward the end of the 1800s, the need for grain and grain products transport had expanded the ship building industry to making large coastal vessels on Cambridge Creek using local pine and oak. At that point, the need for mills to process both grain and lumber increased dramatically.

"...farming, shipbuilding and mills made a logical trifecta" in the 19th century. As farm production increased, farmers needed ships to get their crops to more markets. Mills were needed to efficiently turn grain into flour and logs into lumber for ship building. Though windmills continued to operate through much of the 19th century, water powered mills proved much more efficient than wind powered mills in areas where there was flowing water. By the beginning of the 20th century, windmills had become obsolete and the skills to build them were gone.

A grist post windmill, now replicated and known as Spocott Windmill, functioned as a grist mill at the head of Gary's Creek from 1852 to 1888, when it was "reduced to rubble by a late winter blizzard carrying up to 60 inches of snow." The windmill had been built by John Anthony LeCompte Radcliffe in 1852. John, then 70, decided not to rebuild it, but his son, George, was committed to seeing that the windmill of his childhood memories was replicated, and it was. The dedication of Spocott Windmill took place on George's 95th birthday in August of 1972. James Richardson, boat builder and owner of Richardson Boat Yard, was the builder.

If you'd like to visit the Spocott Windmill, it's located at 1609 Hudson Road in the Neck District area. The grounds are open for self-guided visits daily from sunrise to sunset year-round at no charge. If you want to go inside the windmill, you can make prior arrangements by calling 410-228-7670.

Sources: Call Me Cousin George: A Personal Look at the Life of Sen. George L Radcliffe, by George M Radcliffe, his grandson. / Dorchester Co Fact Book. Calvin Mowbray, 1980. / New Revised History of Dorchester County Maryland. Elias Jones. / Cambridge Historic District. Wards I and III. Paula S. Reed / msa.maryland.gov "listing of mills in Dorchester County, MD" (historically lists, locates and describes all the windmills and sawmills in Dorchester Co – 100s of them!)



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CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

-- Justin Todd, NA, Chief of Police



There are many times that it becomes easy to focus on all the negativity that is happening in our community and leave out or forget all the positive things and strides that are being taken. Over the last twelve months, I have had an opportunity to speak to many residents, business owners, community leaders, etc. We have listened to each other's concerns. There have been many meetings on how we can do things better and how we are putting plans into action.

There is no question there is a substantial amount of work to be done throughout the City of Cambridge. I strongly believe that we are at the point where we are beginning to finally come together as a stronger community. We have leaders of this community stepping up to the plate and working with the police department as well as the city government, strategizing and attempting to put things in place that will make for a better tomorrow for our entire city. As the Chief of Police, I can see the shift from the community and the officers of this agency as we are considered a Community Oriented Police Department. I see the progress that we are making as we are supporting neighborhoods and finding new ways to solve problems within communities. I also see citizens communicating and supporting the Police Department and its officers. I also believe that because of the positive changes, the support for the police, and the strong determination from community leaders and city government to make a change for our city, it has helped the policing manpower numbers begin to rise.

We have just hired another certified officer from another agency who wants to come to the Cambridge PD. The three already certified officers that we have hired since February have all had one thing in common when asked, "Why Cambridge PD," they stated in their own words, that they see the positive things that are being done in the community and the attempts that are being made and want to be part of it. As we are far from success, I will continue to focus on progress and keep striving for perfection to reach excellence.it.

I will end with a bit on crime. The month of August was a violent month for the city, not only shootings, but also juvenile crimes as we had twenty-three arrests/referrals of juveniles 13-17 years of age. Some of those twenty-three arrests were by the same offenders, just different crimes. The new juvenile laws have had an extreme effect on our abilities and will continue to have a negative effect on crime until it is changed. I have attached some information of the Maryland Juvenile Justice Reform laws and a little bit of additional data information that CPD has gathered to show *just* how some of the new laws have shown negative outcomes on our city thus far.

As always if anyone has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at jtodd@cambridgcpd.org



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

-- Sharon Smith

The August meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 6:00 pm. Three applications were granted administrative approval during the month for in-kind roofing replacement. Eight cases were heard in full by the commission: one was deferred for lack of drawings of the finished project, a deck. Others were approved for enclosing a side porch with glass panels, new fences, sheds (4), paved pathway, walkway, patio, handrail, and windows. Green Street Housing presented the Hearn Building Concept Plan to receive design guidance from the Commission.

***Note** that any exterior modifications to structures in the West End Historic District require prior approval from the HPC. Applications and design guidelines are available on the City of Cambridge HPC website at <https://www.choosecambridge.com/206/Historic-PreservationCommission> or from the Department of Planning and Zoning. Requirements generally include photographs of the object to be altered, be it a building, fence, major landscaping or hardscaping, or sign; detailed drawings and plans of the proposed alteration or improvement; detailed specifications for materials to be used; and a site plan, to scale, showing property lines and lot dimensions, adjacent streets and existing structures. Incomplete applications may be rejected. HPC meetings will be held on the third Wednesday or Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber at 305 Gay Street. Meetings are open to the public and available on Town Hall Streams at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/cambridgemd>.*

Note that the HPC meeting of September 20, 2023 will be held at the Empowerment Center, located at 615B Pine Street, due to repairs at the council chambers. The October meeting will be held on THURSDAY, October 19, 2023 in order to have a quorum. The location is likely back at council chambers.

MAKE CAMBRIDGE RESILIENT FLOOD MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

-- Larry White P.E. Project Manager

Make Cambridge Resilient Flood Risk Reduction Project



We are excited to resume our community outreach and support for the Make Cambridge Resilient initiative. In terms of the nature-based shoreline and storm water flood risk reduction project, we anticipate the award of Phase I Design this Fall. The current delay, we believe, is due to FEMA holding back new projects until their funding is approved for the next fiscal year. FEMA’s resources have been drained from the Maui fire and Hurricane Idalia, delaying new project funding. This is tied to the lack of a budget for next year, a likely continuing resolution and the debt ceiling issue. President Biden has also linked FEMA’s budget with the commitment of new funding for the Ukraine. We are expecting resolution and the issuance of funding for new projects in early October.

In the interim, we are moving forward on other aspects of the Make Cambridge Resilient initiative. We have brought on board Bayland Consultants and Designers for engineering support and retained Smith Planning and Design for public outreach so we can hit the ground running once we have project design funding. Using grant funding designated for planning, we are updating our website, resuming our public outreach program, updating our steering committee, and preparing meetings. We are scheduling the first meeting



with our updated steering committee in October, following official notification of funding for shoreline flood risk reduction design.



Revetment with Sill & Marsh. Retrieved from https://www.vims.edu/research/departments/physical/programs/ssp/shoreline_management/shoreline_protection/structural_options/index.php. Photo by Shoreline Studies Program

We are also working on identifying sources of sandy dredged material for the construction of our living shoreline component of our flood risk reduction project. Obtaining, transporting, and placing dredged material in the construction of our living shoreline is one of the more difficult tasks. Therefore, we have recently submitted two Grants to MD DNR under their Waterway Improvement Program, for dredging Jenkins Creek and Lodgecliffe Canal and its beneficial use as fill material for our living shoreline.

We are also collaborating with UMCES at Horn Point in optimizing the design of our living shoreline. With their support and expertise, our living shoreline will serve as a “best practice.” Performance verification conducted post construction by UMCES at Horn Point will help other communities take advantage of our work in planning their own flood mitigation project.

Make Cambridge Resilient Community Development Program

Since receiving our Community Development grant in April, we have been moving aggressively to stand up our program. We already have several green infrastructure projects in progress.

One example is the Mill Street Nature Way storm water park. In lieu of the developer building new condominium on the open space behind the school, we have negotiated a deal with the developer of the Mill Street school property where the City will purchase the land behind the building to develop it into a nature park. The developer would accept the funds received from the sale of the property in place of the profit he would have made in building the condominiums. The City plans to develop the open space to form part of a nature- based stormwater management system for the area. This project will significantly reduce and control stormwater runoff so that it doesn’t overburden our existing grey stormwater infrastructure as we continue to experience sea level rise over the rest of this



century. As we move forward with our Green Infrastructure planning, we will continually reduce the burden on our existing hard infrastructure and complement and even replace it with a more sustainable nature-based system that will be able to handle an increase in sea level and more severe storms due to warming of our oceans.



The Mill Street Nature Way includes the development of a park in place of where condominiums were originally planned. The City is actively working cooperatively with the developer and is in the process of securing grant funding to complete this project initiative.

We have submitted a grant application to MD DNR for funding to purchase of the property under the MD DNR Community Parks and Recreation Grants program. We are now planning the development of the site along with a large swale area below School Street between Mill Street and Choptank Ave. We only need easements for construction of the project in the swale area below school street. We have also identified



and are about to hire an Environmental Program Manager to lead the charge for this new program with the expectations it will be sustainable after the completion of our grant.

NOAA Climate Resilience Regional Challenge Grant

This is a new grant funded under the Inflation Reduction Act and there is no requirement for a local match. There are two tracks, Track 1 is for planning and Track 2 supports transformational resilience and adaptation actions that will greatly and measurably reduce risk and vulnerability in coastal areas while advancing equity. Funding under the planning track is in the range of \$500K to \$2M and funding under the building resilience and adaptation track will be in the range of \$15M to \$75M for each project.

The City of Cambridge has submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) that is plans to submit a grant application to NOAA under Track 2 leveraging the substantial amount of planning and design work completed for flood mitigation and climate adaptation projects over the last three years. We will have completed the design of our Hybrid Flood Mitigation Project and established our Community Development Program under two FEMA Grants before this new grant is awarded in the spring of 2024. Both grants are focused on risk reduction, regional coordination and collaboration in achieving resilience, and capacity building that is the major focus of this new NOAA grant.

We have had discussions with and are planning to include Dorchester County (DOCOC), the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science at Horn Point (UMCES), and the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) as collaborators on this opportunity. Our goal is to leverage our experience to help all of Dorchester County and eventually the eastern shore of Maryland.

COMMUNITY NEWS – COOPERATING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

CAMBRIDGE MAIN STREET - Taste of Cambridge Needs Volunteers

Cambridge Main Street seeks volunteers for Taste of Cambridge 2023 on Saturday, October 7. Celebrate the best of Eastern Shore cuisine with Cambridge Main Street’s premiere community street festival. As a token of the organization's appreciation, all volunteers will be gifted a Cambridge Main Street baseball cap. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DABAE29A2FECF8-taste#/>



REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE EVENT

-- *Steve Rideout*

As part of my efforts and a community engagement group that is forming, we are starting to work on various ways to reduce gun violence. One of them is to partner with Mom's Demand Action and their efforts here. Please find time to come to the Empowerment Center on September 30th starting at 2:00 p.m. to lend your support and find out what we are all trying to do to reduce gun violence here in Cambridge and elsewhere. See Flyer below.



CAMBRIDGE

SAVE THE DATE

MOMS DEMAND ACTION
FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

DAY OF HOPE AND HEALING

SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2023

START TIME: 2:00PM

LOCATION: THE EMPOWERMENT CENTER
615 PINE STREET, CAMBRIDGE MD 21613

Please, join Moms Demand Action in activities showing solidarity with the Cambridge community affected by gun violence.

RSVP [HTTP://BIT.LY/3Z2NXOH](http://bit.ly/3Z2NXOH)

ONE MISSION CAMBRIDGE

One Mission Cambridge, a nonprofit organization in Dorchester County, just celebrated its one-year anniversary!! One Mission Cambridge collaborates with many community organizations and members to operate a vibrant mission center at 614 Race Street. The programs offered include community navigation, community dinners, counseling services, and a food pantry! Over 350 different households were served at the mission center just in the month of July. These individuals supported household members, thus impacting 817 people (265 children, 382 adults, 170 seniors). The most recent community dinner hosted 87 guests and 13 volunteers for a night of fellowship and delicious food.

We rely on volunteers to help us build relationships with our neighbors and provide them with practical support! We'd like to meet you and tell you more about these exciting volunteer opportunities! Please stop by for a brief tour (The mission center is open Mon, Tues, Thurs 1-6pm) or contact the mission center manager, Ashley: 443-521-5226.





MAIN STREET GALLERY – Main Street Gallery’s Fall Show Features Mosaics by Pam Watroba

-- Theresa Knight McFadden

Main Street Gallery is excited to feature one of its own member artists for the September/October exhibit. Titled “No Limits” this show is all about the rich, colorful and imaginative mosaic pieces that Pam Watroba makes in her studio on the Eastern Shore.

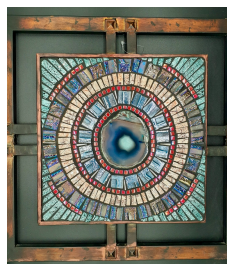
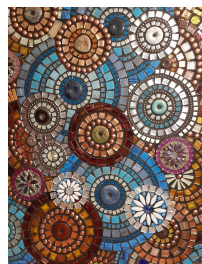
Some are zany and whimsical; others are inspired by the diverse ecosystems from the ocean to the mountains of Maryland and many of her most recent pieces favor an abstract or contemporary style. “I absolutely love mosaics,” she says. “I love to use repurposed items and make them into things of beauty. I also love to combine the beauty of glass with the hardness of metal”. Pam’s fascination with mosaics may have come, she says, from doing puzzles with her parents who were avid puzzle enthusiasts. “We would spend hours looking for the perfect piece to fit in a space in large, complex puzzles. I still get that thrill when I find a piece of tesserae that fits perfectly in a piece of art.”

Tesserae, or the small blocks of tiles, stones, glass or other materials that make up a mosaic, come in so many forms and colors, Pam says. When she combines them with found objects, a story, often an unexpected one, is allowed to unfold. “Sometimes I start with a thought of what I am trying to create and end up with something entirely different” she declares.

A Maryland native who grew up in Baltimore County and moved to the Eastern Shore in 1990, Pam is a self-taught artist. She has spent countless hours, she says, studying the art of mosaics and learning through trial and error. After a career in education and healthcare and raising a family, Pam is finally able to pursue her true passion of creating mosaic art on a full-time basis. Besides being a member of Main Street Gallery, she is a member of several local arts councils and has participated in many member shows. Main Street Gallery’s other member artists will be showing their work alongside Pam’s for this show.

“No Limits” will open on Thursday, August 31 and run through Sunday, October 29. The public is invited to two artist receptions which will take place on Second Saturdays, September 9 and October 14 from 5-8 pm. The receptions are free and light refreshments will be served. Pam will give a brief artist talk on the September 7 opening at 7 pm. Gallery hours are Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11-5. Online shopping is always available on the gallery’s website at mainstgallery.net.

Main Street Gallery is Cambridge’s only artist owned and operated gallery and is part of the vibrant Arts and Entertainment District. Located at 518 Poplar St. in Cambridge, 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 the Director, at 703-371-5191, or visit their Facebook page or website at www.midshoremealstilmonday.org/



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 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 – 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 needs writers, including volunteers to take unofficial notes at public 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.

