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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Chuck McFadden, President, CAN

The Dorchester County Council is considering reducing or eliminating the tax differentials and rebates to the City of Cambridge. So, what are tax differentials and rebates? To put it into Maryland legislative terms, it means “Property tax offsets to compensate for double taxation of municipal taxpayers occurring when



both municipal and county property taxes are levied to fund similar services. Therefore, counties compensate municipal taxpayers with property tax offsets through a tax rate differential or through a tax rebate. A tax rate differential results in a lower county tax rate within the boundaries of a municipality, whereas, a tax rebate is a direct payment to a municipality for providing the services or programs.” This is a long winded way of saying that Cambridge pays lower county taxes and gets a direct rebate from the County for providing police, planning, road improvements, and other services. This tax differential and rebate are now in jeopardy.

Let’s get some basic facts straight:

1. In the state of Maryland, counties are responsible to every citizen in that county to provide all local government services. Of the 23 counties in Maryland, 18 counties offered offsets to municipalities which provide similar services; 2 others, Baltimore and Howard have no municipalities and three counties, Kent, Wicomico and Worcester chose not to establish offsets.
2. The County is responsible for all the schools in the County, including those in Cambridge. The County pays about 1/3 of the total cost for the schools with the State picking up 2/3. In 2025, the State mandated increases to the school budget which is causing a lot of the problems for the County budget.
3. Dorchester County has a major budget problem this year, estimated at \$3.7 million and has taken measures to balance the budget by “belt-tightening”, raising county property taxes for **all** citizens (including Cambridge) by 3% and eliminating the tax differentials to Cambridge (\$986,939) and Hurlock (\$141,399) and the rebates to all the municipalities (only \$6,050).
4. Dorchester County has two municipalities that receive tax differentials, Cambridge and Hurlock and nine municipalities (including Cambridge) that receive a very small rebate. The tax differentials were set up decades ago and Cambridge has been arguing for 40 years that the formula that the County uses does not provide enough of an offset for all the services that the City provides.
5. Cambridge is only 2% of the land area of Dorchester County but 33% of the total population.
6. By eliminating the tax differential for Cambridge, county property taxes will go up at least 8% in Cambridge, add to that the new County property tax increase of 3% and that will mean a total property tax increase for the citizens of Cambridge of 11% next year.

If you feel that the proposed county solution is too radical for the citizens of Cambridge, please contact your County Commissioner.

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CAMBRIDGE CORNER

DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET

Sharon Smith, CAN Board Member

Dorchester County Council began its public engagement on the 2026 budget with a public meeting on April 10th which presented the following budget situation:

Projected 2026 Revenue	\$88,217,135
Projected 2026 Expenses	<u>\$91,993,833</u>
Projected Deficit	\$ 3,776,698

By including the \$2.5M in surplus from last year's budget, the county manager and staff were able to eliminate the deficit and create a balanced proposed budget by taking several steps, both increasing revenue and decreasing expenses.

In addition to "belt-tightening" on operating expenses, many capital improvement expenses were deferred to future years. This includes deferring new vehicles for the police and parks and rec; new ambulances; and two new excavators for solid waste, and for public works and roads. Road maintenance is a particular problem – the county has 167 miles of roads rated in "poor" condition. Repaving one mile with asphalt costs \$137,000.

The County Council has proposed the following revenue increases:

1. Raise the property tax rate from \$1.00/\$100 assessed value to \$1.03/\$100 or 3%.
2. Increase monthly 911 tax per line to \$4.25. This entire fee goes to public safety, not the general fund.
3. Increase the local income tax rate (piggy-back tax) from 3.20% to 3.30% or a 3 1/8% increase.

Controversially, \$1,134,388 of town differentials and rebates to county municipalities will be deleted from the county budget and pushed back to the towns as follows: Cambridge -\$986,939, Hurlock -\$141,399, and all others combined -\$6,050.

The council stressed that with the higher-than-projected costs for the Blueprint for Education, and deferring some capital expenses, next year's budget challenges may be even greater. In fact, this year's budget crisis is almost exclusively the result of the State of Maryland pushing more education expenses onto the county. For example, when the Blueprint, or Kerwin, plan was begun several years ago, the cost to Dorchester County for the 2027 fiscal year was projected to be \$24.5M; it is now projected to be \$27.9M or \$3.4M more than forecasted.

Dorchester County is not the only county in Maryland struggling to afford the Blueprint, but during the recent legislative session, wealthier counties were unwilling to modify the Blueprint schedule. The differences in wealth across the counties are dramatic. For example, in FY 2024 Howard County had a



median household income of \$129,549 whereas Dorchester County had a median household income of \$55,652. Additionally, Howard County has less than *half* the land mass of Dorchester, over which public services must be provided, and ten times the population to be taxed. So, we in Dorchester County face a *structural budget challenge* unrelated to our fiscal management skills. Notably Howard County provides 2/3 of their K-12 education budget whereas Dorchester provides 1/3, with the difference being made up by the state. There are opportunities for increased revenue that the county may not have explored.

The first question is, are we fully enforcing collection of existing fees? A very simple example is our projected total annual revenue of \$30 for dog licenses. At \$5/head we have only six dogs in the county. Simply reminding citizens of their obligation with a few newspaper advertisements could help. Another License and Permit revenue that appears to be low is *Filing Fees – Vehicle and Boat* annual total revenue of only \$150. Only the county staff knows if we are enforcing compliance of fees which generate revenue.

A second opportunity for revenue is reviving the \$5,000 excise tax per residential permit for new construction, which ordinance comes up for renewal in June. If only 40 new construction permits are issued, \$200,000 in revenue is generated. Separate from that for new construction is development impact fees. These can be assessed when new residential developments are built that require the county to install new roads, schools, utilities, etc. Approximately half of Maryland counties have legislation assessing development impact fees, but Dorchester does not.

A third opportunity is a cable franchise fee, paid for the right to use public rights-of-way. For example, the City of Cambridge collects \$145,000 just in the city. The federal government allows a fee of up to 5% of the gross revenues derived from the operation of the cable system.

A fourth opportunity for revenue, which doesn't cost county residents, is the hotel tax. Dorchester's current hotel tax is 5%, generating \$469,000 in revenue. Looking once again at Howard County their hotel tax rate is 7%. This rate applied across Dorchester could raise \$656,600 in hotel tax revenue.

Finally, it does not appear that the Dorchester County proposed budget assumes receiving any tax revenue from the new Tides at River March development, where 75 homes are currently under construction.

There may also be some opportunities to decrease expenses. One large projected expense is for *Elections* - \$1,156,476 total, with \$144,699 in operating personnel and \$1,011,777 in operating expenses. To put that in perspective several years ago, the City spent \$25,000 for a single run-off election with one polling place.

In conclusion, there are some opportunities for Dorchester County to control its budget but much of the problem is structural and must be addressed with the state. We can't tax and cut our way forward. The difference between wealthy and poor counties is too great. Maryland does recognize this with the granting of disparity funds to poor counties.

To address what promises to be an ongoing challenge, Dorchester could create a coalition with other poor counties in the state who are facing similar problems and approach the state with a united front and



suggested solutions. Dorchester County elected officials also could approach the state for resolution. Whatever the approach taken, the effort needs to begin NOW.

CAMBRIDGE REAL ESTATE TRENDS

Fred and Martha Phillips-Patrick

National Residential Real Estate Developments:

According to Freddie Mac, the thirty-year fixed rate mortgage interest rate has hovered around 6.8% for the last ten weeks, showing only slight variations from week to week, and “this stability continues to bode well for buyers and sellers alike”.

However, Redfin reports for the latest data available that: “In March 2025, U.S. home prices were up 2.5% compared with last year, selling for a median price of \$431,078. On average, the number of homes sold was down 2.9% year over year and there were 401,894 homes sold in March this year, down from 414,070 homes sold in March last year.”

Redfin continues: “In March 2025, there were 1,810,627 homes for sale in the United States, up 15.0% year over year. The number of newly listed homes was 610,508 and up 8.2% year over year. The median days on the market was 47 days, up 6 days year over year.” With sales slowing and the inventory of unsold homes growing, the market has become more of a buyers’ market. How did Cambridge fare in this market environment in March 2025? Let’s see.

Cambridge Market Update:

Realtor.com characterizes Cambridge as a Buyers Housing Market, which means prices tend to be lower and homes stay on the market longer. In March 2025, the median listing home price in Cambridge, MD was \$309,900, trending up 7.2% year-over-year. However, homes sold for 2.8% below asking price on average and sell after 53 days on the market. Given market conditions, buyers are now offering more bids with contingencies and inspection requirements. Sellers are sometimes offering closing cost coverage among other concessions.

Sales

Currently, Realtor.com shows that there were 189 homes for sale (109 single family homes and 80 condos, townhouses, and multifamily units) in the Cambridge area. There are also 52 farms and plots of land. The property’s asking prices range from \$10,000 for a small plot of land (.06 acres) on Phillips Street to \$3,100,000 for a 46.4-acre farm on 4890 Drawbridge Road.

Realtor.com details that in March 2025, 17 houses, condos, and townhouses were sold in Cambridge. The properties sold ranged in value from \$85,000 on Willis Street to \$661,000 on Indian Quarter Road.

1005 Hambrooks Ave \$500K	206 Bay View Ave #A \$325K	810 Blue Wing Ct \$229K
111 Willis St \$325K	601 Widgeon Way \$228K	510 Goldsborough Av \$156K



700 Cattail Cove #412 \$170K	501 Goldsborough Av \$248K	804 Blue Wing Ct \$229K
5554 Bonnie Brook Rd \$333K	422 Willis St \$ 85K	303 Riverside Dr \$308K
902 Talisman Ln \$245K	814 Pinehurst Dr \$340K	5808 Indian Qtr. Rd \$661K
5407 Bonne Brook Rd \$310K	206 Sandy Hill Rd \$285K	

Cambridge Real Estate Market Developments

Given our proximity to Washington, the Federal layoffs and downsizing might well affect our local real estate market conditions. Recently, the Maryland Comptroller's Office examined the share of gross income from Federal wages county-by-county. The results were somewhat surprising in that some smaller counties had a disproportionate share of their gross income accounted for by Federal wages. For example, St. Mary's County showed that 22% of its gross income was due to Federal wages, primarily due to Patuxent River Naval Air Station. However, Dorchester County showed only 2.7% of its gross income was from Federal wages, among the lowest in the state.

Another factor affecting local market conditions, given our proximity to Washington, is the demand for second homes, or now, the supply of second homes coming to the market. The real estate market data show that a larger percentage of homes for sale in March were condos and townhouses, 42.3% of the total, perhaps reflecting this effect. In February, condos and townhouses were just 31.7% of the total homes available for sale.

Real estate markets face numerous uncertainty factors: stagnant mortgage rates; unstable domestic and international economic conditions, especially those affecting new construction; the threats of inflation or recession or both resulting in stagflation; and uncertainty about future Federal Reserve actions. These uncertainties tend to slow markets and lower prices until a more reliable picture of the future emerges. We'll see how it goes.

FUN FACTS AND LORE

Josiah Bayly High Street Property

Josiah Bayly House and Law Office at 209 and 211 High Street abut the Christ Episcopal Church graveyard on High Street, where Josiah Bayly is buried. Josiah Bayly (b.1769-d.1846) purchased the property from the Vestry of the Great Choptank Parish in 1796 and soon after built his gabled roof framed home. Before 1800, a detached (as required by local regulation) law office was also built on the property. The property stayed in the Bayly family until 1892. Both home and law office still exist on High Street today. The law office is one of the oldest "commercial" buildings in Cambridge to survive in any form today. The small law office building, however, was "reconstructed" in 1998. The last sale of the property, including both buildings, was in May of 2023, selling at \$760,000.

Josiah Bayly, Cambridge Resident, Lawyer and His Brushes with Infamy and Fame

Josiah Bayly was a well-known and clever lawyer who eventually became Attorney General of Maryland. Two of his clients in particular contributed to his reputation and to his lasting memory in history.



Bayly's most notorious client was Patty Cannon, "Delmarva's Queen of Crime," for whom he may have served or was going to serve as defense attorney. Cannon was involved with a gang in stealing and selling slaves and suspected of several Maryland-Delaware murders. Cannon was finally indicted for four evidence-backed murders in 1829. She died in her prison cell in Georgetown DE in May of that year, either awaiting trial or awaiting hanging after conviction. Suicide by poison was suspected but never proved. (Stories vary.)

Bayly's most famous client was Elizabeth Patterson (b.1785-d.1879) of Baltimore whose marriage to Jerome Bonaparte in 1803, was not accepted by and was annulled by his brother Napoleon in 1805, *after* the birth of their son, Bo. Jerome was unsuccessful in gaining his brother's approval of the marriage. Despite promises to Elizabeth that he wouldn't, Jerome accepted the annulment, and, in 1807, he married a German princess in order to be crowned King of Westphalia. Jerome, the youngest, turned out to be the least successful of Napoleon's brothers, showing little military skill and amassing large personal and State debts resulting in his own financial decline as well as that of Westphalia. Fearful that Jerome might have some legal way to come after her own wealth and/or her son, Elizabeth Patterson sought legal counsel and was granted a divorce from Jerome by a special act of the Legislature of Maryland in 1812. Josiah Bayly represented Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte in the complicated annulment/divorce proceedings, another high-profile case that drew national attention.

The dramatic life of Elizabeth Patterson who lived into her 90s and gained celebrity on both sides of the Atlantic is a fascinating read. (*Wondrous Beauty: The Life and Adventures of Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte* by Carol Berkin and *A Woman of Two Worlds* by Alexandra Deutsch)

MAKE CAMBRIDGE RESILIENT – FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT UPDATE

Virginia Smith, Smith Planning and Design

Project Update: The Make Cambridge Resilient design team has been working hard these past few months obtaining necessary data and developing a draft preliminary alignment as part of the Flood Mitigation Project - Phase 1 Design. As the preliminary alignment is a draft, review and feedback has been continuously sought. The Make Cambridge Resilient design team has engaged in meetings with the Stakeholder Group and individual property owners to obtain their feedback on the preliminary alignment. Modifications have been made to the preliminary alignment based on this feedback and an upcoming public meeting is the next step in the design process.

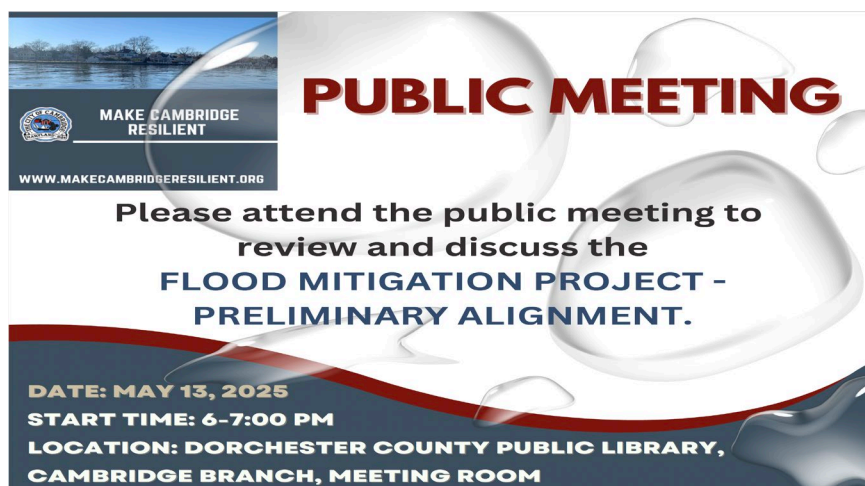
- February 18, 2025 - Stakeholder Group meeting, which included State and Federal agency representatives to review the draft preliminary alignment and provide feedback.
- March & April 2025 – Individual meetings with targeted property owners to review the draft preliminary alignment and provide feedback. The majority of property owners with piers and/or other property specific characteristics have met with project design team members for review and discussion.
- May 13, 2025 - Preliminary Alignment Public Outreach Session



"Preliminary alignment" in a design project refers to the initial stage of establishing the basic layout and positioning of key elements within the design. Examples include the extent and placement of the living shoreline and embankment. This step in the design process allows for easy adjustments as the design evolves based on feedback and further analysis.

Upcoming Flood Mitigation Project Public Meeting

Please join us on May 13th from 6-7:00 PM as the design team presents the flood mitigation project **preliminary alignment for public review and comment**. This meeting will be held at the Dorchester County Public Library, Cambridge Branch, in the meeting room.



Upcoming Habitat Restoration & Green Stormwater Management Listening Session

An additional public engagement opportunity hosted by the Make Cambridge Resilient Initiative has been scheduled for the evening of May 21st starting at 5:00 PM at the Gerry Boyle Park.

An outdoor public listening session will be held to obtain information from the community on their ideas for habitat enhancements both in the Choptank River and along the shoreline. In addition, information is being sought from the community on their experiences using Gerry Boyle Park, opportunities and concerns specific to proposed green stormwater management, and their ideas for park enhancements. *Please bring your outdoor chairs to the public listening session as seating will be limited to the available picnic tables.*



HABITAT ENHANCEMENT & GREEN STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION

Date: May 21, 2025
Time: 5:00-6:30 PM
Location: Gerry Boyle Park

Rain Date: May 28, 2025 from 5-6:30 PM.

Grant funding provided by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

COMMUNITY NEWS – COOPERATING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

SHORERIVERS

Matt Pluta, Choptank Riverkeeper

Thank You for a Powerful State of the Choptank!



On behalf of **ShoreRivers** and the **Choptank River**, thank you to everyone who showed up and packed the room for our **State of the Choptank River** presentation on **April 24th at the Packing House**! It was inspiring to see so many familiar faces—and even more new ones—coming together in support of our shared vision for clean, healthy rivers.

As your **Choptank Riverkeeper**, I'm honored to represent this community and advocate for your right to a clean river. Events like these remind me just how strong and connected our river community truly is –



and how building that connection is essential to achieving the mission we hold at ShoreRivers.

Whether you attended for the oysters and local drinks, the conversation with ShoreRivers staff, the river report, or the chance to meet neighbors who care about our rivers – **we want to hear from you!** Please take **3 minutes to complete our quick survey** and help us make future events even more meaningful and community-focused. We're grateful for your support and look forward to seeing you again this summer—hopefully out on the water!

- [Survey Link](#)
- Don't forget to [check out the event photo album](#) and relive the highlights

The Maryland Freedom Swim Returns to Cambridge – Be Part of the Team!

Mark your calendars—the [Maryland Freedom Swim](#) is back on **May 31st**, and hundreds of swimmers will take on the 2-mile open water swim challenge across the Choptank River.

After 6 years, the Maryland Freedom Swim has grown into a beloved community tradition—bringing swimmers, volunteers, and advocates together in support of clean water and healthy rivers. Proceeds benefit **ShoreRivers** and our work to protect Maryland's Eastern Shore waterways through **science-based advocacy, restoration, education, and community engagement**. To make this event possible, and safe, we rely on an incredible team of volunteers, especially those out on the water. **We're currently seeking kayakers, paddleboarders, and boaters** to join our **Swim Safety Team**. If you love being on the water or want to be part of something meaningful, this is the perfect way to get involved.

As one of the event's co-founders, I don't swim the course myself anymore. Instead, I serve as the **Swim Safety Director**, working behind the scenes (and on the water) to make sure every swimmer has a safe and unforgettable experience. Your help ensures we can keep growing this event while keeping everyone safe. **Want to join us?** [Sign up today at the Maryland Freedom Swim website.](#)

- **Kayakers and paddleboarders** register as *Non-Motorized Vessels*
- **Powerboat operators** register as *Motorized Vessels*

CAMBRIDGE EMPOWERMENT CENTER

The Cambridge Empowerment Center is urgently seeking support from the community to sustain its long-running Summer Program, which is licensed by the State of Maryland, for local children, as funding cuts threaten to reduce services or limit access for families in need.

For years, the Empowerment Center has provided a safe, structured, and enriching environment for 45 children, ages 5 to 12, from the Pine Street neighborhood and surrounding areas. With federal and state budget reductions – and Dorchester County announcing potential cuts to nonprofit grants and the elimination of summer school – many families now face a summer without access to critical academic and



social resources. "This program isn't just a summer camp – it's a lifeline," said Sharon Chester, Executive Director, Cambridge Empowerment Center. "Our children need this kind of stability, learning, and care to stay on track academically and socially."

Program Highlights:

- Academic Enrichment - daily math and reading activities using the IXL platform
- Physical Activity - recreation and swimming promote physical well-being
- STEM & Creativity - hands-on science projects, arts and crafts, and teamwork-based learning
- Nutritious Meals - breakfast and lunch provided each day

Running four days a week for nine weeks, the program serves children from predominantly low-income and underserved families. Without immediate financial support, the Center may be forced to reduce the number of participants or cut the length of the program.

How You Can Help: Community members, local businesses, and organizations are encouraged to contribute. Donations directly fund educational materials, field trips, and program operations. **To donate, visit:** www.cambridgeempowermentcenter.org. **Or mail a check to:** Cambridge Empowerment Center, PO Box 494, Cambridge, MD 21613.

"This is an investment in our future," said Ms. Chester. "Every dollar helps us give these children the summer experience they need and deserve". The Cambridge Empowerment Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the educational and personal development of youth in the Cambridge area through academic programs, enrichment opportunities, and community engagement.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

2 Ways About It!

(Same Subject...Two Different Interpretations)

Main Street Gallery is delighted to be exhibiting a show of guest artist Carla Huber's oil paintings and recent monoprints in a show titled "2 Ways About It". Carla, a well-known and award winning plein air painter who lives and maintains a studio in Woolford, has created a series of hand pulled monoprints that were inspired by and correspond to several of her oil paintings. The gallery will pair the monoprints and the oil paintings, hanging them side by side so as to give the viewer a unique insight into how she interpreted her subject in two different ways using two different media.

Carla claims that her love of the outdoors and the Eastern Shore have strongly influenced her plein air artwork. This is readily apparent in the pieces in this show. "The outdoors is my studio" she says, and the flora and fauna along with sailboats, the seashore and other Eastern Shore scenes populate these works and have been her subjects for the last twenty years. During that time, Carla has participated in the popular Plein Air show in Easton and has shown her work in several Eastern Shore galleries.



But Carla's journey as an artist began well before she moved to the Eastern shore. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Pratt Institute in New York City and studied at the NY School of Visual Arts. After finishing school, she moved to the Washington DC area where she worked as a fashion illustrator for several department stores.

Wildlife art later caught her attention and she set up her own business and studio and participated in national shows winning several MD Duck and Trout Stamp competitions and placing in the finals of the Federal Duck Stamp judging. Carla also completed commissions for organizations such as the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Wildlife Federation. In addition, she turned her artistic skills to landscape designing and creating logos and promotions for new plant introductions.

"2 Ways About It!" will premiere at the Gallery at 518 Poplar St. in Cambridge alongside its members' works on May 2 and will run through June 29. There will be two artist receptions on Second Saturdays, May 10 and June 14 from 5-8 pm. The artist will give a brief talk at both receptions at 6 pm. The receptions are free and all are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

Main Street Gallery is open Fridays through Sundays from 11-5 and online shopping is always available at mainstgALLERY.net. The gallery, located in Cambridge's thriving arts and entertainment district, is the city's only artist owned and operated cooperative and has been downtown for almost 14 years. It is currently reviewing work by prospective members and guest artists. Please contact the gallery through its website or by calling 410-330-4659 if you are interested in being part of this vibrant artist community.



Original Oil Painting



Hand Pulled Monoprint



CAN MISSION, MEMBERSHIP, BOARD of DIRECTORS, and COMMITTEES

MISSION. 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. CAN protects and enhances 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's Bylaws can be found on the CAN website at <https://cambridgecan.org/welcome/about/bylaws/>.

MEMBERSHIP. CAN welcomes members from **all Cambridge area neighborhoods** (broadly defined) 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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS. CAN is governed by a Board of Directors elected by CAN members at its annual January Business Meeting. Board Members: President – Chuck McFadden; Vice President – Roman Jesien; Treasurer – Dave Thatcher; Secretary – Alison Kennedy; Members at Large – Andre Duerinckx, Mary Ellen Jesien, Brad Rice, Sharon Smith, Donna Tower, and Judd Vickers.

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 Raqtme31@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 Raqtme31@gmail.com to volunteer.

CAN COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – WRITERS NEEDED. CAN'S Communications Committee needs writers, including volunteers to take unofficial notes at public meetings. *Contact* Chuck McFadden at Raqtme31@gmail.com to volunteer.

POWER WASHER AVAILABLE - CAN has an electric power washer available to members. *Contact* Chuck McFadden at Raqtme31@gmail.com.



WE'RE RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS!

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST, 2025

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Please arrive at 8:15 AM for a Mandatory Volunteer Briefing

REGISTER TODAY!

MarylandFreedomSwim.com
(Select "volunteer" on the left)

We are seeking the following:

40 Paddlers

Kayakers & SUPs line the swim course and guide the swimmers 2-miles across the Choptank River.

Register to volunteer as a "Non Motorized Vessel"



4 Jet Skis

Equipped with a lifeguard, these vessels scan the swim zone ready for any action that comes their way!

Register to volunteer as a "Jet Ski"



12 Power Boats

Power boaters anchor along the swim course, observing swimmers & communicating to the Safety Team over the radio.

Register the volunteer as a "Motor Vessel"



Questions about Volunteering?
Contact mpluta@shorerivers.org

This event is brought to you by TCR Event Management. Proceeds benefit ShoreRivers, Inc.