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**AND THE WINNER IS...** It was gourmet cooking in the middle of a parking lot during Chef of the Shore Aug. 14. See page 2.

# Renaissance on High Street

Things are happening on High Street! In the space of a week, **Chesapeake Classics** and the **Dorchester Center for the Arts** are opening in two historically significant buildings. An Italian restaurant, **Bella Luna**, is in the works for another building. And major rehab is planned for two more buildings. All on the same block. It's a big step forward for downtown revitalization.



A bushwhack boat, thousands of decoys, wild-fowl art, and more at Chesapeake Classics.

[PHOTOS BY JILL JASUTA]

## Decoys, waterfowl art, more at Chesapeake Classics

With nearly every square foot of space showcasing hunting and fishing collectibles—one of the world's largest collections—Chesapeake Classics is a museum, art gallery, library, and decoy shop all in one stunningly restored storefront. Owners Jeff Pelayo and Gail Bowen expect it to become a destination for visitors from near and far. Whether you know lots or next to nothing about decoys, stop in and step back in time. Open seven days a week starting August 25. 317 High Street, 410.228.6509 or 443.362.2230.

## Dorchester Center for the Arts moves to larger home

Even though the Dorchester Center for the Arts is only moving a couple of blocks to its new home, the larger space promises far more visibility and programming. There will be more classes, more performing arts, and a larger Studioworks store with the works of local artists. "The Center will anchor the Arts & Entertainment District, making it easier to link all the arts in the region," said DCA executive director Mickey Love. See below for more. 321 High Street, 410.228.7782, [www.dorchesterartscenter.org](http://www.dorchesterartscenter.org).

**DCA Grand Opening Aug. 28–30.** In addition to the preview reception Aug. 28 (tickets cost \$35), the Center for the Arts will have a free open house 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Aug. 29–30 with art projects for kids and adults, entertainment, balloons, giveaways, and more. For details, call 410.228.7782. Local merchants are planning promotions in honor of the opening. For a full list of specials, go to [www.cambridgemainstreet.com](http://www.cambridgemainstreet.com).



A sign of things to come for the Dorchester Center for the Arts.

**"I'm very optimistic and pleased with all the things going on. I view them all as positive developments."**

—FRANK HASTINGS, VICE PRESIDENT,  
NATIONAL BANK OF CAMBRIDGE,  
304 HIGH STREET

## EVENTS

**AUG. 21 & 28;  
SEPT. 4, 11, 18, 25**  
3:30–6:30 p.m.

**Main Street  
Farmers' Market**  
Parking lot at Academy  
and Muir Streets.

**THROUGH AUG. 31**  
**Mosaic Path**

"Pieces of the Path:  
Exploring Mosaic"  
continues at Joie de  
Vivre (410 Race Street),  
444 Race Street, Maris  
Elaine Gallery (520 Race  
Street) and the new  
Main Street Gallery  
(413 Muir Street).

**2nd  
SAT.**

**SEPT. 13, 5–9 p.m.**  
**Fall Inside Out  
Sidewalk Sale**

Discover treasures and  
bargains during this  
sidewalk sale. Stores  
will be open late.

**SEPT. 20, 4–10 p.m.**  
**Summer Send-Off  
Beer & Wine  
Block Party**

Enjoy beer (including  
microbrews), wine,  
food, live music, and  
the Main Street Mile on  
Poplar and Race Streets.  
A grown-up good time!  
(More info on page 2.)



**Save the date!** Summer Send-Off, Main Street's fun farewell to summer, happens Saturday, Sept. 20, with a block party featuring a dozen beers and microbrews, wine, food, live music, and, of course, the Main Street Mile. For info, email [office@cambridgemainstreet.com](mailto:office@cambridgemainstreet.com) or call 410.228.0020.

## Main Street Mile on Sept. 20!

Some of you saw the Main Street Mile exhibition match on Aug. 9—now it's time for the real thing! It's part of Summer Send-Off on Saturday, Sept. 20. We'll supply everything you see here—you supply the team, the energy, the cheering section, and matching t-shirts (optional)! Four people to a team. Be ready to take part in this wacky relay race featuring the Tricycle Tumble, the Snorkel Sprint, and the Egg Walk. Win a coveted Main Street Mile trophy and Main Street Dollars! Register by Sept. 12; email [office@cambridgemainstreet.com](mailto:office@cambridgemainstreet.com) or call 410.228.0020 for a registration form. Register for \$20 per team (proceeds go to revitalization efforts downtown).

### HOT TOPIC: LIQUOR LICENSES

## Join the liquor license conversation

On Aug. 18, the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners held its monthly meeting and heard public comment about proposed legislation and rules. It was a very productive, congenial meeting that laid out a process by which the Board will seek public input on a critical issue for our downtown revitalization—enabling restaurateurs to gain the Class B liquor licenses that are absolutely essential to their ability to do business successfully.

To accomplish this, we need to do what 18 other Maryland counties have already done, go to the state legislature and gain an exception to one or more of the liquor license rules set at the state level. In our case, this involves allowing full-fledged restaurants operating within 300 feet of churches the chance to get a liquor license. The Board plans a series of public hearings on this issue in September, and we hope that everyone who cares about our downtown revitalization will speak out on this issue.

One easy way to do this is to take five minutes and write a note saying that you support this effort to amend the state law so that our downtown can add more restaurants—and the jobs and public safety benefits that come with them. **Write to: Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners, Dorchester County Office Building, 501 Court Lane, Room 101, Cambridge, MD 21613.**

The Liquor Board approved a liquor license for El Torito (400 Academy St.). So you'll be able to enjoy a cold beer with your burrito.



[PHOTO BY DAVID HARP]

## Chef Ian Campbell tastes victory as Chef of the Shore

You think it's tough to come up with something for dinner every night? Imagine this: preparing an appetizer, main dish, side dish, and dessert—all with watermelon as a primary ingredient. In not much more than an hour. And, oh yeah, in a parking lot with a few hundred people watching your every move. Two local chefs—**Chef Ian Campbell of Bistro Poplar (535 Poplar Street)** and **Chef Tim Petraitis of Water's Edge Grill at the Hyatt**—showed they were more than up for the challenge August 14 during the first-ever Chef of the Shore event, organized by Cambridge Main Street's Farmers' Market.

People came from around the Eastern Shore to witness the culinary extravaganza, set up in the middle of that day's Main Street Farmers' Market. At the end of a close competition, Chef Ian Campbell (pictured above) emerged the victor with a menu that included a watermelon mojito, watermelon and scallop napoleon, and three different desserts. (For more on both chefs' dishes, along with great photos, go to [www.cambridgemainstreet.com](http://www.cambridgemainstreet.com).)

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**Steppin' In Style.** The new Steppin' In Style at Bertha's Boutique (410.366.1317) opens its doors the weekend of Sept. 11-13. Owned and managed by Regina Downs (at left in photo), the shop at 630 Race Street offers an array of women's clothing, pocketbooks, and accessories. Plus it also features decorative artwork—including paintings, light-switch covers, and painted bags—by Cambridge resident LaShawne Downing (at right). A barber shop and a hair salon also operate in the 630 Race building, which is owned by Bertha Mack, a former Cambridge Main Street board member. [PHOTO BY JIM DUFFY]

## NEWS BITS

- 1** Musician Deanna Dove performs at Scoop Station (400 Muir Street) 7:30 p.m., Aug. 21 in a **fundraising event for the Richardson Maritime Museum**. Tickets cost \$10 in advance (at Scoop and the museum); \$12 at the door. Beer and wine will be available. Details at 410.221.1871....
- 2** The TV show *Fishin' Kitchen* dedicated a segment to our own **Taste of Cambridge**. Watch it online and spot your friends at [www.greatdayoutdoors.com/view\\_tv\\_shows.htm](http://www.greatdayoutdoors.com/view_tv_shows.htm).