CAMBRIDGE MAIN STREET



ENEWS



HOT TOPIC—LIQUOR LICENSES: What does the current liquor license situation mean for downtown Cambridge? See page 2.

ART ALL OVER! Stunning mosaics at 5 different sites (including the new Main Street Gallery!), a new show featuring 13 artists at Maris Elaine, and more—it all starts Saturday, August 9. See page 2.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES? What better way to celebrate the Summer Olympics than to compete in (or watch) the hilarious Main Street Mile! See below.

Chef Tim Chef Ian

Chef Ian Campbell and sous chef Emily Salisbury of Bistro Poplar.

Chef Tim Petraitis (center) with sous chefs Ryan Moore (left) and Nick Vriend, of Water's Edge Grill at the Hyatt.

Chef of the Shore contest is Aug.

The battle is on! Cambridge's 1st Annual Chef of the Shore competition—our own version of the TV hit Iron Chef—is coming to the Main Street Farmers' Market on August 14. Chef lan Campbell of Bistro Poplar in downtown Cambridge and Chef Tim Petraitis of the **Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort** will face off in a culinary exhibition using a "secret ingredient" fresh from the Farmers'

Market. Each chef will be challenged to make an appetizer, main course, side dish, and dessertall incorporating the same secret ingredient. The winner will be crowned Chef of the Shore 2008.

Come on out and see these talented chefs in a flurry of culinary creativity. The competition begins at 3:30 p.m. at the weekly Farmers'

Market near Academy and Muir Streets. The Chef of the Shore will be crowned at 5:30 p.m. The judges are newly elected City Councilman Frank Stout, Nutrition Scientist Dr. Julianna Pax, and Restaurateur and Consultant Arthur Webb.

Also, we need a few volunteers to help with set-up that morning (starting around 10 a.m.) and during the event. To help out, contact John Seward at localfoodsplanner@live.com.

Join the Main Street Mile Aug. 9!

Get your team together for the hilarious Main Street Mile on Second Saturday, August 9. Each team of four intrepid competitors (no experience required!) will take on the terrifying Tricycle Tumble, the suspenseful Snorkel Sprint, and the extraordinary Egg Walk. The race starts at 7 p.m. in the parking lot on Muir Street (across from Scoop Station). Register your team (for free!) TODAY—email office@cambridgemainstreet.com or call 410.228.0020. Last year's teams came from workplaces, organizations, churches, and more. Second Saturday also has art galore (see page 2) and live music at Scoop Station (400 Muir Street) and Cambridge Grill (421 Race Street).

A competitor hangs tough in the 2007 Main Street Mile.

EVENTS

SAT. AUGUST 9, 5–9 p.m. Main Street Mile, **Mosaics & More**

> Check out art exhibits at multiple spots downtown (see page 2). Main Street Mile at 7 p.m. (Muir Street). Stores stay open late.

AUGUST 7, 14, 21, & 28 3:30-6:30 p.m. **Main Street** Farmers' Market

Parking lot at Academy and Muir Streets.

AUGUST 16, 4-8 p.m. **Mosaic Artist** Receptions

Featuring the artists of the new mosaic show (see page 2) at Joie de Vivre and Main Street Gallery.

AUGUST 28-SEPT. 1 Dorchester Center for the Arts Opening

The DCA begins grand opening events for its new building on Aug. 28. For details, call 410.228.7782.

> Renaissance on High Street! Read all about it in the mid-August issue!

More news at www.cambridge mainstreet.com

ABOUT

Cambridge Main Street is a 501c3 organization dedicated to revitalizing downtown Cambridge. Contact Executive Director Jim Duffy at office@cambridgemainstreet.com or 410.228.0020.

1 Dazzle Your Domaine (410 Race Street) wants to thank teachers for all their hard work with a free gift on Second Saturday, August 9. Stop by while supplies last.... 2 Visitors to Cambridge now have a new downtown visitor's guide produced by Cambridge Main Street through a grant from the Maryland Department Economic and Business Development. Take a look at www.cambridgemainstreet.com (click on "For Visitors").

HOT TOPIC: LIQUOR LICENSES

Liquor licenses on tap for Aug. 18

Is there a clearer sign that our downtown is on the move than the flurry of restaurant projects? Bistro Poplar opened last winter. El Torito opened this summer. Both Bella Luna and 450 Race are slated to arrive this winter. All are top-notch projects.

That these latter three are all requesting liquor licenses from the county should not come as a surprise. Such licenses are essential to restaurant profitability in historic downtowns around the country. Look to Easton as an example; they've added at least six restaurants with liquor licenses in recent years. Main Street supports all three of these Cambridge applications, but profitability is just one reason why. Here are four others:

- Jobs: These projects are bringing more than 60 good jobs to our community.
- Public Safety: The nighttime foot traffic these businesses generate will make our downtown look and feel safer.
- Tax Revenues: These projects will all bring new revenues into our community.
- Revitalization: These projects are bringing new life to long-empty buildings, helping in turn to make nearby buildings more attractive to investors and businesses.

The next liquor board hearing is 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18 in County Council chambers. Everyone interested in being heard on these issues is welcome to attend. You can also stay informed at www.cambridgemainstreet.com.

Cambridge to honor civil rights leader Aug. 10

Cambridge will publicly honor the work of civil rights leader Gloria Richardson with an appreciation banquet at 4 p.m., Sunday, August 10, at the Elks Lodge No. 223, at 618 Pine Street. In the 1960s, Ms. Richardson led a movement in Cambridge to fight for equal opportunity for African Americans in jobs, housing, and health. Earlier this year, she received an honorary doctor of Public Service degree from Washington College. Tickets to the August 10 banquet cost \$25. Make checks payable to Herschel Johnson

(G.R. Appreciation Banquet), 2439 Rock Drive, Cambridge, MD 21613). For details, call Herschel Johnson at 410.228.6657 or Bill Jarmon at 410.228.3242.



Gloria Richardson in the 1960s



DelMarVa's Got Talent at Scoop. It was standing room only at Scoop Station (400 Muir Street) on July 30 for the kick-off of the DelMarVa's Got Talent competition. Dana Morris of Cambridge (at left) was one of 17 performers showing off their talents with everything from drum solos to acoustic guitar. Catch all the performers Wednesday, August 6 starting at 7 p.m.—and then the competition will be whittled down each week through September 17. Cheer on your favorites and see who the winner of the \$500 grand prize will be! And keep up with Scoop's growing calendar of events (live entertainment five nights a week, plus video game competitions!), on Scoop's new website at www.thescoopstation.com. [PHOTO BY JILL JASUTA]

August arts roundup: mosaics, Wed. Morning Artists, more



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Mosaic Walk: Marvel at the range and beauty of mosaics in a new multiple-site show, Pieces of the Path: Exploring Mosaic, opening Saturday, August 9. Start at either Joie de Vivre or Scoop Station, and make your way to the Mosaic Mural at 444 Race Street (site of the fire), 450 Race Street, and

the new Main Street Gallery at 413 Muir

Street. (See map.) The exhibit features the work of Carol Gordean, Mary Ann Schindler, Sue Stockman, Craigie Succop, Jen Wagner, Susan Wasilewski, and Sequoia Chupek. Meet the artists at receptions on Saturday, August 16, 4–8 p.m., at both Joie de Vivre and Main Street Gallery. The show continues through August 31.



Maris Elaine Gallery: Enjoy a range of works from the **Wednesday Morning Artists** during an eclectic show at Maris Elaine Gallery (520 Race Street). The show opens Saturday, August 9, with a reception 5-9 p.m., and con-

"SHRIMP BOATS" BY CARLA HUBER

tinues through Labor Day. The show features about 50 works from painters, a jewelry maker, a doll maker, and more: Anne Allbeury Hock, Karen Bearman, Deborah Coffin Kennedy, Maureen Farrell, Dave Gibbons, Debbie Havnes, Patti Hopkins, Carla Huber, Judith Reddig, Linda Starling, Diane Stoecker, Jen Wagner, and Terry L. White.

Dorchester Center for the Arts: This month the center makes its big move to the newly renovated building at 321 High Street. Watch for grand opening events beginning August 28.

447 Studios & Gallery: "Transitions" continues at 447 Studios & Gallery (447 Race Street), featuring the work of 11 artists.