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MID-WINTER MADNESS:

Scoop up amazing bargains at 25 stores downtown all day Saturday, Feb. 16, during the Mid-Winter Madness Sale! At participating merchants, enter to win \$100 in Main Street dollars.

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RESTAURANT BUZZ:

Have you heard? Downtown Cambridge is drawing interest from a Italian restaurant, an American bistro, and a Greek restaurant. Watch for more news here!

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GETTING READY FOR JAZZ

FEST: Cambridge's biggest outdoor FREE concert happens May 10, so mark your calendar for March 29 for a fundraising event to help Jazz Fest. See calendar below.

AFTER THE FIRE

Facade stabilized; artists may add color

Recovery efforts continue on Race Street after the Jan. 15 fire that destroyed two businesses. The latest developments:

- With heavy-duty steel beams set in concrete, the facade of the building at 444-448 Race Street, gutted by the downtown fire, has been stabilized.
- The 400 block of Race Street is now one-way southbound, with parking on both sides of the street. The sidewalk in front of the building is open with a covered walkway.
- Local artists are discussing the possibility of adding a creative twist to the stabilization system, perhaps by painting the large cement blocks that sit partway in the street.
- Brett Summers, the local developer who recently purchased the fire-damaged property, plans to submit construction drawings for rebuilding at the site by August 2009. He also plans to pursue historic tax credits, which help developers recoup some of their construction expenses while ensuring the property adheres to historic guidelines.



The stabilization system for the fire-damaged facade at 444-448 Race Street.

FEBRUARY 15
Fundraiser for the
Fire Victims' Benefit

5:30 and 8 p.m. seatings. \$15 cover at the door. Cambridge Grill, 421 Race Street.

FEBRUARY 16, all day
Mid-Winter
Madness Sale

Check out sales at 25 stores downtown! Prizes and more.

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MARCH 8, 5-9 p.m.
Girls Night Out!

Make it a fun night out for the girls downtown. Stores open all day until 9 p.m.

MARCH 29, 6:30 p.m.
Jazz Fest Fundraiser

Live music, auction to benefit the Jazz Fest in May. Cambridge Grill. \$35 tickets. Check www.groovecityusa.com for details.

IMPROVING DOWNTOWN'S STREETScape

Artists plan community mural downtown

Murals can do a lot for a city. They add color and creativity. They bring a community together. They can draw visitors. It's happened in other cities, and now local artists and others are hoping it can happen here in Cambridge, too.



Artists are hoping to fill this wall at Cannery Way with a mural.

The Wednesday Morning Artists, led by mosaic artist Jen Wagner, has high hopes for the blank wall on one side of Cannery

Way, the brick courtyard in the 400 block of Race Street. The preliminary plan, according to Ms. Wagner, calls for a three-part mural that illustrates Cambridge's past, present, and future. The group is partnering with Horn Point Laboratories and is looking to work with other organizations to raise money for the mural. They've already received a \$500 grant from the Dorchester Arts Center. Ms. Wagner hopes to involve local schoolchildren in the project, much as she did for the mosaics now on display at the YMCA. "I am hoping that along with creating a movement here in the community, the mural would be a draw to people visiting the area," she said. If you're interested in donating to the mural project, contact Jen Wagner at jenanderic1408@comcast.net.

NEWS
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- 1 Congrats to **Chelsea Dunnock** of Cambridge, who won \$100 in Main Street dollars during the Whole-Hearted Holiday Feb. 9. 2 The **Fire Restoration Fund** is still accepting contributions. Please send checks payable to Cambridge Main Street (Fire Restoration Fund in memo line) to 450 Race Street, Suite 206, Cambridge, MD 21613.

ABOUT

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