



REAL QUICK

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NEW RESTAURANTS, ANTIQUES STORES. And see if you can guess how many new businesses downtown has seen in the past year. See page 2.

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GROOVE CITY CELEBRATION. The Jazz Fest fundraiser is March 14—only 100 tickets available! See page 3.

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RACE STREET: ONE-WAY OR TWO-WAY? Cambridge Main Street and the city want to hear your opinion. Call 410.228.0020 or email office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

Celebrating Valentine's

Valentine's Day is on Second Saturday this year, so why not head downtown for romance? Buy your sweetie a little something (most stores will stay open late), stop by the galleries, head to dinner, and enjoy dessert at Main Street Gallery.

Make plans for a romantic lunch or dinner downtown

Head out or get carry-out for a quiet meal at home. Choose from:

Bistro Poplar:
410.228.4884

Canvasback:
410.221.7888

El Torito: 410.228.6841

Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill: **NEW!**
443.225.5127

Pizza Ziya: 410.221.8585
Portside: 410.228.9007

Snack Shack:
410.228.0444

Snapper's: 410.228.0112

Valentine's portraits, flowers

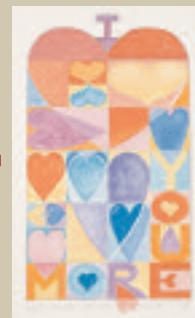
How about a portrait of you and your sweetie? Starting Feb. 5, photographer John Sard is taking portraits of couples at Snack Shack (516 Poplar St.) during the day—or call for an evening appointment (410.228.0444). Only \$7.50 for a 5 x 7. And don't forget flowers! At Flowers & Things (302 Cedar St.) or Friday–Sunday at the new Arlene's Antiques (211 High St.).



Heart to art

Visionary Valentines at the Main Street Gallery, 7–10pm

Visionary Valentines event offers the perfect combination for Valentine's Day Feb. 14



Champagne

Dessert

Art

After a romantic dinner downtown, enjoy an artful dessert at the Visionary Valentines event at the Main Street Gallery 7–10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14. Indulge in champagne and desserts while browsing works of art that will be offered through a silent auction and a raffle. Tickets: \$25 per person (includes raffle ticket). This fundraiser benefits the gallery. The Main Street Gallery is at 413 Muir Street. To reserve your spot, email art@cambridgemainstreet.com or call 443.477.3699. (And a big thank you to volunteers **Bob Ritz**, **Marty Hughes**, and **Dave Harp** for painting and sprucing up the gallery these last few weeks.)

Enjoy more art this month at the other galleries downtown. See page 3.

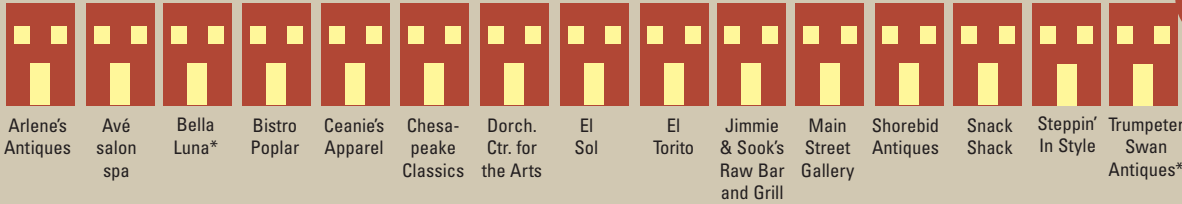
Reinvent yourself at Avé Feb. 7

Make sure you're ready for Valentine's Day with a headstart from Avé salon-spa (501 Poplar Street) on Saturday, Feb. 7, during their "It's a New Year and a New You!" event. From 10am–5pm, stop by for free makeovers from an Aveda expert, free hairstyle and color evaluations, and free skin care evaluations. Then you can make an appointment for one (or more) of Avé's many services. Plus see how flexible you are or enjoy a mini-relaxation session with Pam Schulte of Whispering Waters Yoga Studio (403 Race Street). There also will be items from downtown stores including Joie de Vivre, Dragonfly Boutique, A Few of My Favorite Things, and Sunnyside. And enjoy green tea and snacks. More at 410.228.9023.



AVÉ SALONSPA

Q. How many businesses have opened in downtown Cambridge since January 2008? A. More than you think!



Arlene's Antiques Avé salon spa Bella Luna* Bistro Poplar Ceanie's Apparel Chesapeake Classics Dorch. Ctr. for the Arts El Sol El Torito Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill Main Street Gallery Shorebid Antiques Snack Shack Steppin' In Style Trumpeter Swan Antiques*

*OPENING SOON

FOUR NEW BUSINESSES TO KNOW ABOUT

1 Arlene's Antiques brings cozy shopping to High Street. Nestled in a quaint building on historic, cobbled High Street, newly opened Arlene's Antiques feels like you're stepping into a cozy, charming home—only here, everything from the sofa in front of the fireplace to the glassware on the shelves—is for sale. Owner Arlene Peters (at right), who has owned other antique stores in the past (most recently on Race Street), also offers fresh-cut flowers. Arlene's Antiques is open Friday 10am–5:30pm, Saturday 10am–6pm and Sunday 1–5pm. 211 High Street, 443.521.7969

PHOTO BY JILL JASUTA



OWNER ARLENE PETERS IN HER NEW ANTIQUES STORE.

2 Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill now open. Downtown Cambridge's newest restaurant, Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill, opened its doors Jan. 26. The new restaurant, owned by Dorchester County native Amanda Bramble, sports a warm color scheme and displays honoring Dorchester's maritime heritage. The menu offers everything from oysters to meatloaf with goat cheese and spinach. Live entertainment Wednesday and Thursday, 7–10 p.m. Serving lunch and dinner daily; brunch on Sunday. Open until midnight Sunday–Thursday; until 2am Friday and Saturday. 421 Race Street, 443.225.5127. Look for Jimmie & Sook's on Facebook.

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JEFF CALDER SHOWS OFF CRAB CAKE BENEDICT AT JIMMIE & SOOK'S.

3 Trumpeter Swan Antiques opening this month. Cambridge native Keith Davidson, former owner of Packing House Antiques, is opening Trumpeter Swan Antiques at 437 Race Street (former home of Orange Blossoms Flower Shop).

4 Bella Luna coming soon. The Italian restaurant in the works at 303 High Street is scheduled for a liquor license hearing on Feb. 18. If the restaurant obtains the liquor license, it plans to open shortly thereafter. www.bellaluna-restaurant.net

EVENTS

2nd SAT.

FEB. 14

Second Saturday

Enjoy a romantic dinner downtown and stroll to art galleries and shops, which will be open late.

FEB. 14, 7–10 p.m.

Valentine's Event at Main Street Gallery

Champagne, dessert, art, silent auction. \$25. See page 1.

MARCH 14, 8 p.m.

Jazz Fest Fundraiser

A night of fun to help put on the free Jazz Fest in May. See page 3.

MARCH 14

Harriet Tubman Day Dinner

Info at 410.228.0401.

APRIL 11

Dorchester YMCA Crab Run Half Marathon

13.1-mile race raises funds for Dorchester County YMCA. Two-person relay teams eligible. Childcare available. Info at www.dorchesterymca.org.

Cambridge Main Street welcomes our newest members:
What's Up? Publishing
Crystal Prints/Signs
Coulbourn Electric
Haddaway's Service Station

Huntington Construction
Megan Nabb Insurance
The Rug & Antique Gallery

447 Studios & Gallery
Yihan Properties
Shorebid Antiques

To support Main Street, go to www.cambridgemainstreet.com and click on "Get Involved"

Get up to half off of building improvements

A revamped grant program through Cambridge Main Street offers downtown businesses, organizations, and property owners as much as half off the cost of building-improvement projects. The grant funds that make the Main Street Façade, Signage, & Lighting Program possible are coming to the city through the Neighborhood Business Works

program of the state Department of Housing and Community Development. Approximately \$40,000 is expected to be available through the program. To download an application, go to www.cambridgemainstreet.com and click on "For Businesses." Or contact Main Street Executive Director Jim Duffy at office@cambridgemainstreet.com or 410.228.0020.

Have fun at Jazz Fest fundraiser March 14

Groove your way out of the March doldrums during the St. Patrick's Jazz Fest Jam 7pm-midnight, Saturday, March 14. Enjoy delicious food, live jazz by Minus One, and great auction items during this fundraiser for Jazz Fest. All at Jimmie & Sook's Raw Bar and Grill at 421 Race St. This one's always a sell-out, and with only 100 tickets available, you better move fast. Tickets, at \$35 per person, on sale at Jimmie & Sook's, A Few of My Favorite Things (414 Race St.), and Sugar Magnolia (519 Poplar St.); credit cards accepted. This event benefits the Groove City Jazz & Blues Festival, a free all-day concert set for May 9 in downtown Cambridge (see below). Questions? Contact office@cambridgemainstreet.com or 410.228.0020.



2009 Groove City Jazz & Blues Fest. The full line-up is still in the works, but so far, Deanna Bogart stars in this year's Groove City Jazz & Blues Fest on May 9 in downtown Cambridge. Entry is free (but adults are requested to make a \$10 donation). Also mark your calendar for the night before the Jazz Festival, Friday, May 8, when Jimmie & Sook's has booked D.C. blues guitarist Jimmy Cole and his band.

Phil Feldman elected to Main Street board

Phil Feldman has been elected to the Cambridge Main Street Board of Directors. A Cambridge native, Mr. Feldman founded ISG, an insurance agency on Cedar Street. He sold ISG in 2007 to the world's fourth largest insurance broker. He's currently area chairman of ISG. He also owns and manages a reinsurance company, SeQure Underwriters. "As a Cambridge native, my personal goal is to create a vibrant downtown Cambridge, a destination for tourists, and a source of pride for the people of Dorchester County," he said.



Local investors could help restore historic High Street home

One of High Street's most historic homes, heavily damaged by a May 2008 fire, could be restored—but only with the support of community investors. NOVO Development Corporation, which owns several downtown Cambridge properties and last year purchased the fire-damaged commercial building on Race Street, has a real estate sales contract to purchase 202 High Street on or before March 16. Using historic tax credits, NOVO would restore the late-1700s home back to a single-family residence. (One of NOVO's partners is Cambridge resident and Cambridge Main Street board member Brett Summers.) If NOVO does not raise enough equity from community investors to purchase and stabilize the house by March 16, the house will be demolished. Full details at www.cambridgemainstreet.com.



ARTS & CULTURE

Main Street Gallery: Visionary Valentines features the work of artists expressing their thoughts about love. Special event Feb. 14 (see page 1). 413 Muir Street

Dorchester Center for the Arts: 1 The annual Members' Show and Sale is going on now. **Artists' Reception and Awards Ceremony** is 6-8pm, Saturday, Feb. 14.

2 Celebrate Mardi Gras with dancing, live music from The Teachers, appetizers, and plenty of fun. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 6-9pm. Tickets: \$20 for non-members; \$15 for DCA members. For details, call 410.228.7782.

3 Download the 2009 Class Schedule at www.dorchesterartscenter.org or stop by the center. 321 High Street

Joie de Vivre Gallery: Featuring work by fabric artist Sylvia G Snyder, wildlife painter Nancy West, and direct metal artist Paul Lockhart. 410 Race Street

Maris Elaine Gallery: Presenting the work of multimedia artist Win Peterman and other artists from around the country and around the world. 520 Race Street

447 Studios & Gallery: Exhibiting recent works of artists Willy Schlossbach, Mary Ann Schindler, Jen Wagner, Patti Lucas Hopkins, Sarah Stolte, Shelly Roche, Maureen Sheridan Farrell, Karen Maskell Peck, and Julie Patterson. 447 Race Street

Never On Tuesday Books: Featuring works by a half-dozen local artists, including John Root Hopkins and Antonia Burns. 527 Poplar Street

MUSIC: A bit o' the Irish: Celebrate St. Patty's Day 7-10pm March 17 with musician Anne Watts and friends including Kevin Diaz on fiddle and Thom Huntington on bass at Canvasback. 303 Gay Street

MUSIC: Jimmie & Sook's: Live music at this new raw bar and grill every Wednesday and Thursday, 7-10pm. 421 Race Street

DRAMA: Love Letters: The Dorchester Drama Guild presents Pulitzer Prize-nominated drama *Love Letters* by A.R. Gurney. Performances at 7:30pm Feb. 6, and 2 p.m. on Feb. 7 and Feb. 8. Tickets: \$12 (refreshments included). For information, or to charge tickets by phone to Visa or MasterCard, call 410.228.7782.

NEWS BITS

1 Nice work if you can get it—Mark and Dawn Hubbard of **Hubbard's Custom Blinds & Framing** (435 Race St.) are heading to the Turks and Caicos Islands in the West Indies. Not for play, but to do a weeklong installation job for a customer.

2 **Snack Shack** (516 Poplar St.) has opened the Back of the Shack Gift Nook; stop by and check it out. 3 **Maris Elaine Gallery** (520 Race St.) is having a Trollbead Trunk Show 5-8 pm, Feb. 7. Plus a wine tasting 4-6pm Feb. 21.

4 Cast your vote for the Eastern Shore's best restaurants, shops, and more in *What's Up* magazine's **Best of the Eastern Shore 2009**. Go to www.whatsupmag.com and tell the world about all the good stuff happening in downtown Cambridge!

