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SERIOUS ISSUES: From liquor licenses to city planning, some serious things to think about. See page 2.

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MAIN STREET MILE DEADLINE! Friday, Sept. 12 is the deadline to register your team! The race is part of Summer Send-Off Sept. 20 (see #5, below). Download a registration form at www.cambridgemainstreet.com.

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SAD NEWS. Doris Mae Todd, the ever cheery proprietor of Doris Mae's Restaurant for the past 29 years, has died. See page 2.

20 ways to enjoy September

From boats to arts and music to plain old fun, it's all happening downtown.

#1 Farmers' Market.

Enjoy that fresh produce while you can. **Thursdays, 3:30–6:30 p.m.**, through October 16, in the lot near Academy and Muir Streets.

#3 Try a no-pressure art class.

The Dorchester Center for the Arts has a whole new roster of classes, including low-key 1-day classes for absolute beginners **Sept. 20**. Get the schedule at www.dorchesterartscenter.org or call 410.228.7782.

#5–8 Summer Send-Off Beer & Wine Block Party (and more!).

Squeeze every last drop of fun out of this summer on Saturday, **Sept. 20**: **#5:** Summer Send-Off Beer & Wine Block Party runs 5–10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20. This Cambridge Main Street event features a dozen beers/microbrews, wine, food, live music (including Blues DeVille, Mike Elzey, and 10-year-old Evan Button), and entertainment. Laugh 'til you cry at the hilarious Main Street Mile at 6:30 p.m. Plus take a look at the off-shore powerboats on display from the Sept. 20–21 Cambridge Offshore Racing Challenge and National Championship Race. On the 400 blocks of Poplar and Race Streets, which will be closed to traffic. Free! **#6:** Scoop Station will feature a free "Hootenanny" organized by the Wednesday Morning Artists starting at 7 p.m. With music by T. George Wittstadt, along with Ray Parker and Terry White. An auction will benefit local mural projects. For details, call 410.221.2951. **#7:** Come to the 5–8 p.m. reception at Joie de Vivre (410 Race St.) for the show of "outsider art" organized by the Eastern Shore Hospital Center Auxiliary. **#8:** The music continues into the night at the Hyatt's Dock Party at Blue Point Provision Company, with Time and Again from Annapolis, performing 9 p.m.–12:30 a.m.



#2 Skipjack Races.

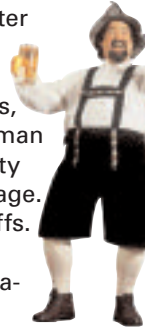
Watch skipjacks race along the Choptank Saturday, **Sept. 27** during this annual race. They start from Cambridge Creek at 10 a.m. Watch from Long Wharf or Great Marsh Park.

#4 Go for fall fashion.

Browse the women's clothing and accessories and more at the new Steppin' In Style at Bertha's Boutique (630 Race St.), open Sept. 11–13.

#9 Crabtoberfest.

Celebrate Octoberfest, Dorchester County-style, noon–6 p.m., **Sept. 27**. Biergarten, mug races, and lots of food. German and Dorchester County performers and heritage. Smith Island crab skiffs. Huge Kids' Park with everything from miniature ponies to crafts. Governor's Hall at Sailwinds. \$5 general admission. Plus pre-festival soccer game, USA vs. Germany, 9 a.m. at CSDHS.



#10 Say Happy Birthday.

Maris Elaine Gallery (520 Race St.) turns 1 on **Sept. 21**. While you're there, admire the furniture and fine home accessories.

#11 Mosaic Show.

By popular demand, the show "Pieces of the Path: Exploring Mosaic" has been extended **through September** at Maris Elaine Gallery (520 Race Street) and the new Main Street Gallery (413 Muir Street), along with the public mosaic mural at 444 Race Street. The Main Street Gallery is open by chance or by appointment at 443.477.3699.

#12 Dorchester Showcase.

Enjoy works from area artists and artisans, along with food, music, performances, fun for the kids, and more during this street festival along High Street, from Long Wharf to Poplar Street. Sunday, **Sept. 28**. Starts at noon. Free! Plus free sails on the Nathan of Dorchester skipjack.

#13–19 Second Saturday.

There are a lot of reasons to come downtown **Sept. 13**: **#13:** Bargains inside and out during the Fall Inside Out Sidewalk Sale. Stores will be open into the evening. **#14:** Meet artists Carla Huber, Bob Tolley, and John Bannon during a reception 6–8 p.m. at the Dorchester Center for the Arts, 321 High Street. **#15:** Check out the new show of "outsider art" at Joie de Vivre (410 Race St.), the Mosaic Show (see #10), and more art at 447 Gallery (447 Race St.) and Never On Tuesday Books (527 Poplar St.). **#16:** Meet local authors at Never On Tuesday. **#17:** Celebrate the 30th anniversary of Jim Richardson's *Maryland Dove* with a 4–8 p.m. reception at the Richardson Maritime Museum's Ruark Boatworks, Maryland Ave. and Hayward St. \$25 (\$20 members). **#18:** Multiple bands perform in the evening at Scoop Station (400 Muir St.). **#19:** Enjoy dinner and music at Cambridge Grill (421 Race St.).

#20 DelMarVa's Got Talent: The Final Countdown.

The final three contenders will be named **Sept. 10**; the top winner is declared **Sept. 17**. Scoop Station, 400 Muir Street. Starts at 7 p.m.



PETER KNADE
PERFORMS AT SCOOP.



The new Dorchester Center for the Arts.

Hundreds stopped by the new three-times-as-large home of the Dorchester Center for the Arts at 321 High Street during the grand opening Aug. 29–30. There are still a few seats available for the center's annual (and very popular) **Discerning Palates** event, which offers eight different themed dinners or desserts hosted by members in their homes on two weekends, Sept. 19–21 and Sept. 26–27. For details, call the center at 410.228.7782.

[PHOTO BY JILL JASUTA]

Get a comp plan update Sept. 16

Hear the latest on the ongoing process of formulating a new Comprehensive Plan for the City of Cambridge during a Community Vision Forum on Tuesday, Sept. 16. The three subcommittees, covering the role of transportation, growth and open space, and economic development (including downtown revitalization), will present their reports to the Planning Commission. 7 p.m. at the Empowerment Center (615 Pine St.).

Underage drinking meeting Sept. 25

A town hall meeting Thursday, Sept. 25 will tackle the tough issue of underage drinking and how a community can take steps to reduce—and prevent—this problem. Sponsored by Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol. 7 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Church (415 Academy St.).

HOT TOPIC: LIQUOR LICENSES

Liquor Board seeks public input Sept. 10

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, the Dorchester Liquor Board will listen to public comment on proposals that aim to boost the number of jobs and improve public safety in our downtown. Right now, Cambridge's ability to attract restaurants is limited by a state law that restricts the issuance of liquor licenses within 300 feet of a church. Many other counties in Maryland have successfully worked their way through local government to ask the state legislature to grant exceptions to this law in an effort to promote economic development and revitalization.

In Cambridge, we're asking the Liquor Board to consider recommending that the County Council endorse such a strategy here for full-fledged restaurants in our downtown. It's the first step in a process that could bring some exciting projects into downtown Cambridge. The Sept. 10 meeting is your chance to speak out on this important issue. It starts at 5 p.m. in the County Office Building (501 Court Lane).

Additional hearings will be held Sept. 17 in East New Market and Sept. 24 on Taylors Island.

Volunteer opportunities with Main Street

Cambridge Main Street has achieved a lot over these past five years, and none of it would have happened without our amazing volunteers. You, too, can be a part of downtown Cambridge's revitalization. Put your skills to good use, meet new people, and have fun. Cambridge Main Street has the following volunteer opportunities available:

Clerical. We could use help with data entry, correspondence, mailings, filing, and other tasks.

Events crew. See if you like helping out at Main Street events during Summer Send-Off Sept. 20. It's a great way to meet people while you're helping set up, tear down, or do whatever needs doing.

Gallery help. Help staff the new Main Street Gallery on Muir Street on Fridays and Saturdays. A project of the nonprofit Cambridge Main Street, the gallery aims to spur downtown revitalization through the arts.

To find out more, call Main Street Executive Director Jim Duffy at 410.228.0020 or email him at office@cambridgemainstreet.com.

IN MEMORIAM Doris Mae Todd

Downtown Cambridge lost an anchor of the community with the passing of Doris Mae Todd on Sept. 7. For 29 years, Mrs. Todd, 78, was the hands-on owner of Doris Mae's Restaurant at 400 Race Street.

She manned the grill, flipping pancakes and burgers for a cadre of devoted locals and tourists alike, always ready with a smile and a cheery greeting. The funeral is at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11 at

the Thomas Funeral Home, 700 Locust St. The family will receive friends the hour before the service. Memorial contributions: Dorchester County Humane Society, P.O. Box 132, Cambridge, MD 21613.



Doris Mae's has been a fixture in downtown Cambridge for 29 years.

NEWS BITS

- 1** **Bistro Poplar** (535 Poplar St.) is now serving **brunch on Sundays**. Think ham and egg crepe, lobster omelette, quiche du jour, croque madam—and fresh doughnuts! **2** Learn tips to promote restaurants and get ideas for the holiday season in retail during two free seminars in Cambridge on Thursday, Sept. 11, sponsored by Dorchester First! The restaurant seminar is 2–4 p.m.; retail begins at 5:30 p.m. Free, but register before by calling 410.228.0155.
- 3** For the first time, Cambridge is hosting a Marine Trawler Owners Association rendezvous Sept. 23–28. It'll bring about **85 boats and 200 folks** to the Municipal Yacht Basin. While they're here, they'll explore downtown with planned outings including an art gallery tour, spa time at Avé, a tour of J.M. Clayton's crab house, and more.