

# CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY RADIO GAZETTE

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## CARIBBEAN BREEZES IN CAMBRIDGE

Over 120 guests enjoyed the festivities at the WHCP third annual fundraiser, “Catch the Wave,” held on March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Dorchester Center for the Arts. Catering by Jamie served a Caribbean-themed appetizer menu and Hooper’s Island Aquaculture was shucking oysters all evening. U Sushi in Easton provided additional fare. Bay Country Bakery as well as Chef Zinnell and her students at the Dorchester Career and Technology Center provided sweet treats.



The surfboard was standing room only as 120 guests caught the wave with us March 18th!

The silent auction and live auction, guided by the masterful Buddy Foxwell with help from WHCP’s AM DJ Bruce Patrick, raised almost \$10,000 for the Media Production Student Internship and Community Journalist Programs. (See article later in this newsletter for more info on these programs.) Current interns, Amanda Tilghman and Jes Schaubert, both graduating seniors at the two Dorchester high schools, spoke about their experiences at WHCP and assisted with activities through the evening.

The great fundraiser team included Donna Sheckler, Essie Keyser, Diane Marquette, Linda Starling, Leslie Bishop and Kathy Bambrick and was chaired for a second year by Susan Klise.

## BIG NEWS – BIG NEW DIGS -COMING SOON- FOR WHCP!

WHCP, in partnership with Cambridge residents and preservation activists George Vojtech and Patty Kaczmarek, will soon begin work on the old Cambridge Gas Works building at 516 Race Street to convert the space to a new ‘Community Media Center.’ The Center will triple the space available to WHCP and host WHCP radio studios, a dedicated Student Training Center, a new Oral History Studio, as well as a street level state of the art Performance Studio for live music, public events, and for use/rent as a community meeting space.



Work will commence in early May. Renovations will include both structural and cosmetic work on the façade and the 2600-square foot interior spaces. There are multiple interior spaces fully conducive to acting as the street level performance space and for the broadcast studios of WHCP Radio. In its short two years on the air, WHCP has seriously outgrown our current home of just 925 square feet at 512 Poplar St.

We envision building a Student Training Center with workstations pre-configured for training on audio production and social media. Studios will also be built for the recording of Oral Histories by community members. This effort will support the “Shore Stories” weekly program, a collaboration between WHCP and the Dorchester Historical Society. Know someone with a great story to tell and

Facade of 516 Race Street, the soon to be new home of WHCP radio.

capture for posterity - a loved one, neighbor, friend, or acquaintance? You can interview them, and we can help get the stories flowing with the right questions. Just contact us at [info@whcp.org](mailto:info@whcp.org). Additionally, studio use will be provided for the reading of local newspapers, regional magazines, and books by local authors through our MidShore Radio Reading Service. There is ample space to be configured to serve all of these needs.

WHCP is fortunate to have much of the equipment on hand having strategically acquired it over the past three years for use in an expanded community media center.

Located in the middle of the historic 500 block of Race Street, which is being revitalized as a joint priority by the State, County and City, the "Old Cambridge Gasworks" building's preservation is important. The Center will be an anchor as the renovation on the block moves into high gear. A state of the art community broadcast media center will be a valuable asset to Cambridge. Stay tuned and pitch in to help on this exciting project! There will be lots to do to hit our ambitious Grand Opening date target of July 8, 2017 – WHCP's Second Anniversary on the air!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WHCP is looking for a few good women and men to assist with various station activities. Here is a list of the opportunities at WHCP as we continue to grow as your community radio station: Construction Support – as we work on the new Community Media Center at 516 Race

Folks to participate in the Oral History Project for Recollections at Pine St. by recording

recollections of those living in Cambridge 50 years ago

Interviewers for MidShore MidDay and Shore Stories – Stories on events, people and places of interest to our listeners

Readers for the local production of recorded books, stories and newspapers for the Radio Reading Services

Children's Reading Project at our local schools – record and edit young students reading their favorite books to air on WHCP – coming next school year

General Production Support – recording, editing

Administrative Support – general help around the station.

Please consider joining our all-volunteer WHCP staff. No experience needed, training provided. Sign up and find out more how you can help! Email us at [info@whcp.org](mailto:info@whcp.org) or call the station to make an appointment to learn how you can help, learn and have fun at the same time!

## FIREFLIES FOR SALE

Do you have your Firefly Radio? These radios are housed in Mason jars and powered by captured fireflies that have been specially trained to light up and dance with the music (with the help of two AA batteries). The cost is \$40. For those joining as new members of WHCP at the Tower Level of \$101.50 or more, one radio is included, no extra charge. Radios are on sale exclusively at Sunnyside Shop (at the corner of Poplar and Gay Streets in Cambridge) or on our website – WHCP.org. You can also purchase them at the station, 512 Poplar Street in Cambridge.

## UPDATE ON RADIO READING

Thanks to initial donations from the Waddell Foundation (of Cambridge), the Lions Club and WHCP supporters, the WHCP special subcarrier radio receivers are being offered free of charge to Blind and print-disabled citizens interested in having the spoken word come into their homes. Currently there are a dozen citizens being served by the program. The MidShore Radio



Reading Service operates on WHCP's subcarrier and has been in operation since October 13, 2016. It is the only radio reading service on the Eastern Shore and is one of only approximately 80 radio reading service nationwide.

Currently the MidShore Radio Reading Service is rebroadcasting the 'Washington Ear,' a long established reading service from Washington DC. It is planned for WHCP to begin adding local programming, including reading area newspapers, books by local authors and other print media of interest – we are still working to solve the need for an extra studio space to make this happen. We are seeking volunteers to read as well as someone to manage the program. A coordinator is needed to schedule volunteers, coordinate receiver deliveries and set the schedule for books, newspapers and magazines to be read on air.

For more information and registration details on the WHCP Mid-Shore Radio Reading Service, please contact WHCP. The station is located at 512 Poplar Street in Cambridge, MD 21613. The telephone number is 443-637-6000 and the email is [info@whcp.org](mailto:info@whcp.org) and you can find WHCP on the web at [whcp.org](http://whcp.org).

## IS THERE A STORY TO TELL?

WHCP is participating with the Dorchester County Historical Society and the Eastern Network for Change in order to preserve stories about life in and around the Eastern Shore over the past decades from residents of the area.

'Shore Stories' is a program currently airing on WHCP that is drawn from recordings made over the past decade that have been housed at the Historical Society. Our interns have been producing these stories in order to air them on WHCP. These are recollections by citizens of days gone by. There are many fascinating tales to be told including the role of German immigrants in the early days of Dorchester County, the legendary Boat Builders of the Shore, and lots of memories of everyday life growing up before "the Bridge" went in.

Additionally, the Eastern Shore Network for Change is spearheading the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fires in Cambridge, the time of H. Rap Brown and the civil unrest that ensued. WHCP is assisting by recording memories of residents who were in Cambridge during those tumultuous days 50 years ago. What was it like? What did you see? Who did you know? How did your family and friends cope with these traumatic events? These stories will be part of the July 21-23, 2017 weekend reflecting on the events 50 years ago.

If you have a story that you would like to share about life on the Eastern Shore, please contact the station at 443-637-6000 or email [info@whcp.org](mailto:info@whcp.org). For recollections directly related to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, you can reach out to the Eastern Network for Change, Keisha Petticolas or Dion Banks, at 443-252-3542.

## WHCP INTERNS TO GRADUATE

Students from the local high schools and community college have been volunteering and learning the art and science of audio media and social media production, story telling, and music presentation. Amanda Tilghman, Jes Schaubert and Matt King will graduate in May from North Dorchester and CSD High Schools. When Amanda and Jes arrived in September 2016, they were not sure what they were in for! "The station wasn't exactly an expected thing in my life at the time," says Amanda, "and Jes and I just thought that we were going to get our song on the radio. But after talking to Mike Starling for a bit, we ended up filling



Muffin Copper shows off her new WHCP Reading Service radio.



WHCP Interns Jes Schaubert and Amanda Tilghman review albums for their show "On the Record."

out internship paperwork and it's been amazing ever since!" Amanda goes on to talk about the show she and Jes created they call 'On the Record.' "We love working on 'On The Record' and learning production components, as well. WHCP is truly one of the best parts of our lives and we really appreciate all they do for us!"

Amanda, Jes and Matt have been wonderful additions to the station volunteer crew and we will be sad to see them leave us at summer's end. The WHCP family wishes them the best of luck as they graduate and prepare to head off to college in the fall.

We are working with the Guidance Office at both schools seeking new interns for the next school year. If you know of a student who is interested in broadcast journalism or music production, be sure to tell them about this great program. We can be reached via email at [info@whcp.org](mailto:info@whcp.org).

## COMMUNITY JOURNALIST PROGRAM

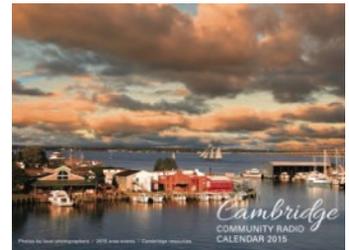
The Community Journalist Program kicked off in February with a training session for five interested residents. Hosted by Mike Starling, Diane Marquette and Susan Klise, the participants learned the basics of recording, editing and airing an interview. The goal was to demystify the process of producing a piece for the radio. Daunting at first, the general feeling was that with a bit of practice, it is quite easy to produce a finished piece! The group practiced interviewing each other, but the goal is for the "graduates" to go out into the community to record people who work in an interesting field, have a different hobby, are hosting a special event or have a story to share.



Another training session is being planned. If you are interested, please contact the station at [info@whcp.org](mailto:info@whcp.org)

## WHCP COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Back by popular demand – it's the 2018 WHCP Community Calendar. After taking a year off, the 2018 calendar will be out in early fall with all the info you need for life in and around the greater Cambridge area! The calendar will again feature gorgeous photographs of the scenic vistas surrounding us here on the Eastern Shore, submitted by area artists and amateur photographers. We will be putting out a call for entries for photographs in the next month. So polish up your lens, get out your tripod and focus! And if you are an organization with a community wide event in 2018 be sure and let us know of the date for inclusion. Contact [calendar@whcp.org](mailto:calendar@whcp.org). More info soon on the 2018 WHCP Community Calendar!



## COMING ATTRACTIONS:

- WORK DAYS AT 516 RACE MAY 20 AND SEVERAL DATES IN JUNE TBA
- WHCP SECOND ANNIVERSARY AND 516 RACE STREET RIBBON CUTTING JULY 8 – WATCH WHCP.ORG FOR DETAILS
- YMCA MEDIA CAMP JULY 18 and 19
- REFLECTIONS ON PINE JULY 20-23

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