



WEST END NEWS

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Summer 2002

President's Message

by Brenda Hayward

WECA's Annual Membership Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 16. In addition to unanimously electing the proposed slate of officers and directors for 2002-2003, members attending the meeting also approved the proposed Bylaws revisions. The revised Bylaws are available for review at the Dorchester County Public Library and on the WECA web site: www.cambridgemd.org.

Following the business meeting, WECA sponsored an informative program featuring Armond Hayward, II, chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, and Jim Michael, director of Planning and Zoning. They discussed the types of projects requiring construction permits from the Department of Public Works and/or HPC approvals, and the procedures involved, responding to many questions from the audience as well.

Your new Board of Directors is excited about the coming year and the many projects and challenges ahead. We are focused on our mission: "to foster and enhance the quality of life for all residents of the West End through the conduct or support of community events and social activities." The overall agenda of WECA includes building neighborhood morale and unity, encouraging members to participate in community events, educating members and the community about issues affecting the West End and our City, and advocacy with regard to matters which impact the quality of life of West End residents.

Our community yard sale on June 8 was a great success with the most participants ever. The addition of signage for the participants' yards, as well as signs posted around town helped promote the sale and the specific locations. Start planning now for an even bigger and better Fall Yard Sale. Date to be announced.

WECA is again planning to offer our Historic Tours at the Feast-IVAL in August, and will participate in the Dorchester Showcase in September.

In July, we will sponsor an evening cruise on the Nathan of Dorchester for members and their guests. We hope you will join us for this fun outing on the Choptank.

The proposed relocation and consolidation of the Rescue Fire Company, EMS and Police Departments affects everyone in our city. WECA will sponsor a public forum on July 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dorchester Public Library meeting room, with representatives from all three city agencies. They will be on hand to discuss the proposed relocation and

answer your questions. More information on this upcoming program will be published as the format for the evening is finalized.

We have been gratified to see several new faces at our monthly Board meetings of late. Whether new to the West End, new to WECA or just becoming more interested in what is going on in your community, you are very welcome to attend any of our regular Board meetings. We are most appreciative of the willing spirit you have brought to the meetings and the offers of help on various committees and projects. Your views and insights are helpful and your active participation is very much needed. Bring your friends and get involved. Together we can accomplish great things for our community.

Welcomers of West End

Is Your Business Represented?

by Jane Devlin

Newcomers to the West End are definitely "WOWEd" when they receive a welcome basket or packet with all sorts of goodies and useful information from the Welcomers of West End.

The welcome baskets contain gift certificates, discount coupons and promotional items such as calendars, pens, etc. to entice them to visit our local businesses, along with information and resources about our community.

More than 60 baskets have been delivered over the past year. That represents a lot of potential new customers for your business. WECA would like to include your business in the welcome program.

If you are interested in being represented in the WOVE basket, please contact Jane Devlin (410-221-6082) for more information.



Property Transfers

by Carroll Dail

March 15 through June 12, 2002

CAMBRIDGE POINT, LLC Commerce Street	\$155,000	JACKSON, Kim A. & JOHNSON, Jeffrey L. 416 Willis Street	\$36,000
MALONEY, Edward B., Jr. 801 Locust Street	\$50,000	HOMEcomings FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC. 215 West End Avenue	\$45,050
HILDEBRAND, Carrie A. 305 Talbot Avenue	\$84,900	ORTEGA, Faustino 726 Glasgow Street	\$59,900
SECRETARY OF HUD 202 Choptank Avenue	\$60,000	DRAKETAIL, LLC 8 Willis Street	\$65,000
LITTLETON, William H., Sr. et Al 816 Locust Street	\$42,000	PASDEN, Andrew J., Jr. & Linda L. 312 Mill Street	\$410,100
RICHARDSON, William G., Jr. 112 Willis Street	\$63,700	WARD, R. Douglas 212 Willis Street	\$87,000
CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL HOUSE ASSOC., LLC 201 Mill Street	\$85,000	HILL, Deborah M. & William G. 5 Choptank Avenue	\$70,000
CHEESMAN, Michael G. 320 West End Avenue	\$74,900	LACY, Benjamin A. & Carol K. 115 Glenburn Avenue	\$180,000
MARA, Krassimira T. 120 Vue de l'Eau Street	\$125,000	SMITH, Cynthia A. & FALLS, Matthew J. 5 West End Avenue	\$139,900
ROSSI, Laurence C. & Geraldine 604-1 Water Street	\$118,000	SHORTER, William J., III & BISHOP, Jennifer E. 401 Edlon Park Drive	\$110,000
THE SALT & LIGHT CO., INC. 415 Linden Avenue	\$1	DODRILL, Neil Jay 107 Choptank Avenue	\$85,500
LITTLETON, William H. et Al 515 Poplar Street	\$100,000		

WECA to Host Forum on Proposed Public Safety Complex

by Brenda Hayward

WECA will host an informational forum about the proposed relocation of the Rescue Fire Company, the Cambridge Police Department, and EMS to a new public safety complex. The meeting will be held on July 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dorchester Public Library meeting room, and the public is invited to attend. The forum will be in a question and answer format, with questions submitted in advance. Anyone may submit a question by contacting Brenda Hayward at 410-228-6523 or Jane Devlin at 410-221-6082. Questions may also be e-mailed to weca@cambridgemd.org. The deadline for receipt of questions is Friday, July 12, 2002.

Refreshments will follow the meeting, with the opportunity to talk individually with Jeff Hurley, Kenneth Malik, and Bill Watkins.

HELP is *STILL* NEEDED

JOB OPENINGS:

No Pay, but Short Hours and Great Satisfaction.

There are several committee openings which need staffing: Membership, Community Pride, Publicity and Special Projects.

These are NOT time demanding jobs — at the most two evening meetings a month, often with goodies, and maybe some e-mail or phone time. Extra hands make lighter work for all.

Your knowledge, your opinions and your support is needed for the betterment of our neighborhood.

WECA is your neighborhood organization and along with our Council Persons is your direct voice in the happenings in the West End of Cambridge.

Please consider giving a few hours each month. Call Jane Devlin at 410 221-6082 or Brenda Hayward at 410 228-6523.

Paradise Found



Herm Kramer proudly displays two historic markers on his home at 1 West End Avenue. The "Paradise" plaque was a birthday gift from his wife. Herm says he has found Paradise right here in his West End home.

Historic House Markers

Order Now to Beat Price Increase

by Jane Devlin

Our Historic House Markers project is well underway, with orders coming in for the attractive bronze plaques at a very satisfying rate. A number of plaques have already been received and mounted on properties in the West End. Notice them as you drive around.

Now's the time to order your marker, before the price goes up! We have been notified of a price increase by our supplier, based on increases in material costs, but WECA will honor the current price of \$165 each until August 31, 2002. For order placed after that date, the price will be \$185.

The display of an historic marker will identify your property as part of the Cambridge Historic District and will provide uniformity of identification of the historic properties throughout the West End. It will also demonstrate community pride in our beautiful historic buildings and the unique architecture to be found in both the commercial and residential areas of the Historic District. If you are a proud owner of an historic building, please consider displaying an historic marker.

The marker is a cast bronze oval plaque which is sturdy, weather-resistant, of quality construction and with an attractive and elegant design that is compatible with the architectural styles of the Historic District. The size of the plaque is 11 inches wide x 8 inches high. The markers have a life expectancy of approximately 20 years, with little maintenance required except for a clear coat of lacquer every few years. Complete mounting instructions will be provided. When ordering, specify front or rear mounting. Plaques for front mounting include 2 pre-drilled holes and brass screws. Rear mounting requires 1/4-inch studs and adhesive (not supplied). Recommendations for placement will also be provided, to encourage uniformity.

To order, complete the information below and mail to WECA, P. O. Box 13, Cambridge, MD 21613, or call Jane Devlin at 410-221-6082. Orders will be grouped to expedite production and reduce shipping costs, enabling WECA to offer these plaques at the best possible price.

HISTORIC MARKER ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Quantity: _____

Copy for Plaque: Circa _____ (approximate year)

OR

Est. _____ (exact year)

Mounting Requirements: Front Rear

Delivery will take approximately 5 weeks. Price is \$165 for orders placed prior to August 31, 2002. A 25% deposit is required upon approval of layout.

\$POTLIGHT BUSINESSES *Support your community by supporting our local entrepreneurs*

A Shore Sign

Traditional Hand Carved Signs

*Allen Dixon
410-221-1720*

Are you looking for a distinct way to identify your home or business? Look no further. The West End has a craftsman who is responsible for a lot of the hand carved signs that are spotted around the County. Allen Dixon has for the past 6 years been creating Cape Cod style signs from his home-based workshop. Having learned the trade in New England, Allen is meticulous in the authenticity of his work. Allen's standard of quality surpasses his customer's. Good examples of Allen's work are the signs located at Harbor Haven, Dorchester County Court House, and The Glenburn (209 Glenburn Avenue).

After 2 or 3 consultations with the customer – the choice of wood and design start the process. All text is then hand carved by Allen. An option exists to give a 3-dimensional appearance by the application of a separately carved logo/design. The sign comes to life with the application of customized paint for the background and gold leaf lettering. Upon completion, Allen will offer to professionally install the sign if so required. With minimum maintenance, your sign should give you many years of pleasure.

Whether you wish a sign with house numbers, a sign to bear the name of your home or a single/double-sided sign for your business, Allen Dixon will be glad to fulfill your signage needs.

Mary Kay Cosmetics

*Judy Robinson
410-901-1303*

www.marykay.com/jrobinson300
jrr@dmv.com

A beautiful look and a beautiful smile. It's a natural combination that comes when you are feeling great. At Mary Kay, their goal is to help you get that feeling. Judy Robinson (a native of Dorchester County) had previously lived on the West Coast for over 20 years. The years were spent working in the retail and merchandising business. Having returned to Cambridge 5 years ago, her love of working with people has led her to a career with Mary Kay Cosmetics. Teaching skin care and sharing the Mary Kay career opportunity with other women is very rewarding for Judy.

Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultants have the opportunity to make more than a living. They make a difference. In 1996, the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation was created. The foundation is committed to ending violence against women and to finding a cure for

JOIE DE VIVRE

*Joy's Art & Textile Gallery
410 Race Street, Cambridge
410-228-7000
www.joie-vivre.com*

Experience Joie De Vivre! (Joy of Life)

Walk through the door and enter into a world of sensory awakening. This lovely gallery has a depth of colors that will inspire and a myriad of textures that will have your sense of touch refined. Are you looking to purchase something special for yourself or needing a unique gift? This gallery's diversified inventory can accommodate all budgets!

The following local artists are just a sampling of artists being hosted:

Joy Staniforth (owner)
textiles

Lynn Stավdal
gold & silversmith

Andre' Jones
metal art

Nancy Stone
beaded work

Judith Mc Donald
nantucket baskets

Barbara Lundy Stone
woven pieces

Antonia Burns
primitive painting

John Root Hopkins
primitive art

Pat Merchant
miniature furniture

David Lee
stained glass

Pat Travers
nature weavings

cancers that affect women. In excess of \$1million per year is designated to the foundation.

Mary Kay develops, produces and distributes their products. All items are hypoallergenic and free of animal testing. Besides the great personal service, all products are 100% guaranteed.

Judy has always loved the Eastern Shore and coming home to reestablish friendships and meet new residents has been a very exciting time. Judy and her husband Jeffrey are a walking advertisement for Mary Kay. Yes! Mary Kay does have a men's skin care line also.

In this busy world we rarely schedule down time. Why not arrange a pampering session for yourself or a group of friends? Judy would love to share the enriching benefits of Mary Kay with you!

Nonprofit Newsflashes



News from The Dorchester County YMCA

The YMCA is pleased to announce that Sean Elliott will be the new executive director, beginning July 22nd. Sean has 8 years of YMCA programming experience, and is currently the senior program director at a Y located outside of

Charlotte, NC. He will be bringing to the Dorchester Y experience as a health and wellness director, sports director, childcare director, and cardiac rehab physiologist. If you are a West Ender and don't belong to the Y, now is the time to join!

Thanks to the hard work of the Cambridge Garden Club, the entrance to the Y is much more attractive. Many of the members are West Enders and they worked very diligently putting down sod and mulch, and planting three crabapple trees on Talbot Avenue.

News from the Dorchester County Commission on the Aging

You know what they say about "asking a busy person if you want something done". Well, Jane Devlin, an active WECA Board member, has been elected to serve on the Dorchester County Commission on the Aging, Inc., beginning July 1, 2002.

Jane is pleased that as she joins the Commission on Aging's Board, they have just instituted a new program, Pleasant Haven Assisted Living. Located on property adjacent to Pleasant Day Medical Adult Day Care, it opened May 6th of this year and is licensed for 5 residents. The house was donated and has been refurbished to accommodate the needs of elderly clients. Jane is pleased to be in on the very beginning of the Assisted Living program and supports the plans to add more assisted living homes.

Pleasant Haven provides around-the-clock trained staffing with a licensed RN on call. There are currently 2 residents and Pleasant Haven can accept people for respite care during vacations, trips, etc., for stays from as little as three hours to overnight, as long as space is available. Contact Sandy Saunders at 410-228-0190 for more information.

Jackie Vickers, a West End resident and active WECA member is the executive director of Pleasant Day Medical Adult Day Care, Pleasant Haven, and Pleasant Meals, which are all operated by the Commission on the Aging. With the opening of Pleasant Haven, Jackie has realized a long term dream, the result of a great deal of hard work on the part of Jackie and her staff. Congratulations, Jackie!

HPC Update

by Armond Hayward, II

As chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, I recently had the opportunity to make presentations to two local organizations: the Dorchester County Historical Society and the Mid-Shore Board of Realtors. Both presentations were extremely well received.

In May, the Historical Society asked me to speak about the Cambridge Historic District, the Design Guidelines, and the tax incentives available for historic properties. My presentation included slides showing the various architectural styles and periods represented within the District, as well as before and after photographs of homes that had had their porches and other architectural elements removed or inappropriately altered. I also shared my research on the various architects that had worked in the District. Approximately 15 members of the Historical Society attended. Since giving this presentation I have been elected as a trustee of the Dorchester County Historical Society.

In June, I was asked by the Mid-Shore Board of Realtors to give an educational presentation as part of their certification in marketing historic properties. I geared my presentation specifically toward their interest as realtors, and the ability to market properties in an Historic District. The realtors' group was very interested in learning more about the HPC and how it works, the guidelines and procedures, and the tax credit programs that are available for both commercial and residential properties. Over 30 realtors were present from Dorchester, Caroline, and Talbot. Although the presentation took an hour and a half due to the considerable amount of information to be covered, no one went to sleep. In fact, they were very attentive, and the question and answer period that followed was very lively. One of the realtors stated that people were moving to Cambridge because they wanted to live in Cambridge, and not particularly because of the Hyatt.

Following my presentation, I was gratified to hear a prominent Cambridge realtor say that there had been much misinformation circulated about the HPC and the design guidelines and that she now realized that the Historic Preservation Commission was quite reasonable to work with. Since the presentation I have received a number of calls from realtors for information and asking me to talk to clients that had questions about the Historic District. Local realtors are seeing potential clients who are looking specifically for homes in the Historic District and in fact, location within the Historic District has been a major factor in several recent sales of West End properties.

The HPC is also in the process of collaborating with WECA and the City Planner/Grants Administrator to develop a brochure briefly explaining the Historic District, the Design Guidelines, and the procedures that need to be followed. This guide is designed for use by realtors, property owners, contractors and will contain a map of the Historic District of Cambridge.

Commissioner's Corner

by **Larry Bohlen — First Ward Commissioner**

It's hard to believe but summer is already here, time for lots of outdoor activities in and around our community. As always the City government has been busy — more than just the regular meetings on Monday nights. I find myself busy every day working on things for the future improvement of our town. Here are just a few:

The first phase of the Marina improvements is nearly complete except for some cosmetics, and what a good job. The slips have been booked up since the beginning of the boating season and everyone who has docked there has raved about how nice it is. In fact, I understand that one individual who docked there was so impressed by the City's commitment he bought a home here in the West End. The word is spreading that Cambridge is a great tourist destination.

I have been serving on the Transportation Advisory Committee working on the five-year transportation plan for Dorchester, and Cambridge is a major component of that plan. In the very near future we are going to see improvements to service, making mass transit much more viable in and around Cambridge, for hometown folks and tourists alike. I am working with Mr. Santo Grande on a plan for bus stops, with very attractive shelters, in downtown and other parts of town. These, along with the new trolley bus, will provide a pleasant alternative to driving, helping bring tourists and others to our downtown and other points of interest.

We are working with DPW on related projects in the downtown corridor. Streetscape improvements, including new trash receptacles, signage, and period street lighting, are getting underway, using the Legacy grant monies received this spring.

The spring clean up campaign was a great success, with more trash and junk hauled out of the city than ever before. Nearly everyone I talk with feels that the West End is improving. More houses are being bought and worked on, many being converted back to single family homes (a great sign), yards are being taken care of; people are taking pride in their community. That's not to say there still aren't problems. I'm constantly working with Planning & Zoning and DPW on problem areas, but sometimes it takes longer and is more involved than people realize.

In closing, I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer season. Enjoy our town, its parks and waterfront, and take a walk downtown — you may be surprised at what you find.



**Have a Safe
and Happy
Fourth of July**

by **Lee Weldon — Third Ward Commissioner**

The iris have run their course, the daffodils have all withered, but the Black Eyed Susans are starting to pop, and one late blooming azalea has finally come around. Driving around the West End, and throughout the City, people are really going the extra mile to fix up their properties, and the results are beginning to show all over.

One of my favorite sights around town may seem a bit odd. I love construction dumpsters. As a homeowner in the historic district, nothing satisfies my soul more than the sound of old plaster, rotten shingles, and ill-conceived "improvements" of the past being hurled into a cavernous steel container. Out with the old and nasty, and in with the new, but old looking!

The Historic Preservation Commission has successfully created an environment that not only encourages historic rehabilitation in our residential and business districts, it has made it downright lucrative! Property values are surging all over town, but especially in the District. "For Sale" signs are up for a fraction of the time they used to be, and the increased equity has become very evident in the form of those big, green, beautiful dumpsters.

With the first phase of the marina rehabilitation nearly complete, already Cambridge is receiving a large-upsurge in visiting boats thanks to the upgrades that are being made. That translates into increasing revenue to continue the upgrades and the marketing to make that beautiful facility the crown jewel of our City's waterfront.

Back to the garden now. The tomatoes are starting to fill in, and the peppers have a lot of promising blooms. Should be a great summer. If only I could do something about those weeds!

WECA's Best-Ever Yard Sale

by **Donna Casarotti**

The West End of Cambridge was a bargain hunter's paradise on Saturday, June 8, when WECA once again sponsored its semi-annual community-wide yard sale. Having many yard sales located within one neighborhood on the same day makes shopping very attractive to buyers. That means a more successful sale for everyone. This year was no exception.

With 35 locations participating, this was the biggest and best yard sale event ever! And participants were pleased with the results.

WECA's advertising of the event drew people to explore the entire West End. WECA also provided yard sale signs to participating locations and posted signs on the main arteries into the West End. That it was Triathlon weekend didn't hurt, either.

Start planning now for a great Fall Yard Sale! Date to be announced. For more information, call 410-901-9390 or fax 410-901-9392.

Cruisin' Down the River

It won't be on a Sunday afternoon, but WECA members and their guests will soon be cruising the Choptank on the Skipjack Nathan. This special event will take place on Thursday, July 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., weather permitting. The cost is \$25 per person, and includes hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Full payment is required at sign up. Space on the skipjack is limited to 25 people, so first-come first served. Don't miss out on this chance to experience an evening on the famous Nathan of Dorchester and socialize with your friends and neighbors. In the event of inclement weather, the trip will be rescheduled, and monies refunded to those who are unable to make the rain date. For information, or to sign up, call Jane Devlin at 410-221-6082.

Neighborhood Update

by Herm Kramer

Most of us work hard to keep our properties looking good, however there seems to be a worsening of those who do not.

As our homes often represent our largest single investment, it is very important that we and our neighbors keep our house exteriors and yards well-maintained. Also, any changes, additions or repairs must meet City code and the standards of the Historic District (for those properties located within the District).

WECA has been working with the City's Department of Housing helping to identify "problem properties" in the West End. Unfortunately most of these properties are not owner occupied and it is often very difficult to obtain the cleanup and repairs necessary to bring these properties up in keeping with the adjacent neighborhood.

Look around your immediate area for those properties which are not in keeping with your neighborhood and let us know the problems

and the address. We will check these out, take a digital picture, concentrate on the worst first, and work with the Housing Department to be more effective in bringing these properties up to your neighborhood standards.

Call 410-221-6294. You **do not** have to leave your name, just the problem and the address.

Last Call for Member Renewals

by Doug Kyle

As Membership Chairman I have the unenviable task of trying to figure out how to get all the households in the West End to join our group; the other half of my job is much simpler — to keep everyone straight in my database.

As I write this article we have 208 households that have signed up to be members of the West End Citizens Association. Well over half have already renewed their membership for 2002-2003 and renewals are still coming in.

As members, you receive our quarterly newsletter updating you on WECA's activities and issues relating to the West End. To keep those newsletters coming, please renew your membership if you haven't done it already.

We need your support so that we can continue to attempt to make the West End a better place for everyone to live. I invite you to help us grow as an organization by continuing your membership, and by giving us feedback on what you think is important in the West End of Cambridge. If you have an idea for us or want to get involved, the easiest way of contacting us is by e-mail at weca@cambridgemd.org. If you do not have access to a computer you can jot down your thoughts and send them to P.O. Box 13. We need your support and your input to make our organization better.

WECA MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

April 1, 2002 — March 31, 2003

*Please complete the information below and return with your membership payment:
\$6.00 per year for individual; \$12 per year for household of more than one person.*

Type of Membership:

- Individual
 Household

Name(s) _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mail to West End Citizens Association, P. O. Box 13, Cambridge, MD 21613

Annual Report to Membership

by Brenda Hayward

It has been an exciting and productive year for the West End and your neighborhood organization, WECA. Just as individuals change as they grow, so with organizations. We are growing and changing to meet today's challenges and the needs of our community.

WECA was formed in 1992 to protect and enhance the quality of community life for all residents of the West End. Many members of that initial band of dedicated and committed citizens are still active members of WECA today.

One of the first major projects of the West End Citizens Association was to actively support the formation of a local Historic District and the development of the Historic District Guidelines. After several years of hard work by WECA and with active support from West End residents, by November 1999 the City Council had created the Historic Preservation Commission, approved the boundaries of our Historic District and the design guidelines developed by the Commission. The Cambridge Historic District is now fully operational and we are already seeing improvements in our neighborhood as homes are restored and property values improving. In fact, many new people are choosing the West End for their homes primarily because of the Historic District.

With that task behind us, we have a new challenge before us. Our focus moving forward must be to continue to support the Historic District and the proper and consistent application of the Design Guidelines. To this end, we are exercising vigilance within our community and working with both the Historic Preservation Commission and the Department of Public Works to support the enforcement of the Historic District Design Guidelines. We are fortunate that the West End of Cambridge happens to be the area where most of our City's historic and architecturally valuable structures are located. If you have seen the tourists walking around gazing at our lovely old historic buildings, you realize what a tourist draw this is and how important is it to to preserve, protect and defend this community treasure.

We are very proud of our new Historic Marker program, which makes available to property owners in the downtown as well as the residential sections of the Historic District an attractive, appropriate bronze marker at a reasonable price. As more of these markers appear throughout the Historic District, a sense of unity and consistency will be formed and greater pride in our Historic District will be fostered.

A second major thrust of your Association related to the enhancement of quality of life in our community, is the supporting and encouraging enforcement of established City Codes and conformance with existing zoning regulations. This year we began a program of identifying "problem properties" that we observed to be in a state of

neglect, disrepair, unsightly or unsafe or otherwise in violation of City Code standards. WECA is working closely with the appropriate City departments, calling these properties to their attention and following through on results.

We applaud the efforts of our City Council to help our citizens "spring clean" their properties with the special designated "clean up" days, and by providing prompt regular and special pick ups of trash and bulky items.

Many projects, such as the Historic District tours, the Spring and Fall Yard Sales, Christmas Decorating Contest and Luminaries are continuing and expanding, with the result of fostering a greater sense of community and pride in the West End. In addition to offering our Historic Tour to cruise boats, and at local events, we are now receiving special requests from other local community groups and tour groups for our tour. This year many of our docents dressed in period costumes, which greatly enhanced the tours.

The Welcome Basket program continues to provide a warm reception to new homeowners in the West End, and this year we added Welcome Packets for those returning or moving into the area from other parts of the county or city.

Our Web Site continues to evolve, and this year has been enhanced and expanded with additional information and links with other organizations. Check it out when you have a chance. With the foresight to secure the domain name "cambridgemd.org" we are in a direct line to be hit by people looking for Cambridge. This gives us great visibility and the potential for a dynamic web site that can serve the entire City.

WECA is your neighborhood organization. It exists entirely for your benefit as residents and property owners of the West End. Our dedicated Board and committee members have worked together and accomplished a great deal this past year. There are many exciting new projects planned for the coming year. All are volunteers, committing many hours of time and effort to help better our community. We need your continued support to be effective and encourage you to join the Association if you are not a member, to become active by giving of your time on any of our committees or projects, and to be vocal in your support of the Association's efforts on specific issues as they arise.

Working with our excellent Board of Directors and volunteer members has been most rewarding for me personally over the past year. Without their dedication and hard work, and your support WECA would not be the great organization and strong, effective community voice that it is today.

NOTE: The complete 14-page Annual Report is available at the Dorchester County Public Library and on the WECA web site: www.cambridgemd.org. A copy of the Annual Report will be mailed to you on request. There is a nominal charge of \$3.98 to cover the cost of postage and photocopying. Contact Brenda Hayward at 410-228-6523 or e-mail your request to weca@cambridgemd.org.

NATHAN OF DORCHESTER
Skipjack Public Sailings

Departing from Long Wharf at 4:00 p.m.

July 13 & 27

August 10 & 14

September 7

Adults - \$20 each; children 6-12 years - \$5 each

Under 6 - Free; Special Family Rates Available

All sailings are subject to prevailing weather conditions.

Come aboard at dockside prior to departure time

or contact us for reservations at:

410-228-7141 or info@skipjack-nathan.org

Architectural Styles in the
Cambridge Historic District

by **Armond Hayward, II**

The Cambridge Historic District reflects several centuries of architectural styles. A style means what was in vogue or considered fashionable at a particular time in history. Shape, materials, detailing or other features make up an architectural style. Many houses reflect the changes in styles that occurred over time. Ornate porch columns may have been replaced with round columns, or the roof line altered with a peak. These changes are usually important because they reflect the different needs of the inhabitants over time and the changes in building styles.

Throughout its history, Cambridge has always been conscious of architectural trends. The 1852 Italianate section of the Dorchester County Courthouse was designed by John Upjohn, who also designed Trinity Cathedral in New York. The Baltimore architectural firm of Mottu and White designed several houses in the Historic District in the Colonial Revival style.

However, architect, builder and lumber dealer, J. Benjamin Brown has left the most lasting effect on the District. A number of homes and commercial buildings on Race, High, Mill, Oakley and Locust streets were designed by Ben Brown. He was self-trained as an architect and his work reflects the architectural styles of the latter part of the nineteenth and early years of the twentieth century. Mr. Brown used Italianate, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, and Romanesque styles in his designs. He has been credited with at least 40 buildings in the Cambridge Historic District.

The architecture of the Cambridge Historic District is an indicator of its economic development and changing social values over time. We are fortunate to have a wide variety of different architectural styles within the District ranging from Georgian to Art Deco.

WECA MEMBER ALERT

Planning & Zoning Hearing
Tuesday, July 2, 2002
7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Two important agenda items:

Oakley Beach —
24 condominiums
(18 fronting on water, 6 on Oakley
Street)

Point Property —
75 unit condo project,
8 stories high

Coming Events

Tuesday, July 16 — WECA Forum on New Public Safety
Building

Guests: Rescue Fire Company Chief Jeff Hurley, Cambridge
Police Chief Kenneth Malik and EMS Director Bill Watkins

7:00 p.m. at Dorchester Public Library
Open to the Public

Thursday, July 25 — Cruise on Nathan of Dorchester
6:00– 8:00 p.m.

\$25.00 per person
Members & Guests Only

Saturday, August 10 — Seafood Feast-I-Val
Historic Tours

Tuesday, August 20 — WECA Regular Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. at Dorchester Public Library
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