

CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY RADIO GAZETTE



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MOVE IN — HARD HAT SNEAK PREVIEW PARTY

On August 20, WHCP held a sneak preview of its new studios and what will be known as the Cambridge Community Media Center, at 516 Race Street. (With social media on SoundCloud and Internet streaming, we are not purely a radio service anymore!)



Invited guests toured the facility, learned of buildout plans and were entertained by the prodigious 13-year old Ian

Ledger from East New Market on the piano. There were a few speeches and thanks were offered to all who



Guests enjoy conversation at the Hard Hat Preview Party at WHCP.

GM Mike Starling introduces Ian Ledger at the Hard Hat Party at WHCP.

have contributed to the growth and vitality of WHCP over its two and a half short years on the air. Muffin Copper, one of the first MidShore Reading Service listeners, shared her thoughts on how WHCP has affected her life and Senator Addie Eckardt spoke about the station’s impact on the MidShore. All in all, a great time was had by all and the

generous attendees raised critical funds for Phase One of the Capital Campaign!

WHCP HITS THE STREETS

On September 16, in conjunction with the first annual Groove Fest here in Cambridge, WHCP held an open house at 516 Race Street. Visitors toured the new studios, recorded their own Station IDs, and enjoyed music and snacks during the afternoon.

And on September 28, Dr. Donna of “Lady Spins the Blues” and her orange VW Microbus headed down High Street to serve as the headquarters for WHCP during the Dorchester Center for the Arts Annual Showcase. Visitors strolling by had a chance to chat with WHCP program hosts and volunteers, record their own personal Station IDs and rock away the whole afternoon with great WHCP programming!

NEW INTERNS JOIN WHCP

This fall WHCP welcomes its second class of interns from the greater Cambridge area. Ivory Buck IV, Meghan Kelly, and Levi Lewis have jumped into action and can be found most weekday afternoons in the studios.

Levi arrived this past summer and has created “Sampling the Greats,” which airs Fridays and repeats on the weekend. Meghan and Ivory eagerly tackle regular assignments and are learning more every week about all facets of modern electronic media operations.

All three have undertaken a variety of projects. Their tasks include downloading and slotting in programs, working on on-air program policies, and learning to build out the electronics for the new “Michener Studio C” which will be used for the WHCP Mid-Shore Reading Service for the Blind.

On being a WHCP Intern, Meghan Kelly said, “I have always liked music and the performance arts and am learning a lot. It’s definitely a different side of things to be here at WHCP 101.5 and do a little bit of everything it takes to operate the station.”



WHCP intern Meghan Kelly edits a program for Midshore MidDay in Studio B.

RIBBON CUTTING AT HIGH NOON

On Friday, October 27, the Dorchester Chamber of Commerce arrived, red ribbon, giant scissors, and banner in hand for the official ribbon cutting ceremony at the new WHCP studios at 516 Race Street. Local officials, sponsors, and members who came by to participate in the ribbon cutting and photo op had a chance to tour the studios, mingle, and enjoy lunch.



Patty Kaczmarek and Mike Starling cut the ribbon on the new WHCP home at 516 Race Street.



Mike Starling presents a token of appreciation to Kevin Kahl while Lisa LeCompte looks on.

Senator Addie Eckardt, County Council Chair Ricky Travers, Chamber President Jeff Hubbard, and WHCP President Mike Starling took turns at the microphone. Senator Eckardt praised WHCP for “playing an important part in our community.” Mike Starling thanked sponsors and members for their support of

Cambridge Community Radio – WHCP.

WHCP's Chief Administrative Officer Susan Klise introduced Kevin Kahl - chief construction engineer for the renovation of the Cambridge Gas Works building that is now home to WHCP. Kevin was joined by his right hand (and fiancée), Lisa LeCompte, who, along with Kevin and her son Chris, continue to work tirelessly to complete the buildout of the fantastic new studio and performance spaces.

ON-AIR MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

WHCP's third annual Fall Membership Campaign, October 21-28, culminated with a live daylong broadcast from the new WHCP studios. Many program hosts were at the station throughout the day playing their "Desert Island Playlist." They selected tunes they could not bear to be without if stranded on a desert island.

Breaking out of their usual programming formats, Dr. Donna played Elvis and Cambridge Celtic's Cheryl Campbell was spinning the Taylor brothers – Liv and James! And new intern Meghan Kelly aired the debut "Real Meghan Kelly" show with the poise of a seasoned dj!

WHCP thanks the many new and renewing members who joined in the fun and supported their community radio station during the Membership Drive. If you didn't get a chance to sign up during the official fund drive, don't despair, memberships are always welcome – and encouraged at WHCP.org. Just click on the blue "Donate Now" button and select your membership level. Funds received will be used to support all the great programming you have come to love on WHCP and continue the renovation/buildout work on the Performance Studio in our new space.

We thank you! WHCP could not exist without the strong support of such a great community! Together we help make Cambridge "A Great Place to Be"!

NEW READING PROGRAMS NEED VOLUNTEERS

WHCP is seeking volunteers to participate in two new reading programs. The station is preparing to kick off its Reading Service for the Blind and Visually Impaired, as well as a new Children's Reading Program under the direction of WHCP Board Member Patty Kaczmarek. The goal of the Reading Service for the Blind is to expand the Washington DC-based broadcasts that the station currently airs on the subcarrier-only service. This addition of readings of local newspapers, magazines, and books will greatly expand the offerings of the Washington Ear.

Volunteers are needed to read daily newspapers and regional magazines and chapter books at the WHCP studios. We also hope that local authors will volunteer to read their works. These recordings will then be available on the special WHCP Reading Service radios. If you know someone who is Blind or print disabled, contact the station at info@whcp.org and, courtesy of the Cambridge Lions Club, a free "Reading Service" radio that picks up these special broadcasts will be provided.

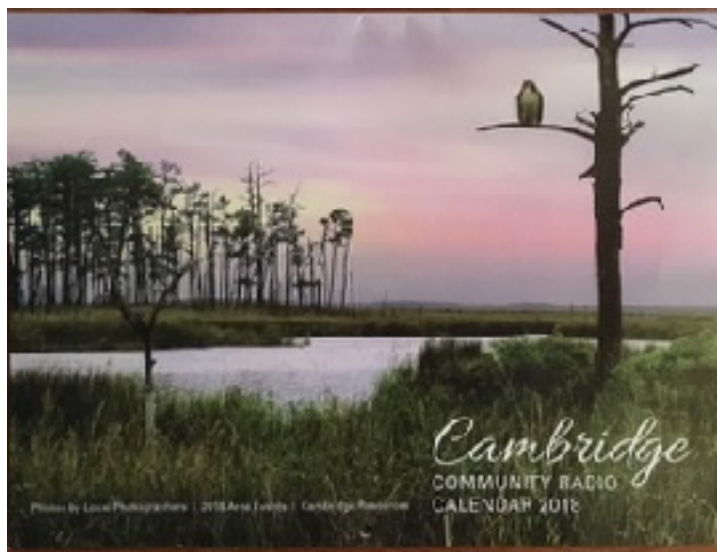
In addition, WHCP is preparing to launch a Children's Reading Program. The goal of this project, also directed by Patty Kaczmarek, is to make recordings of children reading books. The idea is to encourage students of all ages to spend more time reading at home, at school and at after-school programs. In addition, WHCP would like to record adults reading their favorite children's books. The recordings will be converted to podcasts that can be played anywhere and anytime.

Children and teachers who login to the reading system (on WHCP's website) will be able to record time spent listening and reading, and may receive classroom credit for their work. WHCP is working with the Dorchester County Schools to facilitate participation by local students in this new program. The books may be part of the school curriculum and/or part of the Dorchester County Library's reading program.

The bottom line – WHCP is looking for volunteers to participate in both programs. Contact Patty Kaczmarek at patty@whcp.org for more info and to volunteer.

IT'S HERE!! THE WHCP COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Back by popular demand and more beautiful than ever, the WHCP 2018 Community Calendar has arrived and is now available around town. Members of WHCP will enjoy one free copy, others may purchase theirs for the same old price of \$12 per calendar. It's packed with gorgeous photos from our beautiful countryside, all the school, hunting and holiday dates you need to know to keep your life on track, including National Popcorn Day, National Tell a Joke Day and more!! You will want one for your refrigerator and they make great gifts! You can find them for sale at Downtown Frame of Mine, the Main Street Gallery, Thomas's Fine Jewelry, Craig's Drugstore, Cabin Creek Animal Hospital, Ooh LaLa Salon, the Bay Country Shop, and at the Dorchester Visitors Center and Horn Point Labs. You can also purchase them on line at whcp.org or call 443-637-6000 to arrange a visit to the station to purchase your indispensable WHCP 2018 calendar!



SAVE THE DATE—MARCH 24, 2018

Get ready to party! It's the fourth WHCP fundraiser! Don't miss this WHCP tradition! Preparations are underway for a terrific must-attend event. We don't want to let the cat out of the bag, so stayed tuned to whcp.org and be sure to "like" us on Facebook!

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