

# Oxford Newsletter

Fall Edition

October, 2007

## A Season of Change

### Public Works Department Gets New Superintendent

We wish to welcome Scott Delude to the town as Oxford's new Public Works Superintendent. Scott comes to us from Greensboro bringing with him years of experience in management and leadership. Also, many thanks to Richard Copper for filling in as the Acting Public Works Superintendent during the interim period.

### Resolution 0802

On August 14, 2007 the Commissioners adopted a new emergency management plan which is intended to provide guidance to the citizens, employees and visitors of Oxford if a gale, hurricane or other adverse weather situation is imminent. A resolution may be read on the Town's website at [www.oxfordmd.gov](http://www.oxfordmd.gov) or copies may be picked up in the Town Office.

### Trick or Treat Night Set

Halloween trick or treat night will be held on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. open to ages 12 and under.

### A Word of Caution from your Oxford Police Department

Please keep in mind that the town parking lots are not meant for the storing of boat trailers and boats. Anyone found doing so will be subjected to a fine. Also, as peaceful and beautiful as our town is, we too are susceptible to

thieves. Please be sure to lock up your cars and homes as a preventive against delinquents.

### Upcoming Festivities Announced

Waterfowl Weekend, November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> this year, brings with it lots of wonderful activities on the shore. One of the best is the Antique Show and Sale held at the Oxford Firehouse, Saturday from 10am - 6pm, and Sunday, 10am - 4pm. This year's show will feature over thirty dealers from across the country bringing the finest of their collections of silver, jewelry, china, furniture, vintage clothing and other assorted treasures right to your doorstep. Proceeds of the event will benefit the Oxford Ladies Auxiliary in support of the Oxford Fire Company. In addition to a multitude of excellent shopping opportunities, the Ladies will offer their Oxford Famous Crab Cakes, sandwiches, homemade desserts, and perhaps even tastes from some of the dishes featured in the OLA cookbook "Recipes and Recollections." For more information, contact Jan Mroczek, 410-226-0139, [j.mroczek@goeaston.net](mailto:j.mroczek@goeaston.net).

### *INTRODUCING CHRISTMAS ON THE CREEK, OXFORD 2007!*

Yes, the holidays are still several months and many degrees away, but while most of us were busy working on our tans this summer, the Oxford elves have been plotting a holiday celebration to put the whole town in a high-spirited and festive mood this December. "Christmas on the Creek" will be a fun-filled, holiday-hearty weekend showcasing a number of traditional Oxford holiday events, as well as adding a few new ones. Mark your calendars for November 30<sup>th</sup> - December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and head to the

town's website (as we get closer to the event time) at [www.oxfordmd.net](http://www.oxfordmd.net) to get the current list of activities. The elves hope those who live here full time and those who don't will make an effort to be in Oxford that weekend, decorate their homes, visit with their neighbors, and share in the feeling that in Oxford it truly is a wonderful life!

And What's Christmas in Oxford without Dock Trees?

Last year the Town of Oxford announced the establishment of the Doug Hanks Memorial Fund to ensure that the truly unique tradition of creating the lighted Dock Trees on Town Creek would continue and would honor Doug's many wonderful contributions to the Town. This year a group of local citizens, with support from the Oxford Fire Company, will make and deliver the trees on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and the lighting of the Dock Trees will be part of the Christmas on the Creek celebration. Donations to the Memorial Fund help to offset the cost of the trees (those little white lights don't last forever!), and will be used to make donations in the Oxford community to individuals or families in need during the holiday season. If you would like to support this project, please send a check payable to: Doug Hanks Memorial Fund, c/o Town of Oxford, PO Box 339, Oxford, MD 21654. For additional information, please contact Sandy Hale, 410-714-1216, [sandrahale1@msn.com](mailto:sandrahale1@msn.com).

### **A Luminous Sign of Support**

Picture Oxford aglow with luminaries December 1<sup>st</sup> and help support the Oxford Fire Department at the same time. The Oxford Ladies Auxiliary is now taking orders for the luminaries which are \$2.00 apiece (\$1.80 is tax deductible). Please place your orders by November 12<sup>th</sup> and pick them up at the Oxford Fire Station on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> between 9:30 and noon. Order forms are available at the Oxford Market, OLA events, and The Oxford Bank. Any questions please call Nancy Wohlsen at 226-5028 or Monique Guffey at 226-0577.

### **Oxford Museum**

The Oxford Museum has become the unofficial welcome and information center for visitors from many states and foreign countries coming by car, bus or boat. Docents give out town maps, information about restaurants, shops, and where to replenish supplies. This service is cheerfully given in addition to displaying artifacts about 325 year of Oxford in an informative manner. Visitors comment on what a great museum Oxford has for such a small town.

Current exhibits include a steamboat display curated by Rev. Jay Bunting at the Oxford United Methodist Church; along with museum displays of work of sailmaker, Downes Curtis; decoy carver, Ed Parsons; and an amazing collection of scrimshaw showing a large variety of the artistry of whalers and mariners.

An oral history committee is working on video and audio taping of Oxford residents who are relating oral history, traditions and stories that enhance the history of the town. The project, entitled "The Way We Were," is headed by volunteer residents Joan Levy and assisted by Leo Nollmeyer and Bill MacFarland. The Museum board will be applying for grants to help fund this project but would appreciate donations to help get it started. If you are interested in contributing financially or with time, please contact the Museum.

It has been reported that ghosts have been seen at The Oxford Inn which is also known as Pope's Tavern. One guest claims she awakens to see John Pope's ghost standing at the foot of her bed! Come to the Museum and find out more about the fascinating history of this Inn.

Museum hours for October and November are M,F,S - 10 - 4, and Sunday 12 - 4. The Museum will close at 4 p.m. Sunday, November 11, 2007 and will reopen for the Holiday Exhibit on Nov. 24 until Dec. 23 for weekends only. The Holiday Exhibit will showcase people's holiday collectibles and would enjoy using any you may own.

The Museum will reopen on Oxford Day, April 2008. Board members will be working during those months analyzing the survey results, (please return), and new exhibits. All 21654 residents are encouraged to reply. All involved with the Museum wish to see as many locals as non-residents in 2008.

### **Want to Know The Best Trees to Plant for Oxford Conditions?**

Come to Town Hall and see the 2 posters the Parks and Recreation Tree Committee has given to the Town which show the best trees to plant for our wet soil and windy conditions. One can be viewed in the office and one can be signed out to use on site. Make your decisions now. Fall is the best time to plant trees.

### **Oxford Library Partners with OCC to Present 3<sup>rd</sup> “Scribes of the Shore”**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> “Scribes of the Shore” will be held at the Oxford Community Center on October 28, 2007 at 2 p.m. Barbara Hartshorn, Chairperson for the Library, commented that “the mix of authors and subjects should make for an exciting afternoon.” Presented every other year, the event focuses on local authors or local subjects. Anne Stinson, columnist and book critic for The Star Democrat, will be the moderator.

The following 6 authors will be featured with other local authors also invited:

**Chesapeake: Exploring the Water Trail of Captain John Smith by John Page Williams, Jr.** – published by the National Geographic, Mr. Williams’ book takes us on a lively and compelling journey along the 1,700-mile Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail.

**Michael’s Mom, A Road Warrior Without a Map by Terry Elizabeth Nolan** – follow this mom as she travels to all fifty states with her family which includes her beloved son, who is challenged with ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder).

**Hérons Poynte by G.M.O. Callaghan** – a mystery which takes its American Indian protagonist from a sod hut in the Oklahoma panhandle to the U.S. Naval Academy and eventually to the Eastern Shore home of his ancestors.

**Having My Say: Conversations with Chesapeake Bay Waterman Wylie “Gator” Abbott by A.M. Foley** – a first-hand account of a life spent on the water and marshes of Dorchester County as a commercial fisherman and guide.

**The Golden Hour by Sue Ellen Thompson** – in her 4<sup>th</sup> collection of poetry, this Oxford resident describes the events of ordinary life. One poem is “Wallpapering.”

**St. Michaels, Oxford, and the Talbot County Bayside by James Tigner, Jr.** – using 255 vintage postcards and 25 contemporary photographs, the author guides us on a nostalgic tour around Talbot County.

After the discussion of their books, signed copies will be available for purchase from the authors or from Kathy Harig of Mystery Loves Company.

**MARK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 2 PM ON YOUR CALENDAR. YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS THIS INTERESTING EVENT.**