

Town of Oxford

Founded 1688

Incorporated 1852

What was happening in Oxford in 1899?

The Commissioners of Oxford passed Ordinance #30 on December 6, 1899. -- Be it ordained by the Commissioners of Oxford that it shall be unlawful for any occupant of property abutting on any sidewalk or pavement of the town of Oxford to allow snow to be and remain on the sidewalk or pavement upon which the property does or shall abut after the expiration of twelve hours after snow ceases falling.

The good news is current code gives you 24 hours after the snow stops falling and today's fine is half the 1899 fine!!

Current Business of the Oxford Commissioners:

The Commissioners of Oxford wish to make all citizens aware of their current consideration of a new Stormwater Management and Shoreline Protection Fee, including a proposed \$175 annual fee per residential parcel.

The Commissioners of Oxford have been working on a Stormwater Management initiative for the town over the last year, including the formation of a Stormwater Taskforce lead by the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center and informational meetings and interactive events involving the citizens of the town.

The Commissioners are currently considering the final recommendations of this Taskforce, which include the following:

Creation of a **Stormwater Management and Shoreline Protection (SMSP) Fund**, which is similar to a Water and Sewer Fund, will have a dedicated budget for maintenance of the current infrastructure and a long-term capital improvement plan addressing both current and future infrastructure improvements and upgrades. This infrastructure includes ditches, swales, culverts, drains, outfalls, tide gates, storage areas, bulkheads, living shorelines and other structures placed to control water levels.

Creation of a **Stormwater Management and Shoreline Protection Fee** to provide dedicated funding for the maintenance and improvements identified in the SMSP Fund Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. **The proposed residential fee is \$175 per residential unit annually. The fee for commercial property may be based on impervious surface.**

A Stormwater Management Fee is a charge for services assessed for all property owners, residential, business, non-profit and government. The fee is utilized to maintain stormwater conveyance and treatment systems, to meet State and Federal clean water requirements, and to protect public safety, property and the environment.

The Commissioners of Oxford would like to hear from you regarding this proposal. Please contact the office, by phone, mail or email with your questions, concerns and/or support for the formation of this SMSP Fund and Fee. A letter will be mailed to all Oxford property owners with the information above, along with answers to the most frequently asked question concerning the consideration of a stormwater utility for the town.

If you would like further information regarding stormwater/tidal water or the proposed fund and fee, please call or stop in the town office, or email the clerk at oxfordclerk@goeaston.net.



If you do not yet have a recycle cart or bin and would like one, please contact the office to have one dropped off. oxfordclerk@goeaston.net
www.oxfordmd.net

The Oxford Business Association will be asking artists to paint the "Oxford Fences" again this year. This is the sixth year for the project! The fences are displayed around town during the spring and summer and then auctioned for charity in the fall. The fences will be available this winter and need to be completed by early April. There will be two sizes again this year. If anyone is interested in painting a fence please contact Judy Bixler 410 226-0095 or judybixler@aol.com.



OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER

Get your calendars out and mark these dates! You won't want to miss these fun and informative programs and events:

Yoga with Suzie Hurley - Mixed level yoga classes continue on Saturday mornings from 9-10:30 through January. \$18 per class. Please bring a mat, a yoga belt and block.

Wi-Fi Café begins again on Friday, January 3. The Café is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 – 11 am. Stop by for coffee, cake and conversation. It's a great way to keep up with what's happening around town, and to have a good laugh too!

Save the Date – **On March 9, 2014 Gary Jobson will give an America's Cup presentation.** Gary is a world class sailor, television commentator, author and Vice President of the International Sailing Federation. He has won many championships, including the America's Cup with Ted Turner and has awards for his racing commentary. Gary was inducted into the National Sailing Hall of Fame (2011) and the America's Cup Hall of Fame (2003).

If you aren't already on the OCC email list and would like to receive our weekly event calendar, call (410-226-5904) or email oxfordcc@verizon.net to be added to the list. For more information on these or other upcoming events, call OCC at 410-226 5904.

Call us too if you are interested in volunteering or serving on any of our various committees. We'd love to have you join us!



of Oxford Maryland

TAP's 2014 Season opens February 13 with the Pulitzer Prize and Tony award winning

“Proof” by David Auburn and directed by Ed Langrell. TAP partners with Hugh Gregory Gallagher Theatre to present this story of mathematics and madness. A young woman fears she has inherited her father's psychosis along with his genius. Unexpected humor and family dynamics provide an entertaining and provoking evening.

“Proof” is the story of a young woman named Catherine. She is the daughter of Robert, a brilliant mathematician, who misplaces both his brilliance and his sanity in his later years. Catherine, a budding mathematician herself, must give up her schooling and her most creatively productive years in order to take care of her father, who has become convinced that alien civilizations are communicating with him directly through the local library's Dewey decimal system.

Please be advised: There is one case of adult language in this production.

“Proof” opens with the Thrifty Thursday Preview on February 13 at 7pm. Tickets are two for \$15. Other performances are Fridays & Saturdays February 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and March 1 at 8pm. Sundays February 16, 23, and March 2 at 2pm. Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$5 for students. Enjoy dinner and a show by calling Oxford's fine dining establishments for a pre-theatre 6 pm dinner reservation. Receive a 10% discount from Latitude 38 and Pope's Tavern, and a 15% discount from the Robert Morris Inn.

Tred Avon Players Season Tickets are available now for the 2014 season. Save \$2 plus each ticket and enjoy guaranteed seating in the reserved section. Visit www.tredavonplayers.org or call 410-226-0061 for information and to reserve your tickets for “Proof.”

TAP Auditions January 13, 15, & 18 at OCC. TAP will hold auditions for the belly busting, but tender comedy “Leaving Iowa”, by Tim Clue and Spike Manton, and directed by Talley Wilford. Auditions will be Monday and Wednesday, January 13 & 15 at 7pm and Saturday January 18 at 2pm at the Oxford Community Center.

This hilarious, family-friendly comedy salutes the idealism of parents from the golden age. It's a tribute to parenting, driving skills, and to vacations on a shoestring. The heartwarming story centers on Don Browning, a middle-aged writer who returns home and decides to finally take his father's ashes to his childhood home, as requested. But when Don discovers Grandma's house is now a grocery store, he begins traveling across Iowa in search of a proper resting place. Flashbacks of past family trips and present day hilarity ensue. Auditions are from the script, no roles are precast, and newcomers are welcome. **“Leaving Iowa” opens April 24 and runs through May 11.**

The fourth annual “Heart and Music” opens with a Gala Fundraiser on March 20 at 6:00 pm, tickets are \$75. Gala tickets are available now. Receive a complimentary etched champagne glass for a champagne toast during the Gala, if tickets for the Gala are purchased by March 1. Regular price performances, \$20 adults and \$5 students' K-12, are Friday & Saturday, March 21 & 22 at 8pm, and Sunday, March 23 at 2pm. All shows are at the new location, the Oxford Community Center. Call “For All Seasons” 410-822-1018 or visit www.forallseasonsinc.org for information and to reserve your seats.

Director Ed Langrell and Music Director, Amy Morgan bring a talented cast from across the shore to perform music to make you dance, smile, and think in this fourth annual production. In an endeavor to expand the knowledge of the work of FAS on the mid-shore, the production is interlaced with monologue stories of how clients have been assisted by the “Behavior Health and Rape Crisis Center at For All Seasons, Inc.”

The mission of the Behavior Health and Rape Crisis Center at For All Seasons, Inc. (FAS) is the provision of affordable, easily accessible mental health services for individuals, families and groups in our Mid-Shore community. The sheltering umbrella of the FAS logo is a metaphor for the commitment to offer four main resources. These include Crisis intervention by providing 24-hour response, assistance, and support to individuals, groups and communities; Therapy to enable clients to function at their optimum; Advocacy to serve as a representative for individuals, groups, and the community to enhance their well-being; and Education to impact social problems by expanding knowledge.



Oxford Day Meeting is set for Saturday
January 25, 2014 at 11:00 am at the Community Center!

Let the planning begin! This year Oxford Day is April 26, 2014 and it is the 20th Anniversary! Time really does fly when you are having fun and Oxford Day is all about fun for the whole family. As always this meeting is open to any resident or business owner in town who would like to volunteer and help plan. After all, it is the community spirit in Oxford which makes Oxford Day so special.



Please help support Oxford Day by contributing your time and financial support!

Please contact chairperson Denise Nathanson at oxfordday@rcn.com with questions/ideas.

For more information please visit the web site at www.oxfordday.org

Oxford Museum to Celebrate 50th Anniversary in 2014!

Fifty years ago a small group of interested citizens started the Museum with a few broken pottery shards, bottles and small artifacts found in the town. In 2014 the Museum will celebrate that special time. Although closed during the winter, we will open on Oxford Day with exciting new exhibits and activities relating to our Golden Anniversary. Watch for more details in local publications and the spring editions of the Museum newsletter and Oxford newsletter.

A special thanks to all of you who have been so supportive and have made generous donations to our annual giving fund drive and to our request for funds to pay off our mortgage. We are indeed fortunate to live in such a wonderful village of caring neighbors. Best wishes for a very Happy and Healthy 2014!

If you need to reach someone at the museum while we are closed, leave a message at 410-226-0191. Your call will be returned.





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101 MARKET STREET
OXFORD, MD 21654
From the Clerk,
Town Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 9 AM to NOON and 1 PM to 4 PM
Please check the online Town calendar for Holidays.

You can reach us during regular operating hours at 410-226-5122, Fax: 410-226-5597

You can email us anytime: **Cheryl Lewis** oxfordclerk@goeaston.net
Lisa Willoughby townoffice@goeaston.net

Newly introduced Ordinances, information from the Commissioners, Public Works and office staff, along with upcoming community events can be found on the Town Website: www.oxfordmd.net



As of October 1st, the use of Hand Held Cell Phones are Not Permitted while driving a motor vehicle in the State of Maryland and as this is now a primary offense you can be

stopped and ticketed. Please contact Chief Maxwell at the Oxford Police Department if you need any further explanation or have questions. Please be cautious of phone scams where callers ask for donations or personal information.

Please report any suspicious activity by calling 911 or contacting the Oxford Police Department.

In an emergency ALWAYS dial 911.



The Oxford Library would like to thank our patrons for your continuing support of our efforts to increase our collection, maintain our Young Readers Program and our Scholarship Fund.

As of January 1, 2014 Rental Fees for books and audio-books at the Oxford Library will be 50 cents per week in order to help us further our service to the community.

We listen and try to honor all requests from our patrons. Here is a sampler list of books recently added to the collection:

- The Good Lord Bird, by James McBride - winner of the National Book Award for Fiction 2013
- The Luminaries, by Eleanor Catton - winner of the Man Booker Prize 2013
- Dear Life, by Alice Munro - winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature 2013
- The Goldfinch, by Donna Tart
- The Son, by Philippe Meyer
- Tenth of December, by George Saunders
- And the Mountains Echoed, by Khaled Hosseini
- The Rosie Project, by Graeme Simsion.
- The Shores of Knowledge, by Joyce Appleby
- Doctor Sleep, by Stephen King.

Do come and visit, bring your children and grand-children, and check out what is new!

OXFORD PARKS & RECREATION

The Commissioners are looking for people to serve on the Parks & Rec. Committee - Parents and non-parents who are interested in planning for and working at events. Please contact the Town Office if you are interested.

Parks & Rec Scheduled Events for 2014: Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt in the Park; Fly your flag for Memorial Day; 4th of July in the Park; Pumpkin Walk; Veteran's Day Program and Santa and Tree Lighting.

Parks and Rec will also be coordinating Kickball practice and games during the summer months, along with at least 2 tournaments as a follow-up to this year's successful event. All ages are encouraged to come out and participate. Look for schedule in upcoming newsletters.



The Treasure Chest is closed January, February and most of March. Look for the store to reopen for some weekends in late March, then open six days a week, Wednesday - Monday 10am - 4pm, starting Friday, April 11.

"The Oxford Library, like the East Garden room at the White House in Washington, displayed a Christmas tree made of books. The library book tree was created and trimmed by Judy and Scott Shuler. The Oxford Library is located in a unique and charming one room building on Market Street in Oxford. It was founded in 1939 and is staffed by local resident volunteers."