



Town of Oxford

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Incorporated 1852



See insert for details on events, locations **and times...** or visit www.oxfordday.org

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 Fund, to be supported by an increase in the FY 2014 tax rate of \$.2483 of assessed real property value to \$.2783 of assessed real property value for FY 2015 as part of the FY 2015 Annual Budget Ordinance. This will replace the initially proposed flat fee, as a more equitable distribution of the fee.

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 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** funding mechanism to build funds to perform the improvements.

A Stormwater Management Fund provides dedicated funds 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.

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 second letter on this topic has been 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.

Ongoing Projects Commissioners are working on or considering...

UPGRADE of WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - The Commissioners have applied for Grant/Loan Funding, with 50% of the cost secured and an Application pending on the balance~ Seeking Design Engineers

There is a consideration to locate a NEW DOG PARK with facilities for both large and small dogs near the Public Works Complex off JL Thompson Drive. A Grant Application to fund the potential facility was submitted to the State in 2013 and the Commissioners are hopeful that we may see an award this summer.

LIVING SHORELINE IMPROVEMENTS~ Talbot County has a Grant Application pending for Water Implementation Projects, including Shoreline projects for the Town of Oxford.

OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER

April 12th, Registration for **Oxford Kids Camp 2014** from 7:30 to 10:00 am. More information at www.oxfordkidscamp.org

April 26th ~ **Oxford Day, Breakfast at OCC**

May 17th - 18th ~ **Fine Arts @ Oxford** ~ Our 30th Anniversary! Forty artists, including ten new participants, display a variety of two and three dimensional works in this juried exhibition and sale. Decide which beautiful painting to take home while you sample delicious fare. Benefits OCC.

June 5th ~ **D-Day: 70th Anniversary Commemoration**, Featuring Dr. Craig Symonds and his new book Neptune, The Allied Invasion of Europe and the D-Day Landings, and the Easton High School NJROTC Color Guard.

July 28, August 1, 4th & 8th ~ **The Summer Art Room Enrichment Program for Young Artists**. Week long morning sessions 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Multi-age setting for grades 1 - 8. For information and enrollment, call 410-226-5904. Instructed by Theresa Schram and Georgina Bliss Marshall.

OCC is hosting an off-site class in partnership with Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's Academy for Lifelong Learning. On Wednesday, *April 23, April 30 and May 7* from 11 am to noon Stephen A. Goldman will present "Extra! Extra! Read All About It." This 3 session course explores seven centuries of world history through the time machine of historical newspapers from the 15th century through the present day. Attendees must be registered with the Academy for Lifelong Learning. For more information and registration, call 410-745-2916 or visit www.cbmm.org/all.

Weekly: Coffee ~ Mon, Wed, Fri ~ 9:00 am to 11:00 am ~ Free

Art Studio ~ Tuesday ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm ~ Free

200 Oxford Road ~ 410-226-5409 ~ oxfordcc@verizon.net ~ oxfordcc.org ~ Facebook: Oxford Community Center, Inc.



TAP's "Leaving Iowa", the hilarious comedy Opens April 24

Tred Avon Players presents the belly busting comedy "*Leaving Iowa*" by Tim Clue and Spike Manton, and directed by Edwin Talley Wilford opening April 24 at the Oxford Community Center.

It's a tribute to parenting, driving skills, and vacations on a shoestring that centers on Don Browning, a middle-aged writer who decides to finally take his father's ashes to his childhood home, as requested. When Don discovers Grandma's house is now a grocery store, the hilarity begins. The story shifts back and forth from the present to memories of the annual, torturous vacations of Don's youth and the colorful locals the family met along the road.

This hilarious comedy about family road trips is performed by a talented cast of TAP favorites and newcomers including Lynn Sanchez (Mom), Alex Greenlee (Don), Randy Bachand (Dad), and Olivia Litteral (Sis). Don's family meets many interesting characters along the road. Ashley Chroniger and Susan Patterson portray the 9 multiple unique and funny female characters. Dave Marmelstein and Rob Sanchez portray the 13 male characters.

The **Thrifty Thursday Preview** is **April 24 at 7pm**. Tickets are two-for-one and single for \$10. Other performances are **Fridays & Saturdays, April 25, 26, May 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 8pm. Sundays April 27, May 4 and 11 at 2pm**. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$5 for students. For more information visit www.tredavonplayers.org or call 410-226-0061.

TAP's Auditions for "Curtains" begins April 29

Tred Avon Players holds auditions for *Curtains*, the hilarious musical comedy whodunit from Kander & Ebb, the creators of Chicago and Cabaret and directed by Joe Tyler. It is a show about putting on a show while murder gets in the way. Singers, dancers, and actors of all ages and types are needed with a maximum cast of 30 people to include 14 men and 16 women with several non-singing and non-dancing roles available. Auditions are from the script. Singers, be prepared to sing with accompaniment. Dancers, be ready to follow a simple dance routine.

Auditions will be held at two locations: **April 29 & 30 at 7pm and May 3** at noon at The Oxford Community Center in Oxford. **May 5 & 6 at 7pm** at The Immanuel Lutheran Church at 7215 Ocean Gateway, Easton. For more information visit www.tredavonplayers.org or call 410-226-0061.





The Oxford Day Committee is sponsoring the 2014 Annual Oxford Day Flower Basket Competition.

All residences and businesses are invited to participate. Residence and business owners are encouraged to display fresh flowers in welcome and celebration of Oxford, spring, families, and town visitors. Displays can include traditional flower baskets on doors, fences, posts, hanging basket displays, flowers displayed on porches - be creative! The arrangements must be crafted with only fresh flowers/greens.

There are two entry categories: professionally created: for entrants who have florists create the displays for them, and home created - for entrants who create their own displays. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded in both categories.

Oxford will be divided into three areas for judging:

#1 from Benoni St. to the Strand ~ #2 from Benoni St. to Bachelor's Point ~ #3 from the Causeway to Jack's Point

There are two ways to enter: Register your name, street address and category, in person at the Town Office or online at www.oxfordmd.net. Only those registered will be eligible to be judged in the competition. All entrants must be registered by Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014. Ribbons will be awarded in residence and business categories. Judging will be by members of the Queen Anne's and Talbot County Garden Clubs, and will take place after 12:00 noon on Friday, April 25, 2014, with ribbons presented to the winners, if they are at home, or attached to the winning displays.

In Oxford, one of the first signs of Spring is the opening of the ferry! This year, **the Oxford Bellevue Ferry will open for the 2014 season on Friday, April 18TH ...** just in time for Easter. The ferry begins service at 9 am in Oxford and shuttles back and forth across the Tred Avon River every day until sunset. After a long winter the captains and crew are looking forward to being back aboard.

We hope you will join us...Your "ferry tale" awaits!!!



The Museum is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2014! Fifty years ago a small group of dedicated residents decided there was a need to collect, preserve and interpret the town's unique history, and we continue today. There are a number of events planned throughout the year.

The museum will open on Oxford Day with a special exhibit on "How the News Reached Oxford in Colonial Times". The Annual Meeting will be the evening of May 9, with special remembrances of two special Oxford historians: Betty Moll and Doug Hanks. A series of lectures are planned in May. On June 13 there will be a "full moon in June" birthday party cruise on the Oxford Ferry.

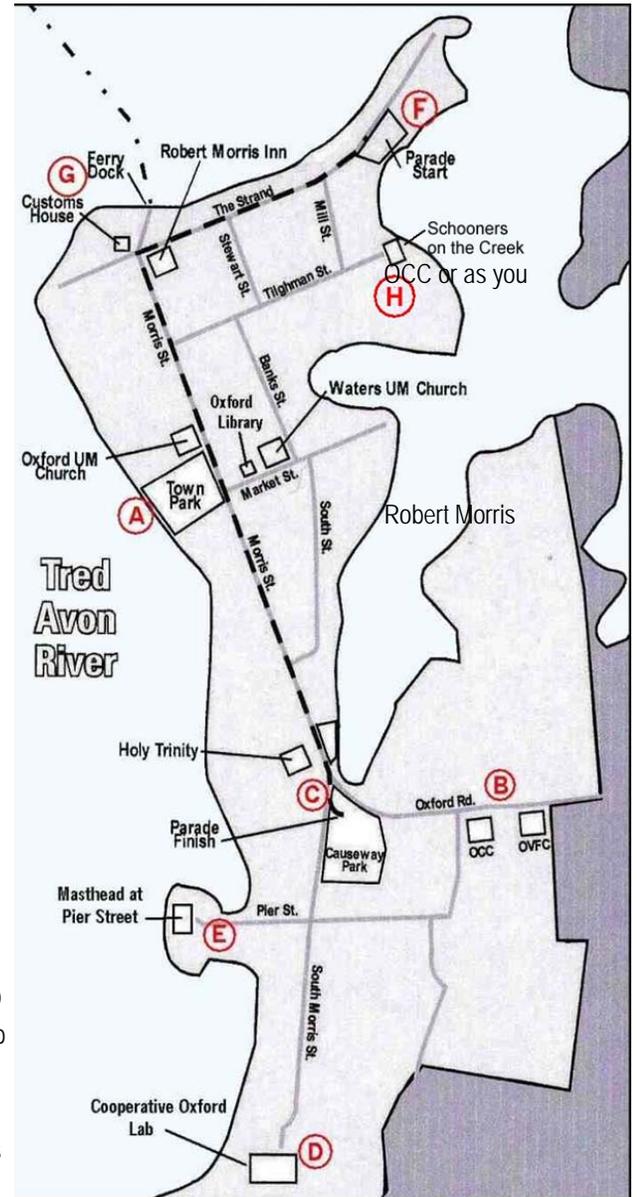
Don't forget to put Labor Day on your calendar for the fourth annual Piga-Figa-Licious! Other events are planned throughout the year, including along our annual holiday party in December.

Watch for the April edition of the Museum Newsletter (*The Historian*) -- more details, dates and times will be included. If you would like more information and/or to help with any of the celebration events, please leave a message at the Museum (226-0191) and we will be in touch with you. We look forward to seeing you for this exciting year!



The Treasure Chest will be opening for the season April 11, Wednesday through Monday 10am - 4pm. Closed Tuesdays! Be sure to stop in on Oxford Day to enter the free drawing. Three lucky winners will receive a \$20 gift certificate to the Treasure Chest in honor of the 20th anniversary of Oxford Day! 214 N. Morris Street, 410-924-8817, treasurechestofxford@gmail.com

Rain or Shine



Where	Time	Activity
OCC (B)	8:00 - 10:00	Box Breakfast - pick up your box and enjoy at the OCC or walk into town
Causeway	9:00	Talbot Humane Dog Walk
Park (C)	10:00 - 2:00	Holy Trinity Annual Plant Sale
	11:00 - 2:00	Kid's Court! Moonbounce & Inflatable Slide
	11:00 - 2:00	Oxford Fire Co Burgers & Dogs; Masthead Crabcakes, Scottish Highland Ice Cream;
Crab Cakes and Pulled Pork	12:00	"Free & Eazy" perform at Oxford Inn
	12:30 - 3:00	Coast Guard Demonstrations and Information
	12:30	US Marine Corps Silent Drill Team sponsored by Brewers Oxford Boat Yard
Town Park (A)	9:00 - 11:00	Waters UM Church Bake Sale
	9:00 - 3:00	Oxford UM Church White Elephant Sale, Bake Sale, Craft Sale and Hot Dogs
	9:30 - 2:00	Oxford Marketplace
	10:00 - 3:00	ART in the Park - local artist and Sean Wells
	10:00 - 3:00	Cooperative Oxford Lab Demonstrations
	10:00 - 11:00	Family Hour - Games, Clowns, Prizes!
	10:00 - 11:00	Crafts with Oysters for Kids - Oxford Garden Club
	10:00 - 1:00	Master Gardener Plant Clinic - Oxford Garden Club
	10:00 - 2:00	DNR Scales & Tales Interactive Exhibit
	11:00 - 11:45	Oxford Day Parade
	12:00 - 1:00	Live Music: Naval Academy Crabtowne Stompers
	1:00	Coast Guard Rescue Demonstration
	Morris St.	10:00 - 4:00
10:00		Treasure Chest - Opening Day Enter a drawing for three \$20 gift certificates and kids 12 and under chose a gift from the treasure chest!
11:30 - 3:00		Oxford Market Wine and Soup Tasting
12:00 - 3:00		Book Signing at Mystery Loves Company with Susan Reiss
Market St	10:00 - 2:00	Library paperback and soft cover book sale
	11:00 - 1:00	Waters UM Church Barbeque & Fish Fry
	3:00	Great Gospel Concert at Waters UM Church
Ferry Dock (G)	9:00 - dusk	The historic Oxford Bellevue Ferry is in operation! Everyone that rides the Ferry on Oxford Day will receive a ticket to enter in a drawing to win one of several terrific prizes. Drawing will take place at the end of Oxford Day - you do not need to be present to win.
	9:30	Talbot Humane Dog Show
	9:30 - 3:30	Free rides on the skipjack <i>Nathan of Dorchester</i>



Flower Basket Competition - Throughout Town

Courtesy Transportation provided by Fred Frederick Chrysler Dodge Jeep

Public Restrooms located on Market Street behind the Town Office, the Ferry Dock,



ANTIQUES AND UNIQUES

SALE Saturday APRIL 5th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Oxford Fire House
Oxford, MD

A sale of gently used antiques and unique items, including china, glass ephemera, art and furniture.

Presented by the Oxford Ladies Auxiliary.
All Proceeds Benefit Oxford Volunteer Fire Company
Donations accepted Friday April 4th or
call 410-310-8642 for pick up.



Ladies Auxiliary Rummage

Saturday, June 7th 9:00 – Noon
Oxford Fire House

Donations accepted Friday, June 6th 9am-4pm
Call 410-310-8642 for pick up.

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:

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt - Town Park, 2:00 p.m.
(Saturday before Easter)

Come out and see the Easter Bunny and hunt for eggs!
Cancelled if inclement weather



MAY

May 4th - Kickball practice starts at the ball field. Sundays from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Children and adults of all ages

May 26th - Memorial Day - Fly your flags

JUNE

First Kickball Tournament, Sunday June 8th 12:30 p.m., Rain Date: Saturday June 14th Come out and support our teams!

Contact: Laurie Porter, 410-476-7023



News from the Oxford Garden Club

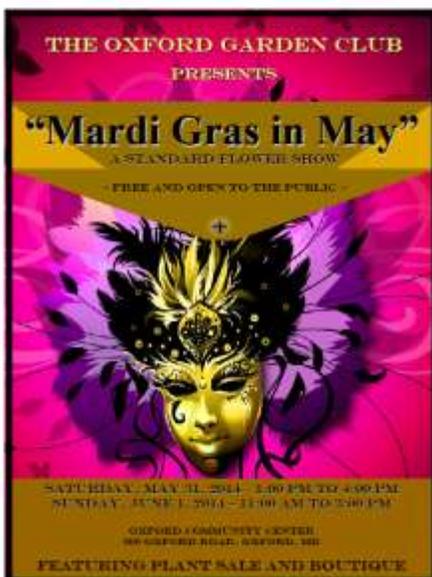
The Oxford Garden Club is hosting "Mardi Gras in May," a standard flower show. The Oxford Garden Club is a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland District 1, Central Atlantic Region, and National Garden Clubs Inc. The Show is FREE and open to the public. It will be held Saturday, May 31st, 1 to 4 pm, and Sunday June 1st, 11 am to 3 pm, at the Oxford Community Center, 200 Oxford Road. There will be plants for sale as well as a Boutique. Come and enjoy a taste of New Orleans.

Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall.

We all love beautiful potted plants to grace our yard, deck or porch. For the cost of materials and a donation, the Oxford Garden Club will work with you to determine your preferences and color scheme. Then leave

the work up to us to create those beautiful pots to enhance your space. Just call 410-226-5638 and a team will visit to help you.

We will give you an estimate of costs of materials based on your needs and plant availability before work begins.





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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



Please remember 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 the Oxford residents who have made a donation to support its Scholarship Fund or still plan to do so in response to our letter of March 7. Their gift will assure a deserving Easton High School graduate enrolling at Chesapeake College the certainty of receiving support towards his or her academic goals. Past recipients include Haley Childs in 2011 and Joscelyn Bolainez in 2012 who both expressed their appreciation in our recent mailing. Please send your contribution to The Oxford Library P.O. Box 584 Oxford MD 21654.



Volunteer Anna Snow accepting an edible "thank you" gift to the Oxford Library from Scholarship recipient Joscelyn Bolainez.

Oxford patrons are invited to enjoy the newest additions to the Oxford Library collection:

- Laura Lippman's latest Baltimore mystery "After I'm Gone"
- A new author, B. J. Novak, has written a very well received book of short stories called "One More Thing"
- And for all the cat lovers:
 "A Street Cat Named Bob" by James Bowen
 "Grumpy Cat" by Grumpy Cat
- These popular writers have new books on our Rental shelves:
 Alan Bradley ~ Michael Connelly ~ Janet Evanovich ~ Charles Finch
 John Grisham ~ Martha Grimes ~ Anna Quinlan ~ Ian Rankin



Contact the town office if you are interested in a Community Garden Plot this year.

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



I know it is hard to believe, but it appears that it may actually be Spring!



It is time to get your rain barrels and other stormwater BMPs ready...

Rain barrels and stormwater ponds help by temporarily holding water during heavy rains, reducing immediate runoff, providing water for gardens when the sun is out and filtering runoff prior to it entering our waters. CL