



Town of Oxford

Founded 1683

Incorporated 1852

Current Business of the Oxford Commissioners:

As part of the approved 2014 - 2015 Budget, the Commissioners adopted the Stormwater Management and Shoreline Protection Fund with the first project in the new year to be an engineering survey of the **current elements that make up the Town's stormwater system** and a prioritized recommendation of necessary improvements. One of the recommendations from the Stormwater Task Force was to leverage funding of infrastructure studies and needs through additional grant funding. The town was successful in applying for a technical assistance grant from a new initiative between MD DNR's CoastSmart program and NOAA, which will assist in identifying vulnerabilities from rising water and stormwater. This is a remarkable opportunity for our very small town to work with a state/federal collaboration providing "scientific" data as we create our own plan for meeting current and future stormwater and tidal water threats to our community.



El Galeon September 25, 2014

"It was like a fantasy grand adventure looking out and seeing the ship!" - Town Resident

"I've never imagine something like this Oxford. Such a little and quiet town, such a friendly and generous people." - Spanish Sailor

Ongoing Projects the Commissioners are working on...

Design of the upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment Plant was awarded to George Miles and Buhr. The proposed upgrade to a state of the art Enhanced Nutrient Removal biological system has an estimated cost of 8.8 million, with anticipated grant funding of 6.8, reducing the cost to the citizens of Oxford to just under 2 million. The town was able to acquire nearly 80% of the cost in grant funding, minimizing the financial impact to the citizens.

The Town was awarded grant funding to create a Play Ball Dog Park near the Community Gardens through Maryland's DNR Community Parks and Playground funding. Construction will begin and finish this fall.

Design for engineering of a new Boat Ramp, replacing the existing ramp, at the Tilghman Street docks has begun. Design and construction cost will be offset by grant funding from the Department of Natural Resources Waterway Improvement Funds. The new ramp will be located centrally along the dock and the former ramp will be closed off and a small sitting area will be constructed to take advantage of the view.



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OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER

FALL SCHEDULE

October 4, 5:30 pm, Cabaret @ OCC debuts with cocktails, dinner catered by the Robert Morris Inn, a live auction, and entertainment by Bryan Clark performing Sinatra 2 Soul. \$125 per person; proceeds benefit programming at the Oxford Community Center.

Conversational Spanish with Jane Cross, a four session course for beginners and for those who want to brush up on their Spanish language skills, is scheduled for Tuesday mornings in October (7, 14, 21, 28) from 10-11 am. The four session course is \$80 per person, including materials. Seating is limited; pre-registration required.

Watercolor Classes with Linda Luke return on Wednesdays in October (8, 15, 22, 29). Beginning Watercolor classes run from 10 am to noon, and Intermediate Watercolor takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Each four-class session is \$100 per person plus materials.

Gentle Yoga with Cyndi Prudhomme also returns in October on Thursday mornings from 9-10 am. Classes begin on Thursday, October 9 and run for six weeks, ending on Thursday, November 13. Drop in rate is \$15 per class.

Oxford's 6th Annual Picket Fences Auction takes place Saturday, October 11, from 4-6 pm. 22 beautifully decorated picket fences painted by local artists have been on display around Oxford and will be at the OCC for the auction. Small fences will be sold by silent auction and large fences by live auction. Proceeds benefit local charities. Admission is free; light refreshments available. For more information, visit the Oxford Business Association website at www.portofoxford.com

The Tred Avon Players present Neil Simon's romantic comedy "Chapter 2" on October 16-19, 24-26, and November 1-2. For more information and tickets, www.tredavonplayers.org or call 410-226-0061.

A 3-session series, "**Videos, Photographs, and True Stories of Flying Blimps,**" with **Hunter H. Harris** takes place on November 6, 13, and 20 from 10-11:30 am. Part of Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's Academy for Lifelong Learning, this series requires registration at www.cbmm.org/all or 410-745-2916.

A Model Boat Show @ OCC returns on Saturday, November 15, from 10 am to 4 pm. A free, family-friendly event features regional boat modelers from Chestertown to Smith Island displaying and discussing their historic and contemporary works. This year's show includes a special exhibit showcasing the "Boatyards of Oxford" and some private collection models never before seen in public.

"That's Entertainment! A Variety Show Spectacular" takes place on **Saturday, November 22 at 8 pm and Sunday, November 23 at 2 pm** and features Broadway songs, vaudeville comedic skits, and the premiere presentation of this year's contest winning play, "Waiting for Joanie" by Shirley King. Sponsored by Hugh Gregory Gallagher Theatre, For All Seasons, Inc., and Mental Health Association. To purchase tickets (\$12) and get more information, visit www.motivationaltheatre.com

Mixed Level Yoga with Suzie Hurley returns on Saturday mornings from 9:30-11 am beginning on November 8 and running through December 13, including a special "Burn the Bird" session on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Students should bring a yoga mat, block and belt. \$90 for all six sessions; \$18 per class drop-in fee.

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Oxford Business Association is sponsoring the 6th Annual "Picket Fences Around Oxford"

There are 22 fences located at various businesses all around town. Maps can be obtained at local businesses; and outdoor boxes are located at the Ferry, Mystery Loves Company, and the Scottish Highland Creamery. Take a walk around town and pick out **your favorites because you don't want to miss this year's auction, which will be held on Saturday, October 11th at the Oxford Community Center from 4 to 6 pm. There will be a special raffle this year featuring Vincent Roe's "Pickets to Eternity," a one of a kind "shadowbox" using a unique artistic tool.** Be sure to stop by the Robert Morris Inn to view this amazing piece! Raffle tickets will be available for \$25 each or 5 for \$100.



As in previous years, half of all proceeds from the auction and raffle will be donated to the charity of the artist's choice. Large fences will be part of a live auction and small fences will be sold by a silent auction. Be sure to get there on time so you **don't miss** out on bidding for your favorite one!

The event is free and all are welcome. Light refreshments will be served! Once again, the artists have done a beautiful job making **these fences a piece of art. Can't be at the auction?** - Make sure to ask for a Bid Proxy Sheet by e-mailing info@portofoxford.com to request one and we will be sure to have a silent bidder there to do your bidding for you. Questions: Judy Bixler 410-745-9023.

Christmas on the Creek, December 5 -7



It's hard to believe, but before long we will all be bringing out holiday decorations and preparing for the festive season. Whatever your plans, I hope you will include some or all of these **Christmas on the Creek** activities with family and friends.

The weekend kicks off with caroling, sponsored by the Water's United Methodist Church at 6 pm on Friday! Saturday has many opportunities for Christmas shopping – a Christmas Bazaar at **Holy Trinity Church** from 9 am till noon featuring baked goods, greenery, and crafts; **The Treasure Chest** will be open both Saturday and Sunday from 10 am – 4 pm with an array of hand crafts and other distinctive gifts on sale; **The Oxford Library** will host an Open House with cider and cookies from 10 am – 4 pm and a special sale of hardback books; and **Mystery Loves Company** offers more literary selections, and will host a Jane Austen Christmas Tea on Sunday from 2 pm to 5 pm. Cost is \$5.00. Please rsvp to info@mysterylovescompany.com or 410-226-0010. **The Oxford Museum** will present a Christmas window display throughout the weekend, and at 6 pm **Santa Claus arrives in Town Park** with treats for the official tree lighting. Warm up before or after at the Homemade Soup Supper from 5 – 7 pm at the **Oxford Methodist Church** next door. Finally, you don't want to miss one of the festive wreath-making workshops on Saturday at the **Combsberry Bed & Breakfast**. Two sessions will be offered: 11 am and 1:30 pm. Each session is limited to 20 people, and the cost is just \$15 per person AND a gift for animals to Baywater Animal Rescue/Tom Cat Solutions (food, toy, treat, etc.) OR you can simply pay \$20 without bringing a gift for a needy animal. All proceeds will go to these two charities. All supplies and snacks are included in the workshop. Reserve your spot today by calling 410-226-5353 or emailing combsberry@yahoo.com. The weekend continues Sunday with **Breakfast with Santa** at the **Oxford Fire House** from 8 – 11 am. **The Ladies Auxiliary Gift Shop** will provide another opportunity to purchase gifts, stocking stuffers and ornaments. In case you missed **the Treasure Chest**, it will be open again on Sunday to get your special holiday gifts. Conclude your day with a stop by the Holy Trinity Church for the concert, "Advent Lessons and Carols," featuring the Choral Scholars of St. Andrew's School in Delaware. A free will offering will be taken at the door.

In case you miss these events, hopefully you will include the Oxford Community Center's Pot Luck Holiday Dinner on Wednesday, December 17th at 6 pm. Look for more details to come!



What would Christmas be in Oxford be without Dock Trees? The Dock Tree tradition was first started by Oxford resident Doug Hanks; continued donations to the Doug Hanks Memorial Fund help to offset the cost of maintaining these trees. Your donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Oxford town office, just note "Hanks Trees" on the check or enclosure.

The OXFORD MUSEUM

Thanks to everyone who supported **Piga-Figa-Licious!** It was a fun time for some 250 Oxford residents and friends.

The Museum's Fall lecture series will feature **Dr. Jon Lillard**, who lives near Oxford. His topic will be "All Rails Lead to Oxford," and he will discuss his passion for building authentic model "O" gauge railroads with great detail to historic accuracy. Dr. Lillard will speak on Saturday, October 25, at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Church (corner of S. Morris and South Streets). There is no charge for this lecture.

In a few days you will see a new roof on the Museum. Watch for the next issue of our newsletter "The Oxford Historian" to be published in November.

We will complete this very busy **Golden Anniversary Year** with our **annual holiday party** for members and guests on Friday, December 12, from 5-7 pm. Don't miss this festive evening, with delicious food and beverages and exciting news! If you're not a member, sign up now by calling 410-226-0191.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and CONCERT

The annual Christmas Bazaar is Saturday **December 6th** from 9:00 am to noon in the Parish Hall. The theme this year is *Let There Be Light*. The Bazaar will feature tables with wreaths and greens, small decorated trees, parishioner's handcrafted and artistic works, and a Holy Trinity table.

Food tables will include frozen soups and appetizers, cookies and other baked goods, jams and pickles, the men's table and more. The raffle this year will be abundant themed gift baskets. Complimentary coffee, cider and sweets will be available to welcome visitors.

The Church also will be hosting a concert "Advent Lessons and Carols" on Sunday **December 7** at 4 pm. The concert is by the Choral Scholars of St. Andrew's School in Delaware. A free will offering will be taken at the door.





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From the Clerk,
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Monday - Friday 9 AM to NOON and 1 PM to 4 PM
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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

OXFORD POLICE DEPT.

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 identify themselves as being with the government or local utility companies and 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 Bellevue Ferry is still open everyday from now through the end of October and then weekends in November. We begin service at 9 AM each day in Oxford and are closed at sunset. The times of the last trips are posted at the ferry landings or call 410 745-9023. There is work scheduled on the Bellevue Landing this winter so closing date in November is undetermined at this time...we plan to be open thru Nov 16th to support the Ladies Auxiliary Antique Sale and the Model Boat Display at OCC that weekend!

OXFORD LIBRARY NEWS!

New books on the Oxford Library shelves

Fiction - Tried and True authors:

- Louise Penney, - The Long Way Home
- Tana French, - The Secret Place
- Lee Child, - Personal
- Dennis Lehane, - The Drop
- Joanna Scott, - DePoter's Grand Tour

Fiction - New Author:

- Katy Simpson Smith, - The Story of Land and Sea

Science Fiction: David Mitchell, - The Bone Clock

Non-fiction: A. Scott Berg, - Wilson



OXFORD FIRE COMPANY

Join us for our regular Fire Company Breakfast on October 12th and November 9th!

The Ladies Auxiliary will again be hosting the fall Antique Show on Waterfowl Weekend, November 15th and 16th. The Auxiliary will have a booth along with many dealers who bring all their best silver, jewelry, china, furniture, vintage clothing and assorted treasures. *The Auxiliary will also be serving lunch both days featuring hot dogs, chili, chicken salad and their certified Maryland blue crab crabcakes. In addition to single-serving homemade desserts, they will also have a bake sale, hand-crafted items and more.* Tickets to this event may be purchased at the door - only \$4.00 per person, one ticket allows admission both days. All proceeds from admissions and all OLA sales directly support your Oxford Fire Company.

Breakfast with Santa on December 7th! A favorite day with the usual breakfast goodies plus a surprise or two, the Auxiliary gift shop and bake sale, the children's gift corner and, most importantly, Santa himself. Tell him all about your wish list and even have a great picture taken with Santa and his elves. It's all happening between 8 and 11 AM. Admission is the same as for all breakfasts: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 10.

Oxford Day ~ While it is not until April 25, 2015, it's not too soon to be thinking of Oxford Day. Volunteers are very welcome and very needed. Opportunities abound! You can help with planning activities, advertising, the parade, Park events, traffic, any one of the day's events, whatever and wherever you would like to help. If you are interested, please send an email to info@oxfordday.org and we will get back to you promptly.

