



Town of Oxford

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Incorporated 1852

Current Business of the Oxford Commissioners:

On February 11, 2015 the Maryland Department of Planning announced the Town of Oxford's designation as a **MARYLAND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY** after a successful application to the program. The Maryland Sustainable Communities Program

seeks to strengthen reinvestment and revitalization in the state's older communities through state, local and private sector partnerships. This designation will open up opportunities for the town and local businesses to seek loan and grant assistance from State programs. As part of this ongoing initiative, the Commissioners are pursuing several strategies including the following:

A COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FUND to allow those interested, to support a specific effort or community revitalization as a whole. There are three Targeted Areas found in the Sustainable Communities Application: The Historic District, including the Morris Street Commercial Area, The Commercial Businesses and Marinas found outside of the Historic District and The Local Government and Non-Profit Properties through out town. Benefactors, who chose to, can identify a specific business, building, or effort when making a donation and the funds will be set aside for that specific use. Current individual funds already in place include the Hanks Tree Fund, the Parks and Recreation Fund and the Artist Fund. A proposed new fund would be the "Historic Commercial District Fund," to allow for future acquisition of Historic Buildings or assistance to maintain Historic Buildings.



HISTORIC COMMERCIAL DISTRICT work sessions to discuss revitalization opportunities. The Commissioners are seeking interested citizens and business owners to participate in open discussions regarding current and future opportunities to stabilize and improve the commercial structures and businesses within Oxford. If you would be interested in participating in these planning sessions, please email the clerk at oxfordclerk@goeaston.net to be placed on the email list for work sessions.

Oxford Stormwater Management and Shoreline Protection Update:

The Commissioners of Oxford have submitted two Grant Applications requesting funding for Stormwater and Shoreline improvements. One to the Coastal Bays Trust Fund for Bio Swales, Bio Retention Areas and Living Shorelines. The second application was for funding assistance in continuing the work on the Stormwater Management and Shoreline Protection Master Plan which is currently underway and will identify and prioritize capital improvements within the Town. Additionally the application included a request for assistance in completing a Community Score Card and an Application to FEMA for the Community Rating System in an effort to reduce flood insurance premiums for Oxford citizens in the future.



OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER

Valliant Named Director of Oxford Community Center

Oxford, Md.—The Oxford Community Center has appointed Michael Valliant as the center's Executive Director. Valliant was born and raised in Oxford and has worked for Talbot County non-profit organizations, including the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and Academy Art Museum.



Hiring Valliant was the result of an extensive search by a search committee appointed by the OCC Board of Trustees. The search was headed by Cathy McCoy, OCC Board President.

"Michael brings both a wealth of non-profit experience to OCC and a deep connection to and history with Oxford and Talbot County," McCoy said. "We're excited to have him here to help lead us in our mission to provide outstanding educational, cultural, and social programs and events to the Mid-Shore region."

Valliant is familiar with Talbot County non-profit and cultural organizations. For more than seven years he worked as Director of Marketing and Media Relations, Director of Communications and Editor at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, where he oversaw writing, editing and editorial content of the museum's publications and communications, including a quarterly magazine, annual report, magazine articles, press releases and e-mail newsletter. He led a comprehensive redesign of the museum's website; worked with regional and national media; tracked and analyzed annual and event attendance; and supervised and hired staff.

Prior to CBMM, Valliant served as Public Affairs and Development Officer for the Academy Art Museum. At the Academy, he oversaw all public relations and marketing efforts; coordinated an institutional name change and rebranding effort, and helped coordinate a successful \$3.8 million capital campaign through a feasibility study and silent phase. For the past five years, Valliant has worked as a technical writer, speech writer and feature writer supporting the United States Coast Guard Acquisition Directorate at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

"OCC is a homecoming for me, both to the town where I grew up, as well as a return to working for our Eastern Shore community," Valliant said. "My father went to grade school in this building, my sister spent her summers there at the O.K. Kids Camp, and I remember watching my great uncle on stage with the Tred Avon Players. I feel very connected to OCC and am excited to return to my professional roots of working for a special cultural organization serving our community." Valliant lives in Easton and has two daughters, Anna, age 13, and Ava, age 10. He is an active runner, writer and stand-up paddleboarder.

Located in the town of Oxford, the OCC is housed in a former schoolhouse built in 1928 and designed by Annapolis-born architect Henry Powell Hopkins. Hopkins designed notable public buildings throughout Maryland and the OCC is the last surviving example of his school projects. OCC recently completed a successful capital campaign and renovation of the building. The facility is now an award-winning LEEDS (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) gold certified building with state of the art HVAC, sound and lighting systems, large auditorium, commercial kitchen and several classrooms. OCC hosts programs, performances, and classes throughout the year, and is available for rental.

For more information, please contact the Oxford Community Center at 410-226-5904, email oxfordcc@verizon.net, visit their website at www.oxfordcc.org or their Facebook page at Oxford Community Center, Inc. *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.*

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!

The Tred Avon Players presents *The Dining Room*, A. R. Gurney's funny and wistful portrayal of the decline of upper-middle-class, White Anglo-Saxon Protestant (WASP) culture. The play opens on Thursday, April 23, at the Oxford Community Center. Nominated for the 1985 Pulitzer Prize in drama, this brilliant comedy of manners is directed by TAP veteran, and executive director, Fiona Foster.

The eight actors in *The Dining Room* are Alison Lynch, Leigh Marquess, Maggie Garey, Lauren Spyker, David Cherry, John Norton, Erik Murray and Greg Rohman.

The production crew for *The Dining Room* includes producer Julie Barnett, assistant directors, Susan Patterson & Nicole Millette, stage manager is Robert Lynch. Set design by Lawrie Jessup, costumes by Janet Pfeffer, lighting design by Skipper Marquess, and sound design by Patrick Fee. The production crew includes Brooke Christensen and Julia Gannon.

Opening night on April 23, is "Thrifty Thursday," featuring two-for-one tickets. The other performances are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays, April 24 and 25, and May 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are also scheduled for April 26, and May 3 and 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, and \$5 for students with ID.

Visit www.tredavonplayers.org to buy tickets online or contact (410) 226-0061 to reserve "your place at the table," in *The Dining Room*.



The Oxford Garden Club is hosting a tour, "Secret Gardens of Oxford."

The tour will be held Saturday June 6, 2015, 9:30 am to 4 pm, rain or shine. Early tickets sales are \$15, tickets the day of the tour are \$20 at Oxford Town Park. Pre-order box lunches at a cost of \$12. Contact Luann Madary at 410-226-5799 for advance tickets or lunch. Garden Shed Sales will also be available in the Town Park.



New this year as part of the Secret Gardens of Oxford Tour...

gardening

Got ^ Stuff?

Donate your surplus to support the Oxford Garden Club's Garden Shed Sale!!!

Sale date: Saturday, June 6th 9:00 AM -- 4:00 PM Oxford Town Park

donations drop-off date: Friday, June 5th 9:00 AM -- 3:00 PM (or by appointment) Oxford Town Park

Donations of gardening items are requested from the community in clean, saleable and working condition: watering cans, wheelbarrows, bird baths, garden statuary & ornaments, benches, lawn & patio furniture, bird feeders, wind chimes, stepping & flag stones, flower pots, window boxes, outdoor planters, hoses, bird houses, sprinklers, gardening tools & implements, hats and gloves, vases, indoor containers and planters, weedwackers, trimmers, hedge clippers, edging, landscaping stones, fountains, weed barrier cloth, fencing, trellises, stakes, tomato cages, unexpired seed packets, bags of peat, potting & topsoil, mulch, humus, bone meal, and more!



For further information & assistance contact: Lisa Johnson, 226-0340, Cid Collins Walker, (202)210-8383 or Paula Bell, 226-0005.

All proceeds from the Garden Shed Sale support the educational & civic programs of the Oxford Garden Club. The club is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc., a designated 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.



**Meal for a Mission
Plus Trivia!
Friday, April 17 at 6:00 pm**

The Church of the Holy Trinity is hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, April 17 at 6:00 pm to benefit mission activity.

Funds from this evening will support *Sophia's Circle*, Edwina Gateley's mission for women in recovery from prostitution and/or addiction; and Aguayuda, a non-profit founded by Simon Zimmer and Sabrina Zimmermann that focuses on improving life and health in the poor rural communities of La Guajira, Columbia through clean water and education. Both are 501(c)3 organizations.

The delicious lasagna, salad, bread and desserts are all donated so all money raised will go directly to her mission work. Plus, we will have a fun time after the dinner playing trivia! We expect this to be a sell-out, so make your reservations now by calling [410-226-5134](tel:410-226-5134) or emailing the church office htox@verizon.net. The cost is only \$25 per person.

The Oxford Library

is open again on week days, including Saturdays, from 10-4.

Please come to our annual Oxford Day book sale at the Library from 10-2. Look for us in the parade and be sure to participate in our special contest!

HOW MANY BOOKS can a Mini Cooper hold? Watch for the Red Clubman in the Oxford Day Parade and afterwards stroll down to the Oxford Library to place your guess. Prizes will be on display atop the MINI and be awarded at 2 pm.

New in the library:

Fiction best sellers:



- Lost and Found by Brooke Davis
- Mean Streak by Sandra Brown
- A Spool of Thread by Anne Tyler
- The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant
- The Buried Giant by Kazuo Ishiguro

Non-fiction best sellers

- Dead Wake - The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larsen
- The American Plate - A History in 100 Bites by Libby O'Connell



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the Clerk, OXFORD, MD 21654

Town Office Hours: Mon - Fri
9 AM to NOON / 1 PM to 4 PM
Please check the online Town calendar
for Holidays and closures.

You can reach us during regular operating hours at
410-226-5122 / Fax: 410-226-5597 or email us anytime:
Cheryl Lewis oxfordclerk@goeaston.net
Lisa Willoughby townoffice@goeaston.net

Community Gardens: Request are coming in, please confirm your garden with Lisa and get started on your planting!

Although the DOG PARK has been in use for several months, spring is here and we are finally able to put on the finishing touches and plan to have a Grand Opening in June. We apologize for any inconvenience while we are working.



Charlie discovered the new doggy fountain is good for washing off his toy!

Please be aware of the recent increase in phone and internet SCAMS that utilize common business practices to gather your personal information for exploitation! This includes calls purportedly from government offices, utility companies and local banks. Do not provide ANY personal or financial information to any solicitation by phone or email. If you are unsure of the validity of a request, contact the office or business directly. Please report any suspicious communications to the Oxford Police Dept.



**OXFORD
POLICE
DEPT.**

Please contact Chief Maxwell at the Oxford Police Dept. if you need any further explanation or have questions.

**In an emergency
ALWAYS dial 911.**

OXFORD PARKS & RECREATION

Parks & Rec Scheduled Events for 2015:

- Look for us on Oxford Day!
- Fly your flags for Memorial Day 4th of July celebration in the Park
- October Pumpkin Walk
- Annual Veteran's Day Program
- Oxford's Santa Visit and Tree Lighting



Again this year, Parks and Recreation will be coordinating Kickball practice and games during the summer months, including a tournament. All ages are encouraged to come out and participate.

Practice starts Sunday May 3rd and continues May 10, 17, 24, and 31, from 3 to 5 pm. The Kickball Tournament will be on June 7th from 12:30 to 4 pm. With Adult teams and Children's events. Call 410-476-7023 for information.

A NEW Oxford Directory is coming in the spring of 2015.



The ubiquitous little book that we all keep near our phones is being updated! We want to keep the information as current and correct as possible.

We are asking everyone to check the latest edition (2012) and let Henry Hale know of anything that has changed or if there is anything that you would like to add.

You can contact Henry Hale at the numbers listed below or email us at Oxforddirectory@gmail.com

If you do not have a current copy, speak with Henry to see what is currently listed. Henry Hale: 226-5261/Home ~ 829-3777/Cell