



# Town of Oxford

Founded 1683

Incorporated 1852

## Current Business of the Oxford Commissioners:

The Town recently submitted an application to the Maryland Department of Planning for designation as one of Maryland's Sustainable Communities, with the intention of opening the doors to possible funding mechanisms to support the needs of Oxford's business and commercial community.

"A Sustainable Community Area designation reflects that a municipality or County has identified a specific local area in need of revitalization and has created a comprehensive strategy to encourage and guide local investment." *Maryland Department of Planning*

As part of this initiative, and at the suggestion of several citizens, the Commissioners are establishing 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.



Please contact the Town Office for more information, questions or suggestions.

## *Oxford Stormwater Management and Shoreline Protection Update:*

Flood Vulnerability Assessment data collection for the town has begun thanks to the recently awarded Maryland DNR CoastSmart/NOAA Technical Assistance Collaboration. Partners working through this initiative will analysis the collected data and provide feedback to the Commissioners and citizens of Oxford. The proposed timeline will include Community Engagement during the late Summer months and more information will be posted in the Spring newsletter.

Oxford engineers have begun the Phase I task of inventorying all the current stormwater and shoreline infrastructure within the town, including updating of town base maps using current GIS and LIDAR data and field surveys of both stormwater and shoreline infrastructure.

The results of these two products will then be incorporated into a Stormwater/Shoreline Capital Improvement Plan, prioritizing the engineering and construction of the necessary improvements.



# OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER



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

- January 10: **YOGA Basics** at the OCC with Suzie Hurley, 9:30 - 11 am; \$18.00 per class
- January 12: **Conversational Spanish** on Tuesdays at the OCC for 6 weeks: \$15.00 per class
- January 12: **Drawing & Painting w/ Deborah Scales** at the OCC: 9:30 - 11:30 am; 8 sessions for 120.00
- January 17: **YOGA Basics** with Suzie Hurley, 9:30 - 11 am; \$18.00 per class
- January 19: In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr: **Volunteer to be a part of Habitat for Humanity for the day:** Call OCC for info.
- January 22: **How Newspapers covered the War of 1812 with Steven Goldman** from 10:30 - noon. 410-745-4941 to register.
- January 24: **Genealogy Workshop from 10 am to 3 pm at the OCC.** Contact Ellen Anderson at 410-226-0191 for more info.

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](mailto: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!



- January 11: Oxford Firehouse Breakfast: 8-11 am; served by our own firefighters
- February 8: Firehouse Breakfast 8-11 am
- February 28: Rummage Sale: 9-12 noon (drop off 9-4 on Feb 27)
- March 8: Oxford Firehouse Breakfast: 8-11 am
- March 13: Ladies Auxiliary Card Party (call 410-226-5266 for reservations!)



TAP offers the perfect mix of mystery, thrills, and blood curdling screams in the 2015 season opening production of "Night Watch". An ingeniously devised thriller written by Oxford's own Lucille Fletcher and directed by John Norton. The late Lucille Fletcher was an Oxford resident and author of "Women and Children" performed by TAP in 1993.

The thrilling mystery ride begins February 12 and continues February 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 and 27, 28 and March 1. Reserve your tickets at [www.tredavonplayers.org](http://www.tredavonplayers.org) or call 410-226-0061.

"Heart & Music" presented by the "Behavioral Health and Rape Crisis Center at For All Seasons, Inc." enters it's fifth year of amazing talent, performing the best memories of the past four years enriched by new songs and music for this fifth anniversary production, March 26-29.

"Heart and Music: The Best of and More" opens with a Gala Fundraiser on March 26 at 6:00 pm, tickets are \$100. Regular price performances, \$20 adults and \$5 students' K-12, are Friday & Saturday, March 27 & 28 at 8pm, and Sunday, March 29 at 2pm. All shows are at the Oxford Community Center. Call "For All Seasons" 410-822-1018 or visit [www.forallseasonsinc.org](http://www.forallseasonsinc.org) for information and to reserve your seats.



The OBA is in the early stages of planning for our

## 2015 Oxford Picket Fences

event, and the most important part is to determine artists' participation! If you are a returning artist, or perhaps a new one to the event, we would like to solicit your participation and commitment as soon as possible. We have two sizes: large and small, and fences will be made as soon as we have a total count. We expect them to be available for delivery to you by mid February. Ideally, fences need to be painted and completed by 1 April so they can be hung by the Fine Arts Festival in May, so time is of the essence! If we can count on you, please send an email as soon as possible to Marcia LoVerdi at [marlee331@atlanticbb.net](mailto:marlee331@atlanticbb.net). This event generates a great turn out for the community, and all charities benefit with a portion of the proceeds from the fence sales in October. We hope you will be a part of this tradition in Oxford!

Please visit [portofoxford.com](http://portofoxford.com) for an update on 'what's happening in Oxford!' We already have historic walking tours scheduled, and a host of events are added weekly. Visit us on Facebook too!



Thanks to all Oxford residents for your generous contributions to the Oxford Library Scholarship Fund. Due to your support, we have been able to award our third Textbook Scholarship to Katherine Elizabeth Bolainez for the school year 2014-2015 at Chesapeake College.

*The Oxford Library Scholarship Committee*



After a busy holiday season, it's time to start planning for April 25, 2015, Oxford Day!

There will be all the fun activities you have grown to love, such as Family Hour, the unique Parade, music and food, as well as a few new things. What we need are, as always, willing volunteers. If you would like to help with an aspect of planning, advertising, organizing or helping on the big day, please let us know.

The easiest way is to send an email to [info@oxfordday.org](mailto:info@oxfordday.org) or give Pam Baker a call at 410-200-0902.

In January, we will be contacting organizations and businesses to find out what they have planned for the day, so watch for emails. Think about how you can participate in this fun day that celebrates our town and life on the Eastern Shore! For more information please visit the web site at [www.oxfordday.org](http://www.oxfordday.org).



### **Oxford Museum Plans Genealogy Workshop**

In partnership with the Oxford Community Center, the Museum will offer a Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, January 24, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Community Center. Three sessions are offered: [Strategies for Researching African American Ancestors before 1870](#) by Aaron Dorsey;

[Introduction to Genealogy and Advanced Research Techniques](#) by Sue Brenchley; and [Researching Eastern Shore and Tidewater Families](#) by Teresa Neild. Each session is \$10, and participants may bring lunch or purchase lunch for \$10. Contact Ellen Anderson at the Museum at 410-226-0191 to register or for more information.



**The Oxford Museum is offering a trip to the Newseum in Washington, DC,** including a guided tour by museum board member Stephen Goldman. It will be on March 12, 2015. The bus (25 passenger) will leave Easton around 8:00 and return by 5:00. The cost is \$75; lunch not included. This will be a fantastic opportunity to tour the famous Newseum with Steve Goldman, whose original collection is on display. Tickets are limited so sign up now by calling the Oxford Museum at 226-0191 or mailing your check made payable to the museum to P. O. Box 131.

### **Nominations for Hanks Award Due in March 31**

The Oxford Museum is again accepting nominations for the annual Douglas Hanks Jr. Oxford Preservation Award. Nominees may be an individual, group, organization, business or civic institutions. The award was established in 2006 to recognize significant preservation efforts. Nominees need not be residents of Oxford as long as the activity specifically relates to Oxford and the surrounding area. For nomination forms and additional information, call the Museum at (410-226-0191 or e-mail: [oxford\\_museum@verizon.net](mailto:oxford_museum@verizon.net).



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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:** If you had a garden  
this summer and have not already done so,  
please clean out your box.

**Snow and sidewalks:** It is the responsibility  
of residents to keep the sidewalks in front  
of their properties clear after a snowfall.

The new **DOG PARK** is  
available for use! Watch  
for a Grand Opening in the Spring.



Newly introduced Ordinances, infor-  
mation from the Commissioners, Public  
Works and office staff, along with upcom-  
ing community events can be found on  
the Town Website: [www.oxfordmd.net](http://www.oxfordmd.net)

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 infor-  
mation 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 Department.  
Please contact Chief Maxwell at the  
Oxford Police Department if you  
need any further explanation or have  
questions. Please report any suspicious activity by  
calling 911 or contacting the Oxford Police De-  
partment. In an emergency ALWAYS dial 911.

**OXFORD PARKS & RECREATION**  
**Parks & Rec Scheduled Events for 2015:**  
Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt in the Park  
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 Rec will also be  
coordinating Kickball practice and games  
during the summer months, along with at least  
2 tournaments All ages are encouraged  
to come out and participate. Look for  
schedule in upcoming newsletters.

Oxford Ladies  
Auxiliary  
Rummage Sale  
Saturday, Feb 28th 9:00 - Noon  
(Drop off Friday, Feb. 27th, 9:00 - 4:00)  
410-226-0030 to arrange pick up of large items.



The Treasure Chest is  
closed Jan, Feb 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 mid- April.

New Releases at **THE OXFORD LIBRARY:**  
For all of the readers who enjoyed The  
Rosie Project, it's just published sequel,  
**The Rosie Effect** is sure to be a favorite.

**The Oblate's Confession** - a first novel penned by Bill  
Peak, popular Talbot County librarian and Star  
Democrate contributor, is on our shelves.



And new acquisitions by well known  
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Stephen King, David Baldacci, Patricia  
Cornwell, Janet Evanovich,  
Jennifer Weiner, Jodi Piccolt

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