

Current Business of the Oxford Commissioners:

The Oxford Stormwater Task Force (as created by the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center through a DNR technical assistance grant) has completed their Oxford Stormwater and Flood Management Study and presented it to the Town Commissioners and Citizens at two different meetings held in September. Currently the Commissioners are reviewing their recommendations which include Establishing a Stormwater and Tidal Water Utility along with establishing a Utility Rate. The Commissioners are seeking public input regarding this proposal and welcome your comments and questions.

Below are the recommendations presented by the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center:



- Adopt an Effective Stormwater Program Budget of an estimated \$630,00 over a 5 year period, with an additional major capital improvement project in the next 5-8 years bringing the necessary funding to an estimated \$1,500,000.
- Account for Sea Level Rise by factoring in rise projections into all major capital improvement projects.
- Establish a Stormwater/Tidal-water Utility with a tiered utility fee as a consistent, dedicated and equitable form of revenue to cover program costs, including a recommended base utility fee of \$175/per home/per year.

You can find the full presentation from the Environmental Finance Center on the front page of the town website.

Legislation during the last quarter included changes to the Historic District Commission chapter of the Oxford Zoning Code and adoption of a revised Flood Plain Management Ordinance, along with recent Federal revisions to the FEMA Flood Maps. All new codes are available on the Town website.

FEMA has just presented the Town with additional map revisions they intend to adopt over the next year. This process will include advertised hearings to be held in Talbot County. Please contact the town office if you have any questions or concerns. As more information becomes available, we will post it online.

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



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Many thanks to Bob Jackson Landscapes for the lovely fall display.



We have had concerns expressed by some citizens regarding foxes in town and were asked to share some basic information regarding red foxes. Maryland DNR has detailed information on their website at http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Plants_Wildlife/Red_Fox.asp. Below you will find a few facts from this site:



Ideal red fox habitat includes a mix of open fields, small woodlots and wetlands – making modern-day Maryland an excellent place for it to live. Red foxes are also highly adaptive and can be found in suburban and urban areas.

A typical red fox diet includes rabbits, snakes, insects, birds, mice, berries and fruits.

The red fox usually uses a den or burrow only during the period when it is raising pups – a task the male and female fox share together. Red foxes mate from January through March. After a gestation period of 51 to 53 days, females give birth to a litter averaging 4 or 5 pups in the spring. Red foxes may dig their own burrows, but they usually improve an abandoned groundhog burrow. It also is common for foxes to den in the crawl space under decks and sheds. During the remainder of the year, the red fox avoids dens and sleeps in sheltered locations by relying on its thick fur for warmth.

While its cousins the wolf and dog are social, the red fox tends to be more solitary except during the breeding season. The red fox is capable of learning from experience, which has earned it the “cunning” namesake in literature. This clever nature, its adaptability and careful management, ensure that the red fox will roam the Chesapeake Bay watershed for many generations to come.

OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER



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

Sunday, October 27, 6:00 pm – **“Wonders of the Night Sky: Astrophotography and the Story of the Schulman Telescope”** Dr. Schulman will take the audience into the vast and fascinating world of galaxies, nebulas and globular star clusters. This program was sold out at the Academy Art Museum.

Saturday, November 9 – **Model Boats and Knots exhibition at OCC**

Saturday, November 16, 7:00 pm – **An Interactive Evening of Irish and American Folk Music with the Garryowen Band**

Friday, December 6 – **Historic House Party at ‘Foston’**

Saturday, December 7, 7:30 pm – **‘An A Capella Christmas 2013 Concert’ with the Tidewater Chamber Singers**

Sunday, December 8, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm – **Historic Homes and Inns of Oxford Tour** Tour six historic homes in the village, three inns and the John Wesley Church.

Wednesday, December 11 – **Community Pot Luck Dinner** at OCC. Always a fun community evening!

Watch for more information on all of the above to be posted around town, or call OCC at 410-226-5904.




If you aren't already on our weekly newsletter email list, call the office and we'll be happy to add you!

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!





TAP
TRED AVON PLAYERS

of Oxford Maryland

Music, Hilarity, and Romantic Misconceptions!!!

“She Loves Me”

Book by Joe Masteroff, Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, Music by Jerry Bock

Thrifty Thursday Preview, October 17

Opening Night Champagne Celebration, October 18

Music, hilarity, and romantic misconceptions are featured in the Tred Avon Players production of *She Loves Me* directed by Edwin Talley Wilford. This musical romantic comedy opens October 17 with book by Joe Masteroff, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and music by Jerry Bock.

entertainment begins. Two shop employees Georg Nowack, the shy manager (Herb Ziegler) and Amalia Balash (Maureen Curtin) are consistently at odds with each other at work, but are unaware that they are secret pen pals.

Working at the shop are Ladisov Sipos, a middle-aged salesman with a family portrayed by Art Wolfe; Becky Swerida is the teenage delivery person Arpad Laszlo; sexy and gullible Ilona Ritter is played by Liz Clarke; Lukas McGee is Steven Kodaly, a suave ladies' man. Members of the ensemble include Olivia Litteral as the waitress, Eugenie Drayton, Alison Rawleigh, and Patrick Fee as Keller.

She Loves Me is produced by Leigh Marquess with musical direction by Randy Bachand and Ellen Berry Grunden as rehearsal pianist. Stage manager is Rachel Shaw, costumes by Marie U'Ren, and choreography by Malley Hester.

Wilford mentions: "I pick stories to tell based on how the narrative will connect with its audience. While I did not select *She Loves Me* to direct, being asked to direct it in place of a friend interested me. An initial glance at the story reveals a humorous tale between two mismatched co-workers, a funny, but otherwise typical love story. After re-reading the script, I wondered, What if our romantic leads were older? Excited to tell the story of two shy individuals who are reaching out for a last chance at love, I am looking forward to directing my first show with TAP."

She Loves Me offers the same delightful romantic and humorous plot as in the movies *In the Good Ole Summertime*, *The Shop Around the Corner*, and *You've Got Mail*.

Performance dates are Thrifty Thursday, October 17 at 7pm, with two-for-one tickets. Fridays and Saturdays, October 18, 19, 25, 26, and November 1 & 2 at 8PM and Sundays, October 20 & 27, and November 3 at 2pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students with ID. All performances are at the Oxford Community Center in Oxford, MD. Call 410-226-0061 for tickets or visit www.tredavonplayers.org

OXFORD MUSEUM FALL EVENTS

Upcoming lectures are on Saturdays at 11 am at St. Paul's Church as follows. Lectures are free; donations always welcome

October 5 – Ed Thieler, local model builder and sometime historian, will present **“100 Years Ago – Working the Water in Oxford.”**

November 9 – Rich Wagner will discuss **“A New Hypothesis for the Earliest Prehistoric Settlement of North America,”** which will include new evidence in the Chesapeake Bay area of migration across the North Atlantic rather than the long-assumed Siberia to Alaska route.

New Exhibits beginning September 20 - Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first recorded steamboat transport of slaves from Oxford for military service in the Union Army and, hopefully, freedom. Rare original newspaper pages of the battles will be on display through October 15. They are from the collection of Oxford residents Stephen and Harriett Goldman.

Beginning October 15, our own Larry Myers and other area residents will display beautiful Mergansers, one of the most strikingly graceful ducks whose form has inspired some of the most creative decoys made along the East Coast.

SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who supported Piga-Figa-Licious on September 2. More than 250 people attended and celebrated Labor Day together. Watch for more information about the Museum's 50th Anniversary in 2014!

On Wings of Eagles Through a generous gift from Paul and Pat Martin and their family, 18 of Paul's flying model airplanes have been donated to the Oxford Museum and will soon be on display at the Easton Airport. They are suspended from the ceiling in realistic flying positions. All were built and flown by Paul, who built his first model at age six and for the next seven decades continued to build and fly models of the many aircraft he encountered in his Air Force career. In retirement he continued building and flying models. The Museum Board is very grateful for this generous gift from the Martins.

The Museum will close for the season on November 10. Members and guests of the Oxford Museum are invited to the **Holiday Party** on Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Watch for more details.



What's Old Is New in Oxford!

Silver, jewelry, china, fine furniture – all things that become more valuable with age, and all things to look for at the 45th Annual Oxford Antique Show & Sale! This exhibition by thirty plus professional dealers from across the country held at the Oxford Firehouse is part of the Eastern Shore's Waterfowl Weekend tradition and not to be missed!

In addition to the amazing treasures the dealers will have available for view and sale, the Ladies will be making and baking their Oxford-famous crab cakes - just one choice on a tasty lunch menu offered both days. Homemade desserts will keep you fortified as you shop, and the members of the Auxiliary will also offer for sale beautiful handmade crafts and baked goods to take home to appreciative friends and family. This year's show will be held Saturday, November 10th, 10am – 5pm, and Sunday, November 11th, 11am – 4pm. Tickets to the event may be purchased at the door – only \$4.00 per person, one ticket allows entry both days.

The Oxford Ladies Auxiliary, in support of the Oxford Fire Company, hosts this event annually with proceeds dedicated to underwriting the costs of equipment and gear for the Oxford Volunteer Fire Company. An all volunteer organization offering fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to Talbot County communities, the company receives funding through the State of Maryland, Talbot County and the Town of Oxford, but the majority of the annual budget is generated by donations and fundraising events.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Sandy Hale at sandrahale1@msn.com.



News from the Oxford Garden Club

The Oxford Garden club celebrated their 10 year anniversary June of this year! As a fairly new member it is very rewarding to be a part of an organization providing the ability to meet new people, explore the world of flower design, horticulture, and gardening and become involved with the many civic projects within the Oxford community. Whether it's weeding the library or museum gardens, helping to take care of the rain gardens located at the Oxford Community Center, or arranging holiday flowers to accompany lunches delivered by the Church of the Holy Trinity, the OGC is a wonderful group to be a part of. In keeping with our mission, this year we plan to establish a scholarship program for those students graduating from high school and entering into the fields of horticulture, environmental studies, landscape design and/or management. We hope to encourage the study of horticulture, landscape design, botany, plant science, landscape planning, forestry, and similar subjects. We hope you will support this new program by becoming a "Friend of the Oxford Garden Club", making a donation in order to help club members build this new program. For more information on becoming a "Friend of the Oxford Garden Club" or becoming a member please call Phyllis Gaiti at 410-226-5922.

In addition, for our upcoming Standard Flower Show on May 31st, 2014, we are offering a fun bulb challenge in our horticulture division. This is a great way to participate in our flower show and hopefully get the community involved. We have selected 3 terrific Allium varieties which will add charm and color to your gardens. Alliums thrive in neglected soils (clay) and naturalize readily. They are deer and rodent resistant and provide blooms when your hostas, peonies and iris are out. Proceeds will benefit our flower show and our new Scholarship program. For more information please call Terry Holman @ 908-963-9227. Remember one of the most delightful things about a garden is the anticipation it provides.

Carole Abruzzese 410-226-5638

Bugs Rule" A Standard Flower Show presented by The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc., District 1, and hosted by the Dorchester Garden Club, Wednesday, October 9, 2013 from 1:30 PM TO 5:00 PM at Sailwinds Park, on the waterfront of Cambridge, 200 Byrn ST, Cambridge, MD - Open to the Public-Admission Free. information or directions contact: Collins 410-228-7775 or Clara Mae Stephens 410-943-6055.



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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 Holiday Hours

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

You can email us anytime:

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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

Water and Sewer Rates: You will see the previously adopted rate increase in your quarterly billing, with the base rate including the State Bay Restoration Fee starting at \$205 per household per quarter.

Leaf Pick Up: Please remember Wednesday Leaf Pick Up is for leaves only, they need to be raked to the street on Tuesdays, covered in bad weather and NO STICKS OR BRANCHES as the leaf vacuum cannot handle them. Last pickup - 12/11/13.

Community Gardens: If you had a garden this summer, please clean out your box when you are finished for the season.

OXFORD POLICE DEPT.

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.

OXFORD PARKS & RECREATION

PUMPKIN WALK Sunday, Oct 27th at 2 pm (Weather Permitting). Meet at St. Paul's Church on S. Morris St., walk to Town Hall. Photo opportunities and refreshments.



VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM
Monday, Nov. 11th, Waters UMC,
7:00 p.m. All are invited.



SANTA IN THE PARK
Saturday, December 7th, 6 pm at Town Park (Weather Permitting). See Santa and his Elf arrive in the fire truck. Countdown for the Tree lighting. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank.



"During the Spring and Summer of 2013 the Oxford Library introduced the Young Readers Program for children and grandchildren aged 5 to 12 of Oxford residents. Pictured are some of the children who are now the proud owners of their very own library card. From left to right are Nevin Porter, Izzy Ackridge, Tucker Ackridge, Trevor Green and Ava Arepally."