



# Town of Oxford

Founded 1683

Incorporated 1852

## **MEWS NEWS** and more from your Town Commissioners...

As many of you may have already heard... The Town of Oxford has acquired the structure known to most as the **MEWS**, utilizing a combination of town funds and grant funds. The next step for the Commissioners is to work with interested parties and potential developers on the future use of the MEWS, which is intended to include mixed-use, commercial and residential apartments. In the meantime town staff will do some minimal repairs to improve the street view. Watch for future meetings regarding this project.

The Town began *Strategic Economic Planning* for the Commercial Properties found in the Historic District at the end of January, with an eye at improving the economic viability of commercial locations along North and South Morris. A meeting with members of the original work group and members of the OBA was held in June to discuss the contracted Planner's findings. A draft *Strategic Economic Plan for the Historic Commercial District* is anticipated at the end of July and a public meeting will be scheduled at the fire house for public review of the plan.



The Town has also begun assisting local businesses with *Facade Improvements* through recently awarded funding for a Mini Grant Program, with the first two applicants, the Robert Morris Inn and Mystery Loves Company, having successfully completed the application process. Several other businesses are currently working with staff to access facade grant funding. The Town will be applying to the DHCD Legacy Program in hopes of gaining additional funding to be utilized for interior improvements for storefront businesses. Please contact the Town Administrator at [oxfordclerk@goeaston.net](mailto:oxfordclerk@goeaston.net) if you are interested in our program, provide a brief explanation of your potential project.

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

The Town has applied for a Wetlands Permit for future construction of a series of Stormwater Ponds from the Dog Park to the Causeway, utilizing grant funded design of the project. We do not have construction funds at this time, but hope to utilize the final design to acquire state assistance in the creation of this stormwater management solution to increase our resiliency. We are also anticipating a final draft of a Stormwater Management Shoreline Protection Capital Improvement Program in August, which will assist the town in making project decisions and accessing funding in the future.



Work on the *Tilghman Street Boat Ramp Replacement* will begin on September 6th! The old ramp will remain open as long as possible and we will be moving current slip renters around to accommodate the construction. We hope to have the work complete in under 90 days and will attempt to minimize any impacts.

An RFP for Management and Inspection Services for the *Oxford Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade* is currently out and the RFP for Construction will follow, with the anticipated construction to possibly begin by the end of 2016!

**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](http://www.oxfordmd.net)**



**Holy Trinity Church, Oxford, MD**, led by Father Kevin Cross reflected on the things the Parrish is most grateful for. Primary among them is talented group of Oxford employees, members of the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department and OVFD Auxiliary, the Oxford Police Department, members of the Oxford Coast Guard, and the hard work completed tirelessly for the town by Thomas Salvage Yard.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> parishioners provided a wonderful picnic on the waterfront, complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, bountiful side dishes as well as free ice cream for all provided by the Highland Creamery! Again, a special thanks to all for the work you do to make our town so great! Every one of you helps in providing award-winning services to Oxford.



**OXFORD LIBRARY NEWS**

**Save the date! Oxford Library 40<sup>th</sup> Book Mart**

**Saturday September 24, 2016 ~ From 8 am to 2 pm**



**Market Street will be closed in front of the town hall and library to make room for a wide selection of books. We have something for everyone: fiction, non-fiction, coffee table books, romance, mystery, cooking, gardening and lots of children's books.**

We have many new books at our Oxford Library including the most recent fiction books by popular authors David Baldacci, Clive Cussler, Jeffery Deaver, Dorothea Benton Frank, Laura Lippmann, James Patterson, Anna Quindlen, Nora Roberts, John Sanford, and Danielle Steele. Some might enjoy the non-fiction *The Gene: An Intimate History*. Coming soon will be *Vinegar Girl* by Anne Tyler, *All the Missing Girls* (a five-star mystery by a new author), and *America's First Daughter* (a historical novel about Thomas Jefferson's daughter), as well as others.

**The OXFORD MUSEUM**

Current exhibits include the art and carvings of Oxford native Ted Hanks (father of local artist Peter Hanks) and the continuing "Oxford at War" exhibit which currently focuses on Korea to Iraq. Stop and see memorabilia from some of your Oxford neighbors.

The Museum Annual Meeting was held June 10, and the Douglas Hanks Preservation Awards were given to Suzanne Beyda for the restoration of her home on South Morris Street, and the Lifetime Achievement Award to local artist Howard Lapp. New officers are: Lisa Harrington, President, Earl Sheck, Vice President, Liz Koprowski, Secretary, and Bob Valliant, Treasurer. Jef Kinney was elected as a new board member.

The Museum Board is currently focusing on the development of a strategic plan.

Piga-Figa-Licious to Return!! Be sure to hold Labor Day, September 5, for this very popular event. Come noon to 2 and enjoy great food and beverages, music, and more. Exciting new plans will be announced soon.

The Museum is open every day except Thursday. Check the website for hours ([www.oxfordmuseum.org](http://www.oxfordmuseum.org)). If you would like to volunteer, please call Ellen Anderson at 226-0191.



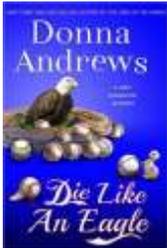
The Commissioners of Oxford competed in the Annual

Cardboard Boat Race to benefit Special Olympics this year, in a donated boat which had been freshened up by our capable Public Works crew. Congratulations on winning Second Place in your category. Commissioners Carole Abruzzese and Gordon Fronk, accompanied by Superintendent Scott Delude and his son Ethan.

## Port of Oxford Events

July is a big month for the OBA as we are sponsoring the first ever 'Paint Oxford Day' as part of Plein Air Easton. The annual Plein Air event runs from July 9-17, and July 10 is the first-ever featured day for Oxford! No doubt you have seen the flyers around town and the articles in the Star Democrat and Attractions magazine! This is going to be a big day for Oxford: For starters, be sure to include the Firehouse Breakfast from 8 – 11 am, followed by the Historic Walking Tour with Leo Nollmeyer (leaves from the Ferry dock at 11 am). You can also take in a self-guided Picket Fence tour in plenty of time before the Mystery Loves Company book signing. There are a whole host of events planned for the day! If you are in town, be sure to take in the free live music at the OCC, "Spark in da pan" who will be with us from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Restaurants will be featuring a specially priced menu for the day as well! We hope you will join us at the OCC for the reception and announcement of the Artist Choice Award at 6 pm! It's going to be a great day to be in Oxford, Maryland.

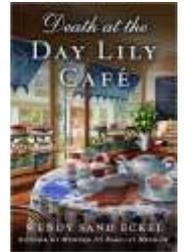
Other events happening in and around town during July include the OCC talk on the history of the John Wesley Church from noon to 1 pm on July 6 and the Highland Creamery Ice Cream Breakfast on July 13 starting at 9 am! What will be your favorite breakfast flavor?



Mystery Loves Company will have award winning humorous mystery author, Donna Andrews signing her newest Megan Lanslow mystery Die Like An Eagle from 12:30 to 2:30 pm on August 6 at the store. And then on August 13, Maryland Author Con Lehane will be signing his new mystery Murder at the 42nd Street Library and Wendy Eckel signing her second Eastern Shore mystery Death at the Day Lily Café from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the store. The Ladies monthly breakfasts at the RMI will be on August 6 and September 3. Firehouse Pancake Breakfasts occur on August 14 and September 11 - come see what treats await you! On Labor Day weekend, the OCC will have music available for your listening pleasure: "Back Porch Blues." Stay tuned for more information on that venue! Feel the breeze with a pedestrian ferry ride across the Tred Avon River – a welcomed treat for your visitors and family during the hot summer days.



Be sure to visit our website at [portofoxford.com](http://portofoxford.com) for one-stop-shopping on all the events in and around Oxford. Be sure to check out the updates to calendar events on our Facebook page: Oxford Maryland Events – Updates are posted daily! You won't want to miss out on the activities happening in and around Oxford.



**First Ever Paint Oxford Day**  
Plein Air Easton, MD July 9-17, 2011

Don't miss this special day in Oxford!  
**JULY 10 - ALL DAY**

**Plein Air Events in Oxford**

- Watch PAE competition artists at work
- View/purchase the day's artwork at the OCC 10:00a – 6:30 pm
- Complimentary wine and cheese reception 4-6:00 pm
- Restaurants will feature special menus
- Free coffee when you buy a muffin at the Oxford Market
- Dockside Beer Runnels on the Strand 3 – 5 pm
- Free lemonade at the Treasure Chest
- Mystery Loves Company book signing of "Painted Silver" is Plein Air Easton mystery by Susan Bates 2 – 4 pm
- "Plein Air Sorbes" at Highland Creamery
- Firehouse Breakfast 8-11 am
- \$5 pedestrian ferry rides

**Free Drawing for Oxford Get-Away Package**

## Coffee & Conversation @OCC



M-W-F, 9-11am  
Free.  
All welcome.  
Donations appreciated, but not required.

## OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER

Join us for our "Free Family Movie Nights" on the following Mondays:

July 11 ~ **Akeelah and the Bee**    July 18 ~ **The Lego**  
July 25 ~ **The Goonies**

Doors Open: 6:45pm - Movies start: 7 pm - Free Snacks

Bring chairs & blankets if you like, folding chairs are available

For more information, please contact the Oxford Community Center at 410-226-5904, email [oxfordcc@verizon.net](mailto:oxfordcc@verizon.net), visit their website at [www.oxfordcc.org](http://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](mailto:oxfordcc@verizon.net) to be added to the list. *all us too if you are interested in volunteering or serving on any of our various committees.*



For the month of July the Treasure Chest will be open everyday from 10am to 4 pm! August will go back to 6 days a week, closed on Tuesdays.



### The Church of Holy Trinity ~ Upcoming Events

July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5pm– Thomas Beard and Friends in Concert: Baritone Thomas Beard will perform a concert program of Operatic, Broadway and Gospel Spiritual music. For more information call 410.226.5134 or check the town bulletin board for the official poster of the event.

August 7<sup>th</sup> - Don't miss the annual Ice Cream Sunday on the Parish Lawn. Highland Creamery will be serving scoops following the 9:30 service.



PO BOX 339 - 101 MARKET STREET - OXFORD, MD 21654  
Town Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9 am to NOON / 1pm to 4pm  
Check the online Town calendar for Holidays and closures.

You can reach us during regular operating hours at  
410-226-5122, by fax: 410-226-5597 or email us anytime:  
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**Community Gardens:** We still have several gardens that have not been planted. If you don't intend to use yours this summer please notify the office so someone else can have the opportunity to use it.

During the Anniversary month of the signing of the America's with Disabilities Act, Hugh Gregory Gallagher Theatre will present the second annual

**"With Love"**

a performance of stories from people with disabilities, their families and friends. The Avalon Theater in Easton will host the event on Wednesday, July 20 at 7pm. Tickets are \$10.00, call 443-258-2130 to reserve your seats, pay at the door with cash or check.

## Oxford Public Works



Congratulations to Superintendent Scott Delude on being honored as the 2016 MML Municipal Employee of the Year!

## OXFORD POLICE DEPT.

Please be aware of the recent increase in phone and internet SCAMS. 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 the Oxford Police Department.

Please help us by reminding your friends and visitors to **obey the town "NO PARKING" signs, which will also help them to avoid tickets and fines.**

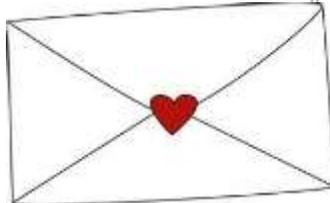
There have been many reported car break-ins in surrounding towns and counties, please don't leave valuables visible in your vehicles whether parked at home or out and about.

*ALWAYS REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE OXFORD POLICE AS SOON AS YOU SEE IT!*

Please contact Chief Maxwell at the Oxford Police Dept if you have questions. In an emergency ALWAYS dial 911.

Dear Residents of Oxford,

Many thanks for your patience and support during our June 3<sup>rd</sup> Rock the Block event in front of The Oxford Inn. We are so grateful to owners Dan Zimelman and Lisa MacDougal, who helped organize the event to benefit Talbot Hospice. We appreciate your patience with the changes in traffic patterns and noise level and hope no one was inconvenienced.



The proceeds from Rock the Block will help Talbot Hospice to remain the premier resource for hospice care in our community and will ensure that we can continue to help ease the burden on our patients and their families who are facing the end of life.

Sincerely, Talbot Hospice



The Tred Avon Players' production of Terrence McNally's "A Man of No Importance" will open Aug. 11 at the Oxford Community

Center. Directed by Joe Tyler, this critically acclaimed musical tells the story of Alfie Byrne, a bus driver in 1964 Dublin whose heart holds secrets he can't share with anyone but his imagined confidante, Oscar Wilde. "A Man of No Importance" is a rare gem in the canon of musical theater, one which combines the depth and drama of a play with the lyricism and comedy of a musical.

The play debuts Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. with "Thrifty Thursday," featuring two-for-one tickets. Other performances are Fridays and Saturdays, Aug. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees Aug. 14, 21 and 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for students with ID. For tickets, visit [www.tredavonplayers.org](http://www.tredavonplayers.org) or call 410-226-0061.

The Tred Avon Players are funded by grants from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive, and from the Talbot County Arts Council.