

Town of Oxford

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From the Commissioners of Oxford:

2021 was quite a follow up to 2020, and although we all had great hopes that life would return to a pre-pandemic state, it is with disappointment that we soon realized that would not be the reality. Once again **AS WE ALL ENTER THE NEW YEAR, it is worth a few moments to reflect on the past year and the next steps for our little town.**

The first few weeks of 2021 saw the completion of the major rehabilitation of the oldest water main in town, located deep under the road base of North/South Morris Street. A project that was seemingly impossible for many years was accomplished through the use of new technology allowing for rehabilitation of the existing pipe without tearing up the road. It was a complicated process and through the cooperation and patience of our residents was completed with little fanfare. We are still awaiting the State repaving of the roadway and are hoping to be on their spring/summer schedule. Town repaving of South Morris - JL Thompson - Willows roads, along with a few other areas in town is already scheduled to take place this spring.

2021 saw the finalizing of the design plans for the Strand Beach areas to protect the beach and road infrastructure from the impacts of sea level rise. Construction is anticipated to start late 2022.

2021 saw finalizing of all the natural elements at the old Ballfield, now Oxford Central Park. Work will continue in 2022 with the incorporation of planned park amenities for all ages through a previously awarded Maryland Community Parks and Playground Program Grant and refurbishing of old buildings.

2021 once again was a complicated year as our community continued to hold the ill effects of the COVID pandemic at bay. It is with great praise we thank our community facilities, churches, restaurants, and vendors who have continued to meet the needs of our citizens in a cautious and safe manner. As we enter 2022 sadly this threat is still with us, and again caution continues to be the answer. Vaccines, masks, and good common sense in public settings will serve us best. We are by no means 'out of the woods' yet, but as a community we will continue to persevere.

Plowing into 2022, literally, there are some positive things in the works... The 144 year old MEWS Building, which has been a topic of this newsletter for many years, is currently under private development with a spring completion date, and the progress has been amazing and exciting. The Oxford Museum has seen many exterior improvements and is worth a walk to visit their outside gardens and displays. The Historic Commercial District is a bustling area of activity these days, thanks to the investment and efforts of all of our commercial property owners. The Commissioners are currently in the process of acquiring additional property in this area to provide some green/passive overflow parking for now, and also to have available land for whatever municipal needs may arise in the next 100 years. We also welcomed our newest working waterfront business Dimillo's Yacht Sales at Bank Street in 2021! And following this past October's flood event, Oxford Vintage & Trade has temporarily relocated in the Dimillo building at 202 Bank Street.

As Betty Davis might have said going into 2022 "Fasten your seat belts, it may be a bumpy year" and forward we sail....

The Town Building is currently closed to the public. Staff is working and all functions of the government are operating. You can reach the office at 410-226-5122, or by email:
 Town Manager, Cheryl at oxfordclerk@goeaston.net
 Admin Assistant, Lisa at townoffice@goeaston.net
 Planning, Maria at maria.oxfordplanner@gmail.com
 Commission and Board meetings are held virtually and dates, times and participation links are provided on the town website www.oxfordmd.net - please join in!



PO Box 339, 101
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 Oxford MD 21654

Do not give out information !!!

There are many scam emails and phone calls regarding Covid, the IRS, and other serious 'sounding' issues - BUT please do not respond to emails or phone calls without first checking their authenticity.

Always report suspicious activity when you see it happening! We are happy to check things out and even happier when it ends up being nothing. Better safe than sorry.

In an emergency ALWAYS dial 911

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Follow the Oxford Community Center on Facebook, watch previous live shows on YouTube, and check the OCC website for the latest offerings, including the following:

Yoga w/ Suzie Hurley - Email suziehurley22@gmail.com

Steady and Strong w/ Janet Pfetter - Tuesday's and Thursday's by at OCC or by Zoom! Register online for classes.

Flying Cloud Log Canoe - presentation and discussion, March 24, 2022 at 6 pm. - please pre-register for this free event.

Oxford Fine Arts - The 38th show will be held May 20 -22, 2022!(indoor/outdoor) Visit the OCC website for information.

The OCC Covid safety policies and requirements can be found on their website.

Due to the post Holiday spike in COVID cases Statewide, Gov. Hogan has asked all citizens to please wear masks when you are in public places around people outside of your family.



CDC Booster recommendations:

- Moderna - 6 months since your second shot
- Pfizer - 5 months since your second shot
- J&J - 2 months since your original shot

Why Facebook? I don't want to play on social media...

Facebook is a great resource for instant information about your local organizations, vendors, etc. It is also the best place to find educational and urgent messages regarding your health and welfare here in Oxford. The Town of Oxford maintains a Facebook page providing regularly updated information regarding emerging situations, urgent weather, gov operations - closings - trash pickup, etc., along with educational information regarding flood and seasonal preparedness and community events. Along with the business pages listed in the box to the left, below are more of the many Oxford relevant pages found on Facebook that help us to stay informed:

- Town of Oxford @townofoxfordmd
- Talbot County Emergency Services @talbotdes
- TC Health Department @TalbotHealthMaryland
- Oxford Volunteer Fire Company @oxfordfireco
- Oxford News and Chat - Oxford News and Chat
- Oxford Community Center @OxfordOCC
- Oxford Museum @OxfordMuseumMD
- Sandaway Suites & Beach @Sandaway
- Campbells Boatyard @campbellsboatyards
- Scottish Creamery @TheScottishHighlandCreamery
- Capsize @CapsizeOXMD
- Doc's Sunset Grille @docssunsetgrille
- Cutts & Case - Cutts & Case, Inc.

Sure it's the Winter season, but that doesn't stop Oxford!



Oxford Market

(@theoxfordmarket) - 7 Days a week - 7 am to 7 pm!! And we are all thankful for these hours, even in a snow storm!!

Oxford Social Cafe (Oxford Social Cafe) - Thursday thru Sunday 8 am to 3 pm

Robert Morris Inn (The Robert Morris Inn) - Thurs thru Sun noon to 8:30 pm, with breakfast Fri thru Sun 8 am to 10 am

Latitude 38 (Latitude 38 Bistro and Spirits) - Tuesday thru Sunday 11:30 to 9 pm

Popes Tavern (@PopesTavern) - after a short vacation, they will be reopening Feb 10, 2022

Oxford Vintage & Trade (@oxfordvintage.trade)- Thurs thru Sun 12 to 6 pm - located on Bank Street

The Treasurer Chest (@thetreasurechestinxford) - following a post holiday break she will be reopening Jan 26th

Mystery Loves Company (Mystery Loves Company Booksellers- Oxford MD) - Fri thru Mon 10 to 2 pm