



Town of Oxford

Founded 1688

Incorporated 1852

From the Commissioners of Oxford:

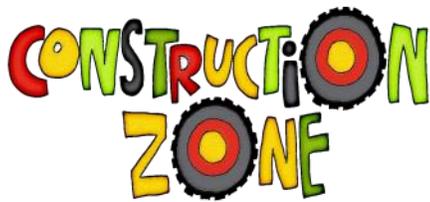
Voith & MacTavish Architects presented the Commissions and attending citizens with current conditions and



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future construction concepts for the MEWS at the July 11th Commissioner's meeting. The town currently has a grant application submitted to the Maryland DHCD for construction funding assistance.

The Town is still accepting applications for mini grants from the DHCD Funded **Interior and Exterior Improvements for Commercial Businesses Mini Grant Program**. Oxford business owners who are interested should contact the Town Administrator for more info. Potential projects should address an interior or exterior need or improvement to the business structure that will result in a positive effect on the business and the community.



Construction of the **ENR (Enhanced Nutrient Removal)** upgrade to the **Wastewater Treatment System**, with funding from the **Maryland Bay Restoration Fund** and **USDA Rural Development**, is in full swing and will be for the next year. There will be a point in time over the winter months when there will be dump trucks bringing in fill for the front lagoon. We apologize in advance for an inconvenience residents may encounter. We will do our best to minimize impacts wherever possible.

Construction bids will be solicited for the **Causeway Stormwater Retention Improvements** over the few months, with an anticipated award by year end. Construction of expanded bio-retention areas and new tide gates is being funded through the **Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund** with a grant award of \$650,000. These interconnected retention areas will provide short-term storage immediately following a heavy rain event, allowing the stormwater to filter through plants and soils, eventually dissipating through absorption, evaporation, and/or discharge through the tide gate, while reducing rapid flooding of the Causeway that we now experience during a rain/tide event.



There will be increased truck traffic during both of these projects, which will for the most part be limited to Second and Pier Streets. Additionally these areas will be considered construction zones and for the safety of all please do not enter any area where you see excavation or construction taking place either during or after hours.



TALBOT GOES PURPLE We appreciate everyone's help in supporting Sheriff Gambles efforts to bring awareness to Opioid Addiction and the devastating effect it is having on our community. As the Sheriff has said, don't let the conversation stop here because the need continues.

If you have a **PURPLE LIGHT BULB** from the town, please return it to the town office so that we can store them for next September.



It is that time of year! Leaf pick up will be every Wednesday through mid December. PLEASE REMEMBER to only put leaves out to prevent any damage to the town's vacuum system.

Dance, Romance
Take a Chance
Raise a Glass
Admire your Lase
Applaud the band
Ain't life grand?

CABARET

OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER



Oxford Community Center

CABARET ~ Sat., Oct. 7 at 5:30pm

Music by the Leo Lion Band
Cost: \$150 per person

RSVP 410-226-5904, oxfordcc@verizon.net

This gala fundraiser has been a huge success in each of its three years, and this year looks to continue that trend. It's one of the biggest nights in town, and always a great time, all supporting OCC.

This year we have the amazing talents of the Leo Lion Jazz Band, playing upbeat jazz and Motown to make you want to dance the night away. Collectively, band members have played well known stages such as the Blue Note NYC, Blues Alley, The Kennedy Center, The Hamilton, and Lincoln Center. Get dressed up for an incredible dinner, great music and dancing at OCC!

The Cabaret is one of the few times during the year that we make fundraising our goal, which allows us to continue to be a hub of social, educational, cultural and entertainment activities throughout the year.

50TH ANNUAL OXFORD ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE NOVEMBER 11TH (10-5) AND 12TH (11-4)

This is the oldest continuous antique show on the Eastern Shore, and this year we're moving out all of the equipment to have 3 full rooms of antiques with many new dealers, and lots of old favorites



In 1967 a group of Oxford citizens came together to establish a fundraiser that would support the Oxford Museum, the Oxford Lions Club and the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department. A tradition was born with the Ladies Auxiliary serving lunches, snacks and refreshments at the annual Antique Show and Sale. In 1988 the Oxford Ladies Auxiliary became the sole sponsor of the show, with all proceeds from admissions, lunches, crafts, baked goods, patrons and the show program supporting the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department.

Over the years the Auxiliary has gained a reputation for the best crab cakes in Oxford, delicious baked goods and jams. Please checkout the kitchen for a delicious lunch during the show, and take home some fabulous baked goods and homemade jam or pickles for later.

Since making a commitment to help pay off the mortgage in 2012 the Auxiliary has raised more than \$391,000 *specifically for that purpose!* As of July 2017, the remaining balance on the mortgage is \$60,811 which they are targeting for payoff this year. With a challenge from OVFD supporters Barry and Marsha Smith to contribute \$1,000 we are well on our way!

The goal of the Auxiliary is to support the work of the fire company through such activities as providing canteen on active fire scenes (no matter the hour or weather) and raising monies to help pay for apparatus, equipment and training. The Auxiliary members are a hard-working and dedicated group who are proud

to be an integral part of the Fire Company and the community of Oxford. In 2015 there was a name change to the *Oxford Fire Company Auxiliary* and members of all genders are accepted who wish to support the Oxford Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company as they provide services that are so vital to our way of life in Oxford. For more information on the Auxiliary call 410-226-0030.

This year the Auxiliary is honored to display the original parade hat worn by Mrs Sara Benson. After this year's show, it will go on permanent loan and display in the Oxford firehouse, a generous gift from Miss Sara's son Dale and his wife Susan.

Breakfast with Santa - Sunday, Dec. 3rd - Starting at 8am. See Santa, have breakfast and shop for crafts, jams, pickles baked goods for holiday giving and enjoyment!

Also in December -- OVFC's Ham & Oyster dinner with desserts by the Auxiliary Look for more info on the board outside the firehouse.



Let's do the time warp again! Tred Avon Players presents Richard O'Brien's *The Rocky Horror Show*, with book, music and lyrics by Richard O'Brien, Thursday, October 19th through Sunday, October 29th, directed by E.T. Wilford.

The cast includes M. Sousa, J. Spencer, J. Newell, Z. Schlag, J. Madino, T. Henry, L. Todd, M. Folker, and M. Campbell. Directed by E.T. Wilford and produced by Joe Tyler. Music Direction by Ray Remesch,

This play contains adult material and is intended for mature audiences. Tred Avon Players is funded in part by a grant from the Talbot County Arts Council, with revenues provided by the Maryland State Arts Council.

The Rocky Horror Show is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC at the Oxford Community Center, 200 Morris Ave in Oxford in MD. Thursday, Friday, & Saturdays October 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, & 28 at 7:30 PM, Sundays, October 22 & 29 at 2pm and a special midnight showing on Friday October 27. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Visit our Website to reserve tickets www.tredavonplayers.org or call 410-226-0061.

For further info regarding TAP, contact Ed Langell president@tredavonplayers.org or (410) 310-5660.

Oxford Day It's that time of year! No, not planning for Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas, but planning for Oxford Day 2018 in April. As usual, we are looking for a few good men and women to help organize the event.

Our past chairs, Madi Yates and Luann Madary are stepping down but would be delighted to talk to you about what chairing the Day entails. If you don't want to take over that role, there are other areas that need an organizer--think about taking over the parade or managing events in Town Park.

There are good records and contact information for all parts of the day and most of the organizing takes place via email so you need not commit to being in Oxford all the time between now and April. Contact Luann, Madi or Pam Baker (we are all in the Oxford Directory) for more information. 2018 will be the 24th annual Oxford Day—but only if there are willing volunteers to make it happen. There are roles for everyone from a few hours involvement on the day itself to being the Chair, so please raise your hand and keep our small town celebration going.

Oxford Day Inc is a 501(c)(3) Organization.

The Oxford Business Association

9th Annual "Picket Fences Around Oxford"

The most anticipated annual Picket Fence Auction is almost here! There are 9 large fences located at various businesses all around town. If you haven't had a chance to walk around and view them all, you'll be able to see them in front of the OCC the first week of October! Be sure to pick out your favorite because you don't want to miss this year's auction, which will be held on Saturday, October 14th at the Oxford Community Center from 4 to 5:30 pm.

As in previous years, a portion of all proceeds from the auction will be donated to the charity of the artist's choice. The fences are part of a live auction starting at 4:45 pm. Be sure to get there on time so you don't miss the bidding for your favorite one!

The event is free and all are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served, and wine will be available for purchase. Once again, the artists have done a beautiful job making these fences a unique piece of art. Can't be at the auction? - Make sure to ask for a Bid Proxy Sheet by e-mailing info@portofoxford.com to request one and we will be sure to have a silent bidder there to do your bidding for you. Questions - please email marlee331@atlanticbb.net

Church of the Holy Trinity

Jeremy Filsell, Concert Organist
October 13th at 7 pm



Chuck & Robert Redd,
Jazz, Dec 17, 2017 at 3 pm

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR In conjunction with Oxford's Christmas on the Creek, The Holy Trinity Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 9AM to noon.

Featured items will include decorated mini trees, handmade jewelry, beautiful notecards, holiday greeting cards and more. Edible goodies will also be available - cookies, candies, frozen soups, appetizers and other holiday yummys. Traditional favorites include decorated wreaths, Christmas flowers and beeswax candles blessed by Father Kevin. New this year are beautiful gold Angels handcrafted by Holy Trinity parishioners.

Raffle tickets for seasonal themed baskets will be available during the Bazaar. The drawing for these delightful creations will be held at the conclusion of the Bazaar.

Shoppers can relax before and after shopping in our Café, with complimentary hot coffee or cider and baked goods.

Proceeds from the Bazaar help fund Holy Trinity's Mission projects. Major credit cards will be accepted.

Christmas on the Creek December 1-3

There's no snow on the ground, but Oxford is already planning its Christmas on the Creek activities, which are scheduled for 1-3 December. This is a wonderful community event in and about town. Among the many events, it features Santa in the Park, a Christmas Bazaar, and of course, the Firehouse famous Breakfast with Santa! Look for the posters in mid-November with all the details! In case you miss these events, hopefully you will add to your calendar the Oxford Community Center's Pot Luck Holiday Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 6 pm. Look for more details to come!

Beginning on Saturday and throughout the holiday season, Town Creek will be illuminated with Christmas trees adorning the docks. Bring your family and friends, and come be part of the special holiday weekend in Oxford!



As always Donations towards the Douglas Hanks Christmas Tree Fund, addressed to Town of Oxford, are accepted at the office.

Friday, 1 December

Spirited Community Caroling/Waters United Meth Church 6 pm

Saturday, 2 December

Christmas Bazaar - 9 am to noon - Church of the Holy Trinity
Oxford Library Open House & Gift Book Sale: 10 am to 2 pm
Popes Tavern Wine and Cheese Tasting - 3-6 pm
Official Tree Lighting with Santa Claus in Oxford Town Park - 6 pm
Oxford United Methodist Church - Homemade Soup Supper, and Wreath, Tree, and Craft Sale from 5 - 7 pm
Treasure Chest Holiday Sale 10 to 50% off!

Sunday, 3 December

Oxford Firehouse Breakfast with Santa - 8-11 am
Holiday House Tour, 10 am - 4 pm. Contact OCC for tickets (\$30.00)
Treasure Chest Holiday Sale 10 to 50% off!

Special holiday

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Remember (our fallen US veterans) **Honor** (those who serve) **Teach** (your children the value of freedom)

Once again we are asking for you to assist the Oxford Garden Club in providing wreaths to the Wreath's Across America effort to cover all graves of men and women who served and died for our country. Wreaths are \$15 each and for every two OGC purchases, WAA will donate a third. Contact Luann Madary 410-226-5551 to donate. Checks should be made out to OGC/Wreaths Across America, marked with location Code-MDESVH and Group# MD0016, which will designate wreaths for the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock.

Volunteer to lay wreaths. If you are not familiar with this moving event every year, go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org and read the story.

Thank you for honoring our serving men and women.

Luann Madary, Treasurer, Oxford Garden Club



PO BOX 339

From 101 MARKET STREET
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

Please report any suspicious communications to
the Oxford Police Dept. 410-226-5650

In an emergency ALWAYS dial 911

**OXFORD
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DEPT.**



The **Oxford Library** is the perfect place to find a wide variety of books to satisfy your reading needs for the upcoming colder months. Many of our most popular authors have published new titles this fall. Famous mystery authors Louise Penny and Peter Robinson have written new mysteries receiving rave reviews. Sue Grafton has gotten to letter Y in her well-known alphabet series. Philippe Gregory, Lisa Scottoline, Jonathan Kellerman, Stuart Woods, and John LeCarre all are represented with new titles. If we don't have it, ask for it! Starting in early November, a nice selection of children's books will be available for sale through the Christmas on the Creek weekend. Be sure to stop in.

Christopher Bradley Memorial 5k Run/Walk

Hosted by Christopher's sister Katelyn Bradley
Will be held on October 21, 2017 at 9 am at the Oxford Town Park
Registration info can be found on Facebook or at the following site:
[https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Oxford/
ChristopherBradleyMemorial5kRunWalk](https://runsignup.com/Race/MD/Oxford/ChristopherBradleyMemorial5kRunWalk)

Tidbits from *The OXFORD MUSEUM* – Ellen Anderson

The Museum has had a busy summer with many interesting visitors. In addition 150+ friends and neighbors enjoyed Piga-Figa-Licious on Labor Day!

Our beautiful refurbished garden has been a joy to behold throughout the summer. Thank you Oxford Garden Club members!

This year's Hanks Award was given to our own Cheryl Lewis, Oxford's Town Clerk. She has been such a help to the town and all of us.

Thanks for so many of you who renewed your memberships. You are most generous! We still can use a few new docents, so please let us know if you would like to donate a few hours a month. It's fun to meet new people. Training is provided.

Mark your calendars! Our Annual Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 8, at 5:30. Come and enjoy a special evening, meet new friends, and enjoy great food and beverages. Watch for the invitation on the front of our newsletter which will be mailed in November. Let us thank you for all you do for us.

OXFORD PARKS & RECREATION

Pumpkin Walk October 21st at 2 pm

Adults, children and dogs are encouraged to dress in costume to meet at St. Paul's church and parade down Morris to the town office for refreshments.

Veteran's Day Memorial Nov 11 at 6 pm at St Pauls
Santa arrives at 6 pm on Dec 2 at Town Park

**Campbell's Boatyard
and Oxford Town
Staff gathered for a
picture showing
their support for
Talbot Goes Purple**

The Treasure Chest

is moving down the street to 111 South Morris St., across from Town Park. The store will be open at the new location on Thursday, October 5, with a grand opening celebration to be announced later. Please come see our expanded space with even more offerings from your local artists, Oxford merchandise, T-shirts, gifts and much more! Thank you for supporting local businesses!

Also, mark your calendar for our big Christmas sale during Christmas on the Creek weekend December 1-3, 10-50% off!"

