



# Town of Oxford

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## From the Commissioners of Oxford:

Once again as we enter the new year, it is worth a few moments to reflect on the past year and the next steps for our little town. We may have cautiously crept into 2022, but she went out with a tremendous bang by surprising us all with snow flakes before Christmas, followed by an amazingly high tide coupled with amazingly low temperatures, making for a wintery holiday we won't soon forget.

Oxford Planning Commission is currently reviewing the **Oxford 2010 Comprehensive Plan and will be providing**

**an Update in 2023.** This work will take place at their regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm and at special meetings scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month at 10 am. More info can be found on the town website.

The **Coastal Shoreline Improvement Project at the Strand** is scheduled to start in 2023. Once the construction has been awarded to a contractor, a preliminary construction schedule will be developed and posted online to keep the public informed.

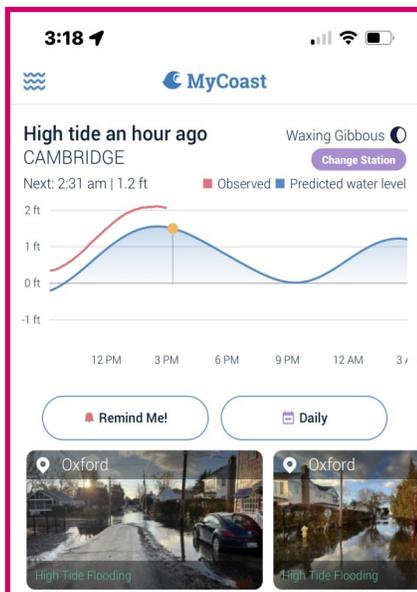
If you enjoyed the wonderful **Hanks Christmas Tree Display** this year, don't forget to send in your annual donation to the town office, addressed to Douglas Hanks Account, which is set up as a Memorial fund to the support the many volunteers with supplies for the Trees.

**See a Street Light out?** Report it to Delmarva Power on their street light outage website: <https://delmarva.streetlightoutages.com/public/default.html>



## MyCoast Maryland: Documenting Flooding in Oxford

Last quarter instructions were provided for downloading the MyCoast Maryland app onto your phone, allowing residents to upload pictures of local tidal flooding to a database that incorporates real time location and tide levels.



*This app empowers community members to collect flooding data, reflecting the communities involvement and can be used to support future grant applications.*

*The app also provides the ability to select a tide station and view daily tidal data. For Oxford, the Cambridge Tide Station will provide the most accurate data.*

*Go to <https://mycoast.org/md> and download the app today!*

## KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD!



Did you know that 50% of the homes in Oxford are mapped within the FEMA regulated Floodplain and the remainder are just outside of this mapped Special Flood Hazard Area. In reality, ALL properties in Oxford have some risk of flooding and ALL residents are impacted by local flooding.

Information regarding your specific property is available online at [msc.fema.gov/portal](https://msc.fema.gov/portal). For a more in depth discussion of your property and your own risks, visit your town office, where we can assist you with mapping information, identify your flood hazards and provide information to protect you and your home, or contact the Oxford Floodplain Manager, Cheryl Lewis, at [oxfordclerk@goeaston.net](mailto:oxfordclerk@goeaston.net) for a site visit.



Follow the Oxford Community Center on Facebook, watch previous live shows on YouTube, and check the OCC website ([oxfordcc.org](http://oxfordcc.org)) for the latest offerings, including the following:

**Yoga w/ Suzie Hurley** - Intermediate Yoga Saturdays 9:30-11 AM, Beginning/Advanced Beginning Mondays 1:00-2:15. Email [suziehurley22@gmail.com](mailto:suziehurley22@gmail.com)

**Steady and Strong w/ Janet Pfetter** - Zoom Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am - \$10/class, \$80/10 classes Pre-registration is required.

**Bringing Italy to the Shore** - Griswold Travel with food from Piazza. Jan 17, 2023 at 5:30 pm - RSVP required.

**Charcuterie Workshop** - with Cast Iron Catering - Jan 20, 2023 at 5:30 pm. \$60 - RSVP required.

**Oxford Fine Arts 2023** - May 19 - 21, 2023

*Because of your generous donations the Oxford Community Center is able to foster a broad range of cultural, educational, and community services, and preserve and restore our historical building. Donations can be made at [oxfordcc.org/donate/](http://oxfordcc.org/donate/) or if you prefer to pay with check, please make the check out to the Oxford Community Center and mail to PO Box 308 Oxford MD 21654. Once we receive it, we will mail you a tax confirmation letter.*

**It is Winter!!  
Snow and Ice  
events are always  
possible!**

**Please take  
caution during icy  
and snowy  
conditions.**

**Public Works will  
clear roads when  
the snow lets up.**

**Don't go out  
unless and until  
you need to.**

**\*Shoveling snow  
is one of the most  
dangerous winter  
activities! Use  
good sense when  
clearing your  
sidewalks and  
drives.**



**It is that time of  
year...**

**Disconnect hoses  
and turn off  
outside faucets!**



## **JANUARY BOOK SALE**

January is mystery book month at the library. Come in and browse the mysteries that are for sale and rental. You also can read about the new Oxford Library Scholars: Tyler Currie is a Freshman at Chesapeake College who lives in Trappe and Matthew Gotstomski also is a freshman at Chesapeake College from Cordova. Themes for future table top book sales and rentals are welcome.

The Oxford Library 103 Market Street  
Monday through Friday: 10 - 4 / Saturday: 10 - 1

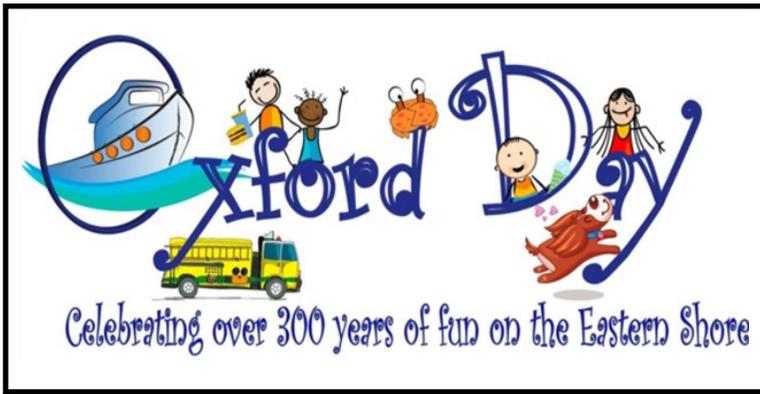
**Facebook** is a great resource for instant information about your local organizations, vendors, etc. It is also the best place to find educational and urgent messages regarding your health and welfare here in Oxford. The Town of Oxford maintains a Facebook page providing regularly updated information regarding emerging situations, urgent weather, gov operations - closings - trash pickup, etc., along with educational information regarding flood and seasonal preparedness and community events.

**@townofoxfordmd**

**It is January!!**

**Don't forget  
Water &  
Sewer Bills  
must be paid  
before Feb  
1st!**





Oxford Day celebrates 29 years! On Saturday, April 22, 2023, we are looking forward to another great day celebrating life in our village with our Annual Parade along North Morris Street, games and exhibits in Town Park, the dog walk and dog show, lots of food and music, Oxford Ferry rides, and the Battle of the School Marching Bands plus much more! After several years of no Oxford Day and limited Oxford Day, we are planning our full traditional celebration this year.

This event is open and free to the public. Your donations help cover the cost of materials and equipment, some limited advertising, and financial grants to the schools that participate – to support the arts. Oxford Day volunteers number more than 100 with an estimated 2,000 hours of donated labor. And that doesn't count the non-profits and Oxford organizations, and our Town Crew who also provide services for the event. Please support these dedicated efforts with funding to help us continue to make Oxford Day fun and memorable for all who participate.

Oxford Day is a 501(c)3 organization. Individual and business sponsors make this much-anticipated event possible. Please support Oxford Day 2023 with a gift of money this month. Your participation will be recognized on our social media and website. IF you would like to volunteer, please email [info@oxfordday.org](mailto:info@oxfordday.org) to let organizers know.

If you are a new resident of Oxford and have not yet experienced Oxford Day, you are in for a real treat! Mark your calendar now for April 22. It is a family event in our village that brings people together and welcomes Spring.

Please make checks to Oxford Day and mail to Oxford Day, P O Box 213, Oxford, MD 21654. We are already in preparation, so at your earliest convenience will be very helpful. We hope to hear from you soon! Any questions can be sent to [info@oxfordday.org](mailto:info@oxfordday.org).

Thank you so much for contributing to this event and helping to keep this tradition alive.

You are part of what makes this town worth celebrating. - *The Oxford Day Committee*



You can reach the town office at 410-226-5122, or by email:

Town Manager, Cheryl at [oxfordclerk@goeaston.net](mailto:oxfordclerk@goeaston.net)

Admin Assistant, Lisa at [townoffice@goeaston.net](mailto:townoffice@goeaston.net)

Planning, Maria at [maria.oxfordplanner@gmail.com](mailto:maria.oxfordplanner@gmail.com)

Commission and Board meeting dates and agendas are posted on the town website prior to meetings:

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

**Do you need a building permit or tree removal permit?** Please ALWAYS check with the office before doing any work to avoid having to speak with us after the fact...

Visit the town website [oxfordmd.net](http://oxfordmd.net) to find more information regarding Oxford Building Codes and Building Permit Applications, along with the Oxford Zoning Ordinance and Historic District Guidelines.

Office Hours: 9 am to noon / 1 pm to 4 pm 410-226-5122 Closed State Holidays  
Mail/Payments can be placed in the mail box to the left of the front door.



PO Box 339, 101  
Market Street,  
Oxford MD 21654

# OXFORD POLICE DEPT.

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.

Please always drive the posted speed limit, we are a walkable town and encourage safety first for all modes of travel.

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.

Please always lock your house and car doors.

Again, better safe than sorry...

In an emergency ALWAYS dial 911



## Oxford Fire Company

Our first RUMMAGE SALE of 2023 will be on January 21st. Drop off donations

on Friday January 20, 8 to noon. The sale begins at 8 on Saturday with the bag sale from 11:30 to noon. Then come back from 1 until 2 pm for freebies! Yes, items left at noon will be free from 1-2. Contact us if you have any further questions. [ofcamd@gmail.com](mailto:ofcamd@gmail.com) or 410-200-0902 (please leave a message).

The Oxford Fire Company Auxiliary is very grateful to Scott and Jeanne and Pope's Tavern for their very generous donation of pasta, sauce, and meatballs for January 10, 2022 **Spaghetti Dinner**. We have such nice neighbors!



## RESILIENCY BEGINS WITH YOU.

Get started  
with CERT.

Sign Up Today!

Contact: Geneva Schaffle  
at [gschaffle@talbgov.org](mailto:gschaffle@talbgov.org)  
or (410) 770-8166  
to register.

**What:** Community Emergency Response Team Basic Training

**When:** March 20, March 27, April 17, April 24, May 1, May 8, May 15 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM

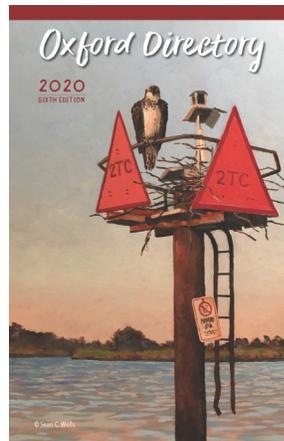
**Where:** Talbot County Emergency Operations Center

605 Port Street, Easton, MD 21601

**\*\*Must be able to attend each session. Missing more than one session will result in failure to complete the course. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is first come first serve.**

Do you want to help strengthen community safety and preparedness? CERT Training provides basic emergency response training, preparedness education, and strategies to help you and your community become more resilient in the event of a disaster.

Support disaster response and recovery efforts in your community!



The 2023 Oxford Directory is almost complete. We will be doing the final edits in the next 2 weeks so if you have any changes, additions or deletions, please let us know ASAP! There are still a few of the 2020 Directories available and the 2023 edition will be out soon! Please get changes in NOW or you will

have to wait another three (3) years!

For advertising, Pam Baker at [Oxforddirectory@gmail.com](mailto:Oxforddirectory@gmail.com).

For database changes Henry Hale at [Oxforddirectory@gmail.com](mailto:Oxforddirectory@gmail.com).

