



# Town of Oxford

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*From the Commissioners:*

**Welcome Chief Eric Kellner.** Please join the Commissioners at their regular meeting on April 11, 2023 at 6 pm, to be held at the Oxford Community Center, where he will take and subscribe to the Oxford Oath of Office.

**Oxford Comprehensive Plan Update** - how do we grow? The Planning Commission is currently working their way through the update to the 2010 Oxford Comprehensive Plan and welcomes your input. A public meeting will be scheduled in the next 60 days to review the town's growth area and receive public input. The date, time and location will be posted on the town website. Further information can be found on the town website.

**Strand Beach Living Shore Line Improvements**, Lovers Lane to the Parking Lot, are finally scheduled to start Fall of 2023.

An Ad Hoc committee has been formed to Develop Recommended Best Hiring Practices for municipal employees. A report from the committee is anticipated in June.

**Resolution 2302 - Cannabis Moratorium:** With the legalization of Cannabis by the State, the Commissioners are currently considering a temporary moratorium on any applications related to manufacturing or sale of Cannabis products in order to allow for completion of the Comprehensive Plan and review of the Zoning Ordinance to develop circumstances for such businesses. Town zoning currently contains no provisions referencing these businesses and as part of this planning process will be able to get public input on any proposed amendments to address Cannabis manufacturing and/or sales in the town.

**PLEASE NOTE the town will have professionals surveying flood prone areas over the next month or so**, including the South Morris, Willow Ave, Pier Street area, and the Stewart, Tilghman, Mill Street area. **They will be accessing the drainage swales between homes and also low lying/wetlands found behind homes in the above areas of town.** Please call the office if you have any concerns. The full project involves proposing of stormwater infrastructure to better manage both stormwater and tidal water impacts to these areas, followed up, as funding permits, with construction of said infrastructure.

In reference to recent concerns with transparency and numerous questions presented to the Commissioners in February, please visit the Oxford website front page [oxfordmd.net](http://oxfordmd.net) for information provided in response. [www.oxfordmd.net](http://www.oxfordmd.net)



## Oxford 2023 Election for One Commissioner

There will be an ELECTION in the Town of Oxford to fill the expired term of one COMMISSIONER for a three-year term of office.

### IMPORTANT DATES

You may register for candidacy at the Oxford Town Office, Monday through Friday, 9 AM – Noon, 1 PM to 4 PM.

The deadline for registering as a CANDIDATE for office is Monday, MAY 15, 2023 at 4 PM.

Last day to submit VOTER REGISTRATION to Talbot County Elections Board is MAY 23, 2023.

Last Request for an ABSENTEE BALLOT must be received by June 13, 2023.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM

AT THE OXFORD COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING, 101 MARKET STREET, OXFORD, MD



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 Community Partner Events:



March 9-11, 2023 **Hope in Harmon: A Broadway Musical Review** <http://www.Foundationofhopemaryland.org/>  
Tickets at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/HH2023>

March 11th, 2023 **Oxford Kids Camp Online**  
**Registration Opens at 8:30AM** <http://www.oxfordkidscamp.org/>

April 13-16, 2023 **Quilted Bag Making Retreat**  
[www.JKThreads.com/retreats](http://www.JKThreads.com/retreats)

April 22, 2023 **Oxford Day** <https://oxfordday.org/>

April 20-30, 2023 – **Tred Avon Players Presents "Moon Over Buffalo"** <https://www.tredavonplayers.org/schedule>

**SCOTT COHEN: MY JOURNEY TO FEED THE REFUGEES IN UKRAINE**



Talbot County resident Scott Cohen has been cooking and serving meals to people in need for over fifty years. In August of 2022, Scott traveled to Ukraine, seeking to feed the refugees from the war zones in that region. Join us as we find out more about his amazing journey!

April 7th, 2023 5:30PM  
Free with refreshments available for purchase  
Please Rsvp [oxfordcc.org](http://oxfordcc.org)



**Gardens of Oxford**  
CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

The Oxford Community Center is partnering with the Oxford Garden Club in this garden themed photo contest. Winners will be featured in our "2024 Gardens of Oxford Calendar". Calendar proceeds to be split between OCC and the Oxford Garden Club



Submit your photos now through June 1st.  
Voting will open June 15th.  
Winners will be announced September 2nd.  
Calendars will be distributed mid November.




**OXFORD FINE ARTS**

May 19th – 21st, 2023  
39 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING ARTISTS AND ART

**GALA & PREVIEW**  
FRIDAY, MAY 19 – \$85  
RESERVATION REQUIRED

**EXHIBIT & SALE**  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
MAY 20-21 10-4 \$5



Featured Artist: Susan Schauer John "Just Chillin"



**REVITALIZE YOUR COLORS**

WITH SHERYL SOUTHWICK



Reviewing the power of complementary and analogous colors from the color wheel, students will practice painting from still life and landscape. Sheryl will guide you through ways to make your colors work better than ever in your oil or acrylic paintings. Bring work in progress or start something new.

4 Wednesdays in April  
10 AM - 12 PM  
\$120/student



Register at [oxfordcc.org](http://oxfordcc.org)

**BEE-AUTIFUL BUZZ**  
A Celebration of Bees



Join us as a group of local bee enthusiasts unite to raise awareness about the importance of bees and their impact on our ecosystem.

**MAY 11, 2023, FROM 5-7:30 PM**

Presentations by:

- George Myer (aka BeeGeorge)
- Amy Taylor owner of Honey Bee Trading Post, Cambridge MD
- Amelia Foxwell, owner of Creatives Corner in Stevensville
- Mikaela Boley, Home Horticulture & Master Gardener Coordinator AG Extension Office
- The Oxford Garden Club

Learn how to create easy, beautiful and functional bee hotels for solitary bees, take-home brochures, ideas, and seeds or bee-friendly plants.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP VISIT [OXFORDCC.ORG](http://OXFORDCC.ORG)







## APRIL 22, 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Start Time	Location	Event
8:30 a.m.	Causeway Park	Talbot Humane Registration, and Blessing of the Animals & Dog Walk
9:00 a.m.	Church of the Holy Trinity	Church of the Holy Trinity Plant Sale
	Town Park	Oxford Community Center Breakfast Booth
	Town Park	Oxford Day Information Booth
	Ferry Dock	Free Walk-on Rides on Oxford Ferry – ALL DAY, one RT per person
	Library on Market Street	Huge Book Sale!
9:30 a.m.	Town Park	Oxford Dog Show
	The Strand	Parade Participants Arrive to take Positions for Parade
10:00 a.m.	Town Park	Family Hour: games and fun for parents and kids until 11:00
	Oxford Museum	101 S. Morris Street: Opens for the season – new exhibit
	Treasure Chest	11 South Morris Street: \$75 gift basket raffle – all day
	Oxford Vintage & Trade	Wilson & Banks St. – 21.654% off everything + refreshments
	JK Threads	206 S. Morris Street Front Yard – Selling Handmade Quilted Gifts
	Town Park	Great food: OCC, Robert Morris Inn, Capsize, Doc's Sunset Grill
	Town Park	Local Non-Profits share information and answer your questions
	Town Park	Lots of Local Art & Crafts: Fine Art, Books, Jewelry, Gifts, Accessories
	Town Park	Water's Edge Museum Information Table
	Town Park	Heart Centered Healing and Animal Communication
10:15 a.m.	Morris Street	<b>STREET CLOSURES</b> at Causeway Park for Parade
10:30 a.m.	Market Street	Waters Church BBQ Chicken, Fish Fry & Women of Waters Bake Sale
	Scottish Highland Creamery	103 S Morris Street with special flavor for Oxford Day: Spring Fling
	Causeway Park	Scottish Highland Creamery Ice Cream Cart through 2:30 p.m.
11:00 a.m.	<b>MORRIS STREET</b>	<b>PARADE</b> (from The Strand to Waterman's Lot)
12:00 p.m.	Tennis Courts	Pickleball Clinic & Doubles Tournament
	Waterman's Lot	OVFD Burgers & Dogs through 1:30 p.m.
	Mystery Loves Company	202 S. Morris Street: Wendy Sand Eckel signs her books 12--2pm
	Water's Edge Museum	101 Mill Street: Museum opens for season (Wed-Sat 11:00-3:00)
	Oxford Cooperative Lab	DNR, NOAA Educational & Fun Activities for Families; USCG Boat Display; Auxiliary Exhibits & Giveaways
12:30 p.m.	Pope's Tavern Porch	Live Music, Pizza, & Meatball Sliders w/ Fries – until 2:30pm
1:00 p.m.	Bachelors Point	Talbot Hospice Memorial Ceremony & Dove Release
	Town Park	USCG Water Rescue Demo on Tred Avon River (if available)
	Causeway Park	Games and Giant Bubble-Making for Families
2:00 p.m.	Water's Edge Museum	Gospel Concert (rain location Waters Church)
	Oxford Community Center	Hoots Shaved Ice and celebration on OCC patio

- North end of Morris Street at the Ferry Dock
- In the parking lot on East Strand (handicap)
- Next to the tennis courts at the Causeway Park (handicap)
- Next to the old ball field off Pier Street

- Public Restrooms are located at the following areas:
- Market Street behind the Town Office (handicap)

No through traffic from 10am to Noon during the parade.

All PARKING is behind the Community Center off Pier Street/Handicap Parking at PO on Wilson St.

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 - [oxfordmd.net](http://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.

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

## IN OXFORD WE DRIVE 25!!!

### 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.

**Please always lock your house and car doors.**

Again, better safe than sorry....

**If you need Police assistance or if you have a Police or Medical emergency ALWAYS DIAL 911**

**OXFORD  
POLICE  
DEPT.**

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday April 8, 2023 2:00 P.M.**

**Oxford Town Park For ages <12 years**  
**Special appearance : The Easter Bunny!**  
**Bring your empty Easter basket or pail for the hunt**

**Sponsored by Oxford  
Parks and  
Recreation**



Visit the Oxford Library for their

### 44th Annual Book Mart

Oxford Day - Market Street

April 22nd 9 am to noon

(rain date April 23rd).

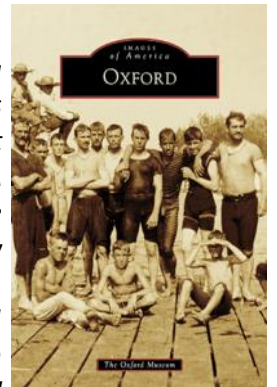


Dear Friends of the Museum,

We are excited to share our news: we have a new book titled, *OXFORD*, with 178 photos and captions, curated by Julie Wells, Stuart Parnes, Pat Jessup and Leo Nollmeyer. A dream of Julie's two years ago when she became the Museum's president, now ready to be signed and delivered to you! Order your copy on the Museum website and we will deliver locally, or stop by the Museum on April 22, our opening day, for a signed copy! (A shipping option is also available online.)

*Oxford* is a great addition to your Oxford home library, along with Hank's *Oxford Treasures, Then and Now*, and Preston's *Oxford: The First Three Centuries*. We hope you enjoy it.

Best regards, Louisa Zendt, Oxford Museum



The Oxford Museum opens its 2023 season with a look at commerce:

### *From Colonial Port to Present, Oxford in Business.*

From the mid-1800s to the 1930's Oxford was a thriving port town fueled by tourism and the oyster boom, enabled by easy access to and from the town to other major cities by water and rail. The population grew to 1,200, almost evenly divided between black and white residents, and their needs for goods and services grew exponentially.

This new exhibit looks at Oxford in those glory days, when over 68 businesses were operating in the village including 11 grocery stores, a bank, carpenters, dentists, doctors, milliners, livery stables and more. In comparison, the exhibit also presents a look at Oxford today, a town of nearly 800 full and part-time residents. A number of Oxford Business Association members have made contributions to the exhibit, sharing their stories including how their businesses connected to Oxford's history.

The Oxford Museum opens on Oxford Day, Saturday, April 22, and will continue through the early fall. Hours are 10 am - 4 pm, Friday through Monday. Admission is free.

For more information, or to become a member, volunteer or docent, please email:

*Interior of Thompson's Store*

**THE OXFORD MUSEUM**  
1653  
*A Special Place; A Special Heritage*



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