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From the Commissioners of Oxford:

Oxford Town Commissioner meetings are now streaming live and archived and available for viewing at any time through the Town Hall Streaming platform. The link is found on the opening page of the Oxford town website: https:// oxfordmd.net/ or you can go directly to the streaming page at: https:// townhallstreams.com/towns/oxford md

Construction for the Oxford Shoreline Improvements Project will begin mid-October. The project includes both green/ natural and gray/hardend improvements to multiple unprotected areas along the northern end of the town in order to incorporate a higher level of protection from sea level rise and major storm impacts. Information regarding the proposed construction can be found on the town website: https://oxfordmd.net/oxford-projects-and-improvements/ Work on the shorelines will be performed through the end of 2023 and was planned during the slowest time of the year to reduce the impacts to the citizens. The Strand Beach Parking Lot will be utilized as the construction staging area. The improvements to the low-lying portion of the Strand and the Strand Parking Lot are scheduled for the beginning of 2024, with the intention of having all work completed before the 2024 beach season. WE ARE EXPECTING DUMP TRUCK TRAFFIC AND ONE LANE TO BE CLOSED. SO IF YOU ARE CURIOUS, COMING BY FOOT MIGHT BE EASIEST, BUT PLEASE STAY AWAY FROM THE CONSTRUCTION AREA FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY. WE APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

The **Oxford 2100 Visioning Project** is a strategic planning exercise to first envision the Town of Oxford having successfully met predicted sea level rise and then to determine the necessary infrastructure steps that would have taken place in order to have achieved this vision, including a timeline for these steps. Initial designs where presented to the public in June 2023. The report is in its final stages and will be presented to the Town Commissioners in an upcoming meeting. The results are not meant to be the only solutions, but are meant to provide information that the town can use to formulate future actions to build resilience. This project was developed through grant funding from the Maryland Dept of Natural Resources Chesapeake and Coastal Service program.



Oxford Comprehensive Plan Update The Planning Commission

continues its work on the update to the 2010 Oxford Comprehensive Plan and welcomes your input. The Oxford Sewer Tier Map, as required by the state, was developed and submitted to the Town Commissioners, receiving approval August 2023. The Planning Commission is reviewing and updating each Chapter of the plan at monthly meetings, generally held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10 am. These efforts will be incorporated into a draft Plan for final Planning Commission review. When complete the Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing. Once approved by the Planning Commission, the Town Commissioners will hold their own Public Hearing prior to adoption of the Updated Comprehensive Plan.

Residents who are interested in future service on one of the town boards can down load an application from the town website: https://oxfordmd.net/volunteers/ Applications are held and reviewed when openings occur.

Wednesday Leaf Pickup will start October 11, 2023 and run through December 20, 2023.

Trash and Recycle cans/bags are to be put out no sooner than the night before pickup and cans need to be brought back in at the end of the pick up day. Full Trash Schedule and Regulations can be found at: oxfordmd.net/special-trash-pick-up/

Construction of ADA access ramps in front of town park is anticipated at the end of October 2023.

Interested in the Friends of Oxford Conservation Park? - email: friendsocpark@gmail.com

Current information regarding agendas and meeting times, public hearings, and recently updated ordinances, along with the Town Charter, Code, and Zoning regulations can be found online: oxfordmd.net

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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.











Talk by Matt Pluta: nk Riverkeeper and Director of Riverkeeper Programs



Oct. 12, 5:30

Matt's talk will facus on the Chaptank and Tred Avon Rivers. He'll address the results of their water quality testing; updates on recent agricultural, urban, and oyster restoration efforts; goals and metrics for underwater grasses, bacteria pollution, and sediment levels; and much more.



oxfordcc.org to RSVP



October 13 from 10:00-6:00 pm & Saturday, October 14 from 1:00 - 5:00

Instructor: Jean Konopacz from JKThreads. Full details at www.JKThreads.com/retreats in the entire weekend, \$50 deposit holds your place. Pay deposit at www.JKThreads.com/store













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Beginning/Advanced Beginning Mondays | 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Fast pass of 10 classes for \$150





Tuesday's and Thursday's at 10:00 Steady and Strong is a 45 minute class for adults who seek enhanced core and muscle strength as well as better balance.

\$10/class and fast passes \$80 for 10 classes



410-226-5904 \* 200 Oxford Road \* Mon-Fri 9:00AM - 1:00PM \* oxfordcc.org

The OCC Landscape Revitalization Project is in full swing! We are anxious to see the end results!

### OXFORD PARKS N REC



October 31, 2023, Tuesday, 6-8 pm

If you miss having Trick-or-Treaters on your street, join Oxford Parks & Rec at the Causeway Watermen's parking lot for Halloween Trunk-or-Treat! Dispense treats from the trunk of your car! Decorating your car and wearing a costume is encouraged, but not required. We look forward to another wickedly wonderful evening greeting Oxford's Trick-or-Treaters!



Be sure to check the town Facebook page and the Port of Oxford website: portofoxford.org for the most up to date info on Santa's arrival in December and the annual Fire Co Breakfast with Santa!

# **CHRISTMAS ON THE CREEK 2023**

Save the date...

December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

Entertainment, Christmas Bazaar, Santa in the Park, Breakfast with Santa, Great Dining, Holiday Shopping, and Hanks Lighted Trees.

Fun for all ages. More information to come...

visit the Oxford Business Association website for updates: portofoxford.org



# **OXFORD POLICE NEWS**



Welcome Pfc. Bobbick!

# OPD Highlights:

- Pfc Brandon Bobbick joins OXPD ranks
- Officers complete various trainings, to include firearms, taser, CPR/AED, and more!
- Arrest made by Lt Phillips for threat of arson
- OXPD partners with Public Works to assist with Fireworks, Regattas, and flooding events

Emergency - 911

Non-Emergency - 410-226-5650

# **How to Contact Oxford Police Department:**

# Have you completed the #9PMRoutine?

Remove valuables from your vehicle and lock it up!



- Phone
- ✓ Wallet
- Keys
- **Firearms**
- Money
- Credit Cards
- Jewelery

#### Reporting Period: 9/10/23 - 9/25/23

REPORTS	RP	YTD	ARRESTS	RP	YTD
Theft	0	7	Drug Arrests	0	0
Animal Complaint	0	3	DUI Arrests	0	0
Harassment	0	3	On-View Arrests	0	0
Fraud / ID Theft	0	3	Warrant Arrests	0	1
Assault	0	1	Criminal Summons	0	1
Domestic	0	2	Juvenile Referrals	0	1
Accident Report	0	4	Other Arrests	0	0
Suspicious Conditions	0	6	Total Arrests	0	3
Found/Lost Property	3	21			
Other	1	6			
Total Reports	4	56			
CALLS FOR SERVICE	RP	YTD	COMMUNITY POLICING	RP	YTD
Alarm	2	17	Property Checks	125	1161
Animal Complaints	1	27	Special Events	3	21
Check Welfare	0	4	Foot Patrol	10	76
Suspicious Condition	0	12	Bike Patrol	1	30
911 - Hang-up	0	2			
Trespassing	0	7	ASSISTS	RP	YTD
Liquor Law Violation	0	1	Other PD	0	7
Noise Complaint	0	1	Fire/EMS	2	29
Parking Violation	4	19	Other Agency	0	0
Suspicious Person	1	8			
Suspicious Vehicle	1	7	ENFORCEMENT	RP	YTD
Verbal Dispute	0	3	Parking Citations	3	30
Found Property	3	24	Traffic Stops	12	153
Motor Vehicle Collision	1	8	Traffic Citations	0	3
Traffic Complaint	1	14	Traffic / Parking Warnings	14	160
Harassment	0	3	PC Searches	0	0
Rogue and Vagabond	0	4	Criminal Citations	0	0
Misc. Calls	0	46	Civil Citations	0	0
Total Calls	14	227			
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	RP	YTD	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	RP	YTD
Speeding	- 6	113	Cell Phone Violation	1	5
Stop Sign	4	21	Other Violation	2	14
Driving w/o License	0	2	Equipment Violation	0	5

Bi-weekly reports like the one above are posted on the Oxford Police Department website page:

oxfordmd.net/oxford-police-department/



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#### OXFORD TOWN OFFICE oxfordmd.net

You can reach the town office at 410-226-5122, or by email:
Town Manager, Cheryl at oxfordclerk@goeaston.net
Admin Assistant, Lisa at townoffice@goeaston.net
Town Planner, Maria at maria.oxfordplanner@gmail.com

**OXFORD LEASH LAW** - All animals need to be secured by a leash and in the custody of a responsible person who is capable of, and does, retain continuous control of the animal.

**ANIMAL WASTE LAW** - No pet owner or custodian of any animal shall cause or permit such animal to deposit waste upon public property unless it is immediately collected and properly disposed.

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...

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

Visit the town website <u>www.oxfordmd.net</u> to find more information regarding Oxford Building Codes and Building Permit Applications. You can also find the Town Charter, Town Code, and many other documents relevant to the operation of the town government.

Office Hours: 9 am to noon / 1 pm to 4 pm Closings are listed on the town website. 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 FIRE CO. AUXILIARY



# Saturday, October 28

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Bag Sale 11:30am to 12pm • Free Sale 12pm to 1pm

## Oxford Firehouse, 300 Oxford Rd

Bring Your Own Bag • Bring Cash (\$20 MIN card charge)

Clean out your attics and closets to

#### Donate Items on Friday, October 27

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For Large Item Pick-Up Call 215-817-1850

Sorry, we DO NOT accept electronics, books, or computers

All proceeds benefit the Oxford Volunteer Fire Company a 501c4 not-for-profit, Oxford, Maryland 21654

#### SAVE THE DATE!! NOVEMBER 8, 2023 AT 5 PM

at the Oxford Community Center

#### **OXFORD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Talbot County Emergency Services, Oxford Fire Company, and representatives from the Town will be on hand to provide residents with 'locally' appropriate information regarding potential emergency events, what we can expect during different type of events, and how we can be prepared.

#### Be Prepared: Plan ahead, stay informed

Make an emergency plan - https://www.ready.gov/plan Build an emergency kit - https://www.ready.gov/kit Be informed - https://www.ready.gov/be-informed

#### Sign up for weather alerts

FEMA App - https://www.weather.gov/abr/femaweatheremergencyalert National Weather Service - https://www.weather.gov/alerts

#### **Take Action**

IF SAFE: Download MyCoast Maryland and upload photos of flooding in your community. Reports are tied to weather, tidal, and riverine data, providing important information about



mycoast.org/md

Oxford Cemetery News

In partnership with ShoreRivers, and with funding from Chesapeake Bay Trust's Green Streets, Green Jobs and Green Towns (G3) Grant Program, Oxford Cemetery is transitioning approximately 2 acres of turf grass to native grass and wildflower meadows and a wildflower cremains area. The resulting meadow areas will not only create a peaceful and natural aesthetic around the cemetery, they will also benefit local ecology, supporting native bird and pollinator species. The transition from turf to meadow, however, takes time and like any restoration, requires patience - it might look unsightly at first, but we promise the end result will be a beautiful display of native flowers and colorful vegetation! Residents can expect to see contractors throughout September and October removing current turf vegetation in preparation for seeding in the winter. Throughout 2024 and 2025, contractors will focus on establishing the meadow with periodic mowing and invasive species control. If you have questions or would like to know more about the meadow establishment project, please reach out to Whitley Gray, ShoreRivers' Restoration Manager, at <a href="mailto:wgray@shorerivers.org">wgray@shorerivers.org</a> or 443.385.0511 ext. 206.