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Town of Oxford Founded 1683 Incorporated 1852

From the Commissioners of Oxford:

Oxford Town Commissioner meetings are now streaming live The link is found on the opening page of the Oxford town website: https://oxfordmd.net/

The **Oxford Shoreline Improvements Project** is underway. The in-water shoreline infrastructure was completed prior to the end of 2023 and the above ground work is anticipated in the spring.

Town Talk on the functions of Living Shorelines and the Strand Shoreline Project – February 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Representatives from the Maryland DNR Chesapeake and Coastal Services and the National Wildlife Federation, along with the Oxford Town Manager, will be on hand to present information regarding the functions of living shorelines and specifics regarding the Oxford Shoreline Improvements Project. More information will be posted on the Town Website closer to the date.

Oxford Comprehensive Plan Update: The Planning Commission continues its work on the update to the 2010 Oxford Comprehensive Plan, with a drafted plan anticipated by summer. They have also been working on draft legislation to Establish Reasonable Zoning Regulations for Cannabis Businesses, which they intend to forward to the Commissioners of Oxford early 2024.

With Grant Funding from the <u>Maryland Parks and Playgrounds Program</u> improvements to **Dugout Memorial Park** (additional amenities) and the **Causeway Basketball Courts** (Fence repair, resurfacing, and plantings) are anticipated in 2024!

- 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.
- Please note the town has both a leash law and an animal waste clean up requirement. Waste collected must be deposited properly, please do not place animal waste bags anywhere other than a designated trash can.
- 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/

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



On Saturday, April 27, 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! This family event in our village brings people together and welcomes Spring. It is open and free to the public.

Your donation helps cover the cost of materials and equipment, some limited advertising, and financial grants to the schools that participate – to support the arts and extra-curricular activities. 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. Please make checks to **Oxford Day** and mail to Oxford Day, P O Box 213, Oxford, MD 21654.

If you would like to volunteer, please email $\underline{info@oxfordday.org}$ to let organizers know.

For more information and photos from past events, visit $\underline{www.oxfordday.org}$

We are already in preparation, so a donation at your earliest convenience will be very helpful. Any questions can be sent to info@oxfordday.org. Thank you so much for contributing to treasured tradition. You are part of what makes this town worth celebrating.

Thank you Robert Norbury!!



BSA Troop 190 From the Choptank District, Boy Easton, MD Scouts of America: How many

teenagers do you know who organized and inspired members of their local community to donate a whopping 435 hours to restore a beloved local park?! Robert Norbury of BSA Troop 190 (Easton, MD) and his team rehabilitated the Little League Dugouts, to remind everyone of the historic use as a Ball Field, and to create spaces for future events, gatherings, and sports. Robert's Eagle Project included the concession stand and storage building, too! Kudos to all the scouts, parents, youth, and community members who made the Oxford "Dugout Memorial Park" renovations possible - you know who you are, and we applaud you for your success in bringing your community together!

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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

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...

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

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 Company The Next Fire Company

Breakfast will be on February 11th, from 8 to 11 am.

Oxford Fire Company Auxiliary

RUMMAGE SALE ~ January 27th.

Sale 9am to 11:30am

Bag sale 11:30am to 12pm / Free 'sale' 12pm to 1pm Drop off donations on Friday January 26, 8 to 3 pm. The sale begins at 8 am on Saturday. Admission is free. Please bring your own bags. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards over \$20. Every sale is different (and spectacular if we say so ourselves) but we will have kitchen stuff, clothes, tools, garden, frames/artwork, bicycles, kids

toys, puzzles and games, sports gear, furniture and holiday decor. You never know what you might find, and that's what makes this so much fun, right?



Trees on Town Creek



The clock is ticking down for this year's Trees on Town Creek display! Be sure to enjoy these last days in January until the trees come down on Saturday, January 13 (inclement weather day will be Saturday, January 20).

Please mark your calendar to help with the retrieval, disassembly, and packing up of all the tree parts on Saturday

morning. A robust experienced crew makes the process fun and welcomes first-timers to participate. Please raise your hand by emailing kathleen@kathleencase.com. She will respond with details of time and place. We are looking for volunteers with pick-up trucks to retrieve the trees and lots of folks to disassemble at the Fire Department. Refreshments provided.

Meet new residents, connect with neighbors, and celebrate the community we all love.





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outside

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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. 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, oxfordclerk@goeaston.net for a site visit.

OXFORD POLICE NEWS

- Several reports of scams / frauds via email, phone and mailings
- Enforcement of new stop signs on Tilghman St and Bonfield Ave
- Citizen Police Academy continues until February



Emergency - 911

Non-Emergency - 410-226-5650





