

# Oxford Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!

### **TOWN REINSTATES METAL PICK-UP**

The Oxford Public Works Department will again be picking up metal, after a long hiatus, beginning on January 19, and continuing do so every third Tuesday of each month. The special Wednesday pick-up of leaves has been discontinued and will not begin again until late fall 2010. A copy of the 2010 Trash Collection Schedule has been included in this envelope for your convenience.

### **Reminder: Put Your Garbage Cans Away!**

As a reminder to all Oxford residents, Section 6.23 of the General Ordinances for the Town of Oxford states that “no garbage, rubbish or ash receptacles may be set out along the curb until after sundown on the day proceeding the normal waste collection day.” It goes on to state that “after pickup, all such receptacles must be removed to their respective owner’s property before sunset on the day of collection.” Complaints have been received within the town office pertaining to individuals who leave their trash cans setting out at curbside for extended periods of time. PLEASE remove your cans promptly in order to avoid a hefty fine.

### **Recycling Center Update**

Please note that the hours of operation of the town’s recycling center, located out at the

Causeway Park, has been set from the hours of 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Also, please, please, hold on to your recycling materials for a couple of extra days should you find that the recycling and cardboard containers are overflowing. Usually the county picks up the recycling materials weekly, but holidays can cause delays in the schedule of pick-up dates and times.

### **Water Meters Replaced**

As most of you are probably aware, the town has recently undergone the task of replacing all the water meters in town with new, highly efficient, 100 percent accurate meters. Please be forewarned that we have recently been advised that many of the old meters were not working properly and that their readings were way below what they should have been. Therefore, please be advised that your water/sewer bill for the quarter ending March 2010 may be a lot different from the bills you may have received in the past. Just figure on having a larger bill and then if it is smaller you will be pleasantly surprised.

### **Oxford Museum Announces Upcoming Events\***

Museum to Present Lecture – Oxford author, Larry Denton, has recently published *William Henry Seward and the Secession Crisis: The Effort to Prevent Civil War*. The Oxford Museum is partnering with the Talbot County Historical Society to present a talk and slideshow of highlights from the book. It will be held on Wednesday evening, January 13, 2010, at St. Paul’s Wesleyan Church, in Oxford, at 7:30 p.m.

The church was recently and beautifully restored by the Stanleys, and this lecture is free to the public. Call the Museum at 410-226-0101 and leave a message if you plan to attend or would like more information. Although the Museum is closed, your call will be returned.

### **Hanks Preservation Award Begins Fifth Year** –

The Oxford Museum is accepting nominations for the fifth annual Douglas Hanks, Jr. Oxford Preservation Award. The award was established in 2006 to recognize significant preservation efforts and honors the memory of one of Oxford's most energetic and constant supporters. Doug moved to Oxford as a small boy and dedicated himself to exploring and preserving Oxford's heritage and history. The publishing in 1999 of *Oxford Treasures, Then and Now* began a partnership with the Oxford Museum and Doug that has continued with this coveted award.

Nominees may be an individual, group, organization, business or civic institution. Nominees need not be residents of Oxford as long as the activity specially relates to Oxford and the surrounding area. Qualifying activities must be completed one-time projects or continuing on-going projects that are developed to preserve Oxford's history and heritage in one of the following categories:

#### **Restoration Project and Renovation Projects:**

Restoration of an historic structure or landscape to its original form or detail, or renovation of an historic structure to contemporary standards while retaining its distinct original historic character and appropriate neighborhood scale.

#### **Outstanding Service in Preservation:**

Development of a presentation, publication, educational program, oral history, or exhibit regarding an aspect of life in Oxford, an historic building, or items indigenous to the area for the public.

**Stewardship:** Preservation of land, shoreline, or water quality in Oxford or the surrounding area; restoration of habitat; prevention of inappropriate use of historic property; long term care and protection of historic property; and/or appreciation

and continuation of Oxford traditions and customs.  
**Lifetime:** Recognition of an extraordinary contribution which may encompass some or all of the qualifying categories listed above over an extended period of time.

Contact the Oxford Museum at 410-226-0191 to obtain a nomination form. (The Museum is closed, but you may leave a message and your call will be returned.) Nominations are due March 30, 2010. Decisions will be made by the Museum Preservation Ward Committee and the award presented at the Museum Annual Meeting in May 2010.

### **End of the Year Reminder**

Please remember to pay your water/sewer bill within 30 days from the date in which it was sent. Because this is the last water/sewer bill of the year, all past due bills will be sent to the Talbot County Finance Office for collection. Failure to pay the town's utility bill will result in a lien being placed on your property with the risk of having your property put up for auction at tax sale. Your bills are your own responsibility and the Oxford Town Office is not responsible for having to remind you with a personal call or letter.

\*indicates public service announcement