

OXFORD NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!

The Commissioners would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year!

Oxford Museum Sponsors Sixth Annual Hanks Preservation Award

The Oxford Museum will accept nominations for the seventh annual Douglas Hanks Preservation Award. The award recognizes extraordinary efforts by individuals, organizations, and others in preserving the unique history and heritage of Oxford and the surrounding area. The award honors the memory of one of Oxford's most energetic and constant supporters, Doug Hanks. Nominations are due by March 30, 2012.

Categories include but are not limited to, Restoration Projects and Renovation Projects, Outstanding Service in Preservation, Stewardship, and Lifetime Achievement. Last year's winners were Jeanne Kelly Foster and Lawrence R. (Larry) Myers. Other winners have included Edwin Lewis, the Oxford Fence Guys, Chip Akridge, Dick and Sue Deerin, Cutts and Case Shipyard, Ted and Jennifer Stanley, Leo Nollmeyer, and the John Wesley Church.

For more information, please call the Oxford Museum office at (410) 226-0191. The museum is currently closed, but your message will be received

and a form or other information will be sent to you. Information and nomination forms are also available on the museum website at www.oxfordmuseum.org.

Also, thank you to all Museum Friends who donated to the 2011 Annual Giving Campaign. We greatly appreciate your generous support!

Oxford Directory Update

The Oxford Directory is nearing completion! If you have any changes to add, please email them to OxfordDirectory@gmail.com. You can also call Henry Hale at 410-226-5261 or cell 410-829-3777, or Wendy Pagenstecher at 410-226-0326 with any last minute updates. We aim to have the directory completed by early spring. We are adding cell phone numbers, email addresses and out of town mailing addresses, so please get any changes and additions to us as soon as possible.

Christmas Tree Pick-up

The town will begin picking up Christmas trees on Tuesday, January 10th as part of the regular leaf/debris pick-up day. Please be advised that the special Wednesday pickup for just leaves is no longer taking place. Please refer to the town's website (www.oxfordmd.net) for information on the town's special monthly trash pick-ups or call the town office at 410-226-5122 for a schedule to be mailed out to you.

Oxford Day Plans Underway

The Oxford Day Committee is searching for an energetic, enthusiastic volunteer to chair the 2012 Oxford Day celebration and encourage new ideas to make this great event even better! Many of the individual activities for the day are in place and will be facilitated by existing volunteers on the committee so primary responsibilities for this person are organizing advance planning meetings, coordinating the Oxford Day schedule, and serving as the point person for inquiries from the public and the media. Planning starts in earnest in January, so please contact the Oxford Day Committee now if you would like to join in on the fun!

For more information, please see the website: <http://www.oxfordday.org> or email us at info@oxfordday.org

Leash Law Ordinance Reminder

The Town of Oxford does have a leash law and all dogs are required to be kept on a leash AT ALL TIMES when out walking with their owners. Also, it is a town ordinance that you pick up your dog's waste. There are FREE dog bag terminals located throughout town for your convenience. Please be a responsible pet owner and good citizen.

Water/Sewer Bill Reminder

Please be advised that this is the quarter when all water/sewer bills which are in arrears will be sent to the Talbot County Court House, in accordance with Section 14-810 of the Tax Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, for collection of funds or sale at the County's Tax Sale of Property.

Water/sewer bill payments are due within 30 days from the date in which they were mailed. Please pay attention to the due dates in order to avoid having your water service disconnected and/or fines imposed by Talbot County for failure to pay your bills on time.