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A Word from Hunter...

As we reflect on the progress and growth of Historic Main Street Oxford over the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the continued support of our community. 2024 was a transformative year, marked by exciting developments, new businesses, and a deepening commitment to preserving the charm and history of our downtown. I'm pleased to share a look back at our accomplishments and an exciting outlook for what's to come in 2025.

2024: A Year of Achievements and Growth

The City of Oxford took significant steps toward revitalizing Historic Downtown in 2024, setting the stage for a future filled with opportunity and innovation. In March, we began preparing for the demolition of several dilapidated structures on East Choccolocco Street to make way for the Alabama Children's Museum and a mixed-use commercial development. This development is a key milestone in our ongoing effort to enhance the vibrancy of our downtown while respecting the historical significance of our area. We are grateful for the collaboration of key partners such as the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs (ADECA), East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission (EARPDC), and the Alabama Historical Commission (AHC).

In addition to these foundational projects, Historic Main Street Oxford proudly welcomed nine new businesses in 2024, each contributing to the vibrancy and diversity of our downtown. From The Bank Oxford's charcuterie bar and cocktail lounge at 430 Main Street to Ulti-Mutt Bakery's pet supplies and treats at 426 Main Street, these businesses have added exciting new offerings to our community. Noonday Therapeutic Center and English Cottage Florist & Gift joined us in the summer, providing mental health services and specialty gifts, respectively. In the fall, we were delighted to welcome Madi Lou's Boutique, offering boutique clothing, a hat bar, and permanent jewelry, alongside Kelly Right Real Estate, specializing in commercial and residential properties. We also celebrated the arrival of Tutor Tots, a private tutoring and educational service for pre-kindergarten through 6th grade, at 316 Snow Street. The year ended with the ribbon-cutting for Downtown Beauty Company, a hair and nail salon at 17 West Choccolocco Street, and Spring Street Station, a historic venue combining upscale fast food and events at the Oxford Railway Depot. Together, these businesses have further enriched the character of our downtown and contributed to its continued growth.

Private business owners continued to invest in the heart of our community, contributing \$157,055 in renovations, signage, and improvements. Historic Main Street also made important investments, totaling \$8,868, including new street amenities like garbage receptacles, benches, and landscaping. Since the inception of our Façade Improvement Grant Program in 2019, private investments have surpassed \$2.4 million, demonstrating a deep commitment to downtown Oxford's revitalization.

Volunteerism played a vital role in our success in 2024. Thanks to 243 hours of volunteer work, events like Market on Main, Second Friday on Main, Trick or Treat on Main, and the Witches Ride & Walk on Main attracted thousands of visitors, with Market on Main alone drawing 5,200 attendees. This sense of community support, combined with the dedication of our volunteers, has been essential to our continued growth.

We also earned recognition in 2024, with accolades including the Main Street Hero Award for the Oxford Performing Arts Center, Excellence in Business Development for our workshop series, and Excellence in Placemaking for our Historic Plaque Project. We also secured over \$34,000 in grants, which will help fund continued revitalization efforts.

Looking Ahead to 2025: Continuing the Momentum

As we move into 2025, we are excited about the continued progress in downtown Oxford. One of the most exciting initiatives is our partnership with the Oxford Arts Council to sponsor the "Oxford Hometown Veterans" banner program. This program will honor the veterans of Oxford—both past and present—with banners displayed throughout downtown from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. We look forward to sharing more details soon.

The support of small businesses is critical to sustaining the energy of our downtown. We encourage you to continue patronizing the businesses that are the heartbeat of our community, including Cotton Antiques & Collectibles, English Cottage Florist & Gift, Hubbard's Off Main, Le Coin des Artistes, Madi Lou's Boutique, Sarah Cavender Metalworks, Southern Girl Coffee Co., Spring Street Station, The Bank Oxford, The Main Olive, The Tackle Box, and Ulti-Mutt.

Thank you for your continued support of Historic Main Street Oxford. Together, we are building a vibrant and sustainable downtown that honors our past while embracing the future. I look forward to another year of progress, collaboration, and community.

See you downtown!

Hunter Gentry
Director, Historic Main Street Oxford

Spring Street Station: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



SPRING STREET STATION OPENING PRESERVES DOWNTOWN 'TREASURE' OF HISTORIC OXFORD TRAIN DEPOT

by Brian Graves

December 4, 2024

Spring Street Station, downtown Oxford's newest restaurant and event venue, formally opened its doors with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, December 4.

Located at 50 Spring Street, the event marked the culmination of a years-long effort to restore the 140-year-old Oxford Depot.

Owner Charlotte Hubbard, who also owns the popular Hubbard's Off Main restaurant, worked with the Alabama Historical Commission to ensure that all guidelines for renovating a historic building were followed. This allowed Spring Street Station to become the first business in Oxford to take advantage of the Alabama Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit.

Also partnering in the project were Historic Main Street Oxford, Jay Jenkins Architecture, McWhorter Construction and Company, Opportunity Alabama, Southern Development Council, and Southern States Bank.

The East Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia Railway constructed the Italianate-style depot and freight warehouse in 1884. The depot played a vital role in the development of Oxford's economy by transporting cotton, iron, and people.

"Today is a momentous occasion as we celebrate the transformation and restoration of a true treasure of our city," said Historic Main Street Oxford director Hunter Gentry, who noted that the depot had remained vacant since it ceased operations in 1962. "This marks the beginning of a new chapter for downtown Oxford."

Mayor Alton Craft said seeing the depot become a new eatery has been an idea he has heard spoken of for many years.

“Those who can do, do, while others only talk about it,” Craft said. “Charlotte does it, and we thank her for it.”

Hubbard pointed out the many significant historical aspects of the depot, which have been restored, including much of the original flooring.

“We had to do some things differently, but I think we have preserved the building,” Hubbard said. “Our staff has worked really hard, and we will open to the public on Thursday.”

Hubbard said Spring Street Station’s operating hours will mirror those of Hubbard’s Off Main, except for Sundays, when the venue will be closed and made available to reserve for private functions. Space is also available to reserve for groups and meetings during the regular hours.

The menu of “upscale fast food” carries a train depot theme including Cow on the Tracks (burgers), Conductor’s Choice (wings), Station Dogs (specialty hot dogs), and Weigh In Scales (salads) with most everything priced at \$12 and under along with a variety of soups, sides, sandwiches, and desserts.

A live music venue allows young artists to showcase their talents, making Spring Street Station a place for a weekend getaway lunch or dinner at affordable and competitive prices.

Snow in Downtown Oxford!





During Alabama's recent snowfall, Lieutenant Gerry Lyons of the Oxford Police Department captured these stunning photos of Historic Downtown Oxford.

Historic Main Street Oxford Annual Meeting

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SAVE-THE-DATE
ANNUAL MEETING
of
HISTORIC MAIN STREET OXFORD

Tuesday, February 11th, 2025- 7:30 AM
Spring Street Station
50 Spring Street
Oxford, AL 36203

Business Casual Attire | Breakfast Buffet

RSVP Requested before
Friday, February 7th, 2025
SCAN QR CODE



Join us for our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 7:30 AM, and enjoy a complimentary breakfast buffet as we celebrate the successes of 2024. The program will include the presentation of awards, a recap of key accomplishments and milestones, and updates from our committees along with their goals for 2025. Proudly sponsored by First Bank of Alabama, this event will be held at Spring Street Station, located at 50 Spring Street, Oxford, AL 36203. We look forward to seeing you there! Register [here](#).

Celebrating 173 Years of Oxford!



Save the date! We're celebrating Oxford's 173rd Birthday and YOU are invited! Join us at City Hall on Tuesday, February 11th at 4:30 PM for a cake cutting, photo booth, light snacks and meet & greet with elected officials. We can't wait to commemorate the founding of our wonderful city with you!

Oxford on the Move: A Plan for Bike & Pedestrian Routes

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Community Engagement Open House Session

No Formal Presentation

Thursday, February 13, 2025

6 - 8 PM

Oxford City Hall - 145 Hamric Drive East



Hosted by the City of Oxford, Sain Associates, and the project steering committee, this session seeks public feedback on a city-wide bicycle & pedestrian plan. Your input will help shape this exciting initiative to enhance connectivity and active transportation in our community. Don't miss this opportunity to share your ideas!



Mark your calendar and join the City of Oxford for a Community Engagement Open House on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 6 PM to 8 PM at Oxford City Hall. This session is your opportunity to provide valuable input on *Oxford on the Move: A Plan for Bike & Pedestrian Routes*. Hosted by the City of Oxford, Sain Associates, and the project steering committee, the event seeks public feedback to help shape a city-wide plan for bicycle and pedestrian connectivity. Your ideas will play a key role in enhancing active transportation and improving our community's accessibility. Don't miss this chance to make a difference!

Register [here](#).

Oxford Performing Arts Center



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LORRIE MORGAN & PAM TILLIS • REVISITING CREEDENCE • EVIL WOMAN • THE SEVEN WONDERS

TESLA QUARTET • THE ADDAMS FAMILY • LEONID & FRIENDS • STUNT DOGS

BLOOD, SWEAT, & TEARS • TIMOTHY MILLER & THE POPS • TOMMY JAMES & THE SHONDELLS

FRAGGLE ROCK • DIAMOND RIO • JOHN CONLEE • INVINCIBLE • HAPPY TOGETHER TOUR

BEE GEES GOLD • TWITTY & LYNN

ALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT [OXFORDPAC.ORG](https://oxfordpac.org)

The show goes on at the [Oxford Performing Arts Center](https://oxfordpac.org)! Tickets for all performances are now on sale. Don't miss your chance to enjoy an incredible lineup of events in 2025!

World Changers is Back!



World Changers Returns This Summer to Impact Our Community!

A volunteer organization comes to Oxford to help improve the quality of life for local residents.

Exciting news for Oxford! World Changers is returning this summer to make a difference in our community.

They will be in Oxford from June 24 to 27, 2025.

Homeowners in Oxford can apply for assistance with deck repair/replacement, handicap ramp, exterior paint, and vinyl siding. The volunteer organization is here to help improve the quality of life for local residents. If you or someone you know could use their assistance, apply today! For more information about this organization, visit: www.world-changers.net

Deadline: Applications are due by March 21, 2025.

In order to be considered, homeowners must complete their applications and attach a copy of their income statement and a copy of their deed.

Homeowners within the city limits of Oxford can pick up an application at the Oxford City Clerk's office inside Oxford City Hall. Address: 145 Hamric Dr E, Oxford, AL 36203.

For any questions regarding eligibility, please call Alan Atkinson Oxford's City Clerk's office at 256-832-1562.

Available Commercial Property



318 Snow Street- \$850 a month

Click [here](#) for more information!

Available Residential Property

Interested in moving to Historic Downtown Oxford? Check out these available residential properties for sale.



207 West Oak Street- \$119,000.

Click [here](#) for more information!



211 West Oak Street- \$110,000.

Click [here](#) for more information!



112 West Oak Street- \$75,000.

Click [here](#) for more information!



925 Luttrell Street- \$224,900.

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1208 Barry Street- \$70,000.

Click [here](#) for more information!



1214 Barry Street- \$70,000.

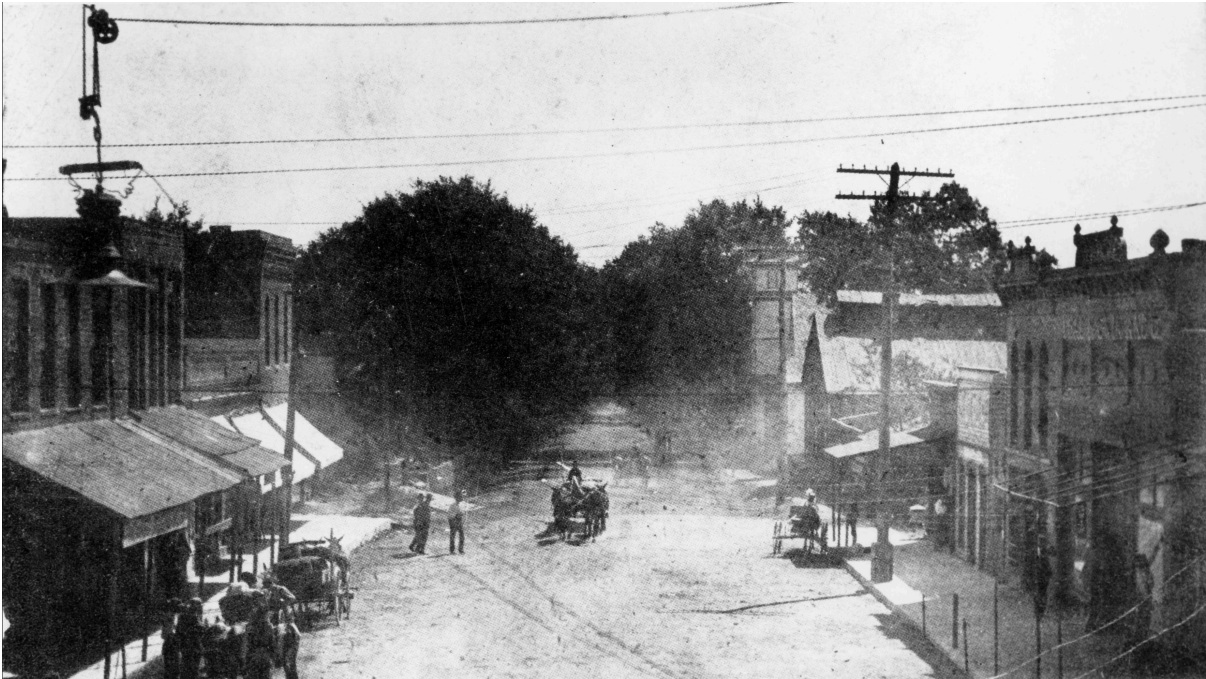
Click [here](#) for more information!



225 Main Street- \$144,900.

Click [here](#) for more information!

Throwback Photo of the Month



Choccolocco Street looking east, ca. 1900. Photo courtesy of Historic Main Street Oxford.

Calendar of HMSO Events & Committee Meetings

To stay up-to-date with all things happening in Historic Downtown Oxford, please checkout our newly improved calendar [here](#)!

Dine, Shop, & Explore!

Historic Downtown Oxford offers a unique experience for everyone including, but no limited to a first class performing arts center, a locally owned and operated coffee shop, variety of speciality shops, a Southern home-cooking restaurant also locally owned and operated, two art galleries, three historic churches, and walking distance to homes listed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage and National Register of Historic Places.

A full directory listing can be found [here](#).

About Historic Main Street Oxford (HMSO):

Historic Main Street Oxford (HMSO) is an economic and community development organization that focuses on the Four Point Approach strategy of organization, promotion, design, and economic vitality as outlined by Main Street America. The Four Point Approach makes Main Street an effective tool for a community-based, volunteer-driven, grassroots revitalization efforts. HMSO was created in 2014 when Oxford became a Designated Main Street Community by Main Street Alabama.

Vision Statement:

Historic Downtown Oxford will become Northeast Alabama's destination for arts, dining, entertainment, shopping, and special events.

Mission Statement:

The mission of Historic Main Street Oxford is to enhance downtown vibrancy, preserve its history, empower its community of business, and foster a center of activity for residents and visitors.

Our Team:

Jeremy Cruse, *owner of The Terrortorium*

Karen Grammer, *owner of The Main Olive*

Charlotte Hubbard, *city council member & owner of Hubbard's Off Main*

Robin Leonard, *board secretary & downtown resident*

Gerry Lyons, *Oxford Police Department*

Debbie Nothdurft, *retired Oxford City Schools*

Gwen Parrish, *board chair & owner of The Vine Chiropractic*

Ben Stewart, *Oxford Fire Department*

Donna Timmons, *board secretary assistant*

Hunter Gentry, *director*

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