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A Word from Hunter...

Historic Main Street Oxford kicked off 2025 with a fantastic Annual Meeting on February 11 at Spring Street Station, proudly sponsored by First Bank of Alabama. This event was an opportunity to celebrate the businesses and individuals who contribute to the vibrancy of our downtown while awarding grants to support local growth. Congratulations to our award winners, including The Terrortorium Haunted House & Amusements, recognized as Downtown Business of the Year, and Melissa Houck of Cotton Antiques & Collectibles, named Downtown Employee of the Year for her dedication and outstanding service.

We were also thrilled to award the Main Street Alabama Illuminate Grants, providing $1,000 each to Alfa Insurance – Thomas Shelton Agency LLC, Edwin Mortgage Team Powered by Edge Home Finance, The Main Olive, and Ulti-Mutt Bakery LLC to help them invest in marketing and business growth. Additionally, The Main Olive and Ulti-Mutt Bakery LLC received Main Street Alabama Bright Ideas Business Pitch Competition Grants of $5,000 each to support inventory, equipment, and marketing upgrades. A special congratulations to Ulti-Mutt Bakery LLC, which is now advancing to the regional Bright Ideas competition for a chance to win an additional $25,000! All grant recipients were selected through a fair and impartial review process by an independent committee from Historic Main Street Oxford.

That same day, we joined the City of Oxford in celebrating its 173rd birthday at City Hall. The event featured trivia, prizes, a special performance by the Oxford High Show Choir, and refreshments provided by the Oxford Arts Council. It was a wonderful reminder of Oxford's rich history and the strong sense of community that makes our city special.

Looking ahead, we invite everyone to participate in the Oxford on the Move: Community Engagement Session on Thursday, February 13, from 6–8 PM at Oxford City Hall. This session will provide an opportunity for residents to share feedback on a proposed bicycle and pedestrian trail system that will enhance connectivity and active transportation options in our community. Your input is essential in shaping the future of Oxford, and we encourage all to attend and make their voices heard.

As always, we want to remind everyone to support our incredible local businesses. Whether you're shopping for a unique gift, dining with friends, or grabbing a cup of coffee, our downtown merchants are at

the heart of our community. Be sure to visit Cotton Antiques & Collectibles, English Cottage Florist & Gift, Sarah Cavender Metalworks, The Main Olive, The Tackle Box, Ulti-Mutt Bakery, Le Coin des Artistes, Southern Girl Coffee Co., Hubbard's Off Main, and Spring Street Station.

Thank you for being a part of our thriving downtown community. We look forward to an exciting year ahead and can't wait to see what's next for Historic Main Street Oxford!

See you downtown!

Hunter Gentry
Director, Historic Main Street Oxford

HMSO Annual Meeting- Grant Presentations













HMSO Annual Meeting- Award Presentations





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



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 Hometown Veteran Banner Program



The City of Oxford, in collaboration with the Oxford Arts Council and Historic Main Street Oxford, is proud to introduce the Oxford Hometown Veteran Banner Program. This initiative pays tribute to the brave men and women who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Residents are encouraged to nominate a veteran or active-duty service member for this special recognition. To qualify, the honoree must be a current or former Oxford resident, living or deceased. Each service member may only be honored with one banner, and applicants are limited to one nomination each. High-resolution photographs are required for submission.

Applications for the program are due by April 9, 2025, and the cost to participate is $100 per banner (non-refundable). Banners will be displayed in Historic Downtown Oxford along East Choccolocco Street and Main Street from Memorial Day to Veterans Day for two years. Due to a limited number of banner poles, submissions will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, and participation is not guaranteed.

To apply, visit Oxford City Hall to pick up an application or complete the form online here. Once an application is approved, an invoice will be sent via Square for payment by credit or debit card.

Join us in honoring the courage and sacrifices of Oxford's hometown heroes by taking part in this meaningful tribute.

Oxford Performing Arts Center



The show goes on at the Oxford Performing Arts Center! Tickets for all performances are now on sale. Don't miss your chance to enjoy an incredible lineup of events in 2025!

Bingo for a Cause at Ulti-Mutt Bakery



Join us for Bingo for a Cause at Ulti-Mutt Bakery, happening every 3rd Thursday of the month, starting Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 5:30 PM at 426 Main Street. With a $10 entry donation, you'll receive a drink and snack while supporting a vital community cause—all proceeds will go toward spaying and neutering pets in need. Additional drinks and snacks will be available for purchase, with all funds contributing to our efforts to reduce the stray population and ease the burden on overcrowded shelters.

Bingo will begin at 5:45 PM, and the number of families we can assist each month will depend on the funds raised. Help us make a difference while enjoying a fun-filled evening of games, friendship, and community spirit! Please RSVP and be part of this meaningful cause.

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



1330 Barry Street- $500 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- $214,900.

Click here for more information!



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



Flowers Dry Cleaners was owned and operated by Horace H. Flowers, Sr. from 1944 until his death in 1979. The cleaners, originally located in Hobson City, moved to Oxford in the mid-1960s and operated at 18 West Choccolocco Street. Flowers Cleaners served black and white citizens of Oxford and Hobson City. It is believed that Flowers Cleaners was the first black owned business in Oxford. Mr. Flowers served as clerk for Hobson City and later mayor.

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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