



MARCH 2024

East Choccolocco Street Redevelopment

The City of Oxford is actively pursuing the revitalization of Historic Downtown Oxford, with proposed plans to construct the [Alabama Children's Museum](#) and attract a mixed-use commercial development. To begin this endeavor, demolition is slated to commence on East Choccolocco Street in spring 2024.

Historic Main Street Oxford is committed to the preservation of downtown's history. During the exploration of preservation options for the structures located along East Choccolocco Street, leadership discovered health and safety hazards associated with the buildings. Furthermore, the costs involved in addressing these hazards were deemed prohibitively high. As a result, the decision was made to proceed with the demolition of the structures. Detailed surveys and photographs of each structure have been conducted to adhere to historic preservation standards. We invite you to learn about the families that called East Choccolocco Street home. Further information can be accessed [here](#).



2024 Market on Main

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Market on Main! For more information, please visit [here](#).



2024 Second Friday on Main

Food vendor and art vendor applications are now being accepted for the 2024 Second Friday on Main season! For more information, please visit [here](#).



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oxford public library
thursday, march 28th, 2024
6:00-7:30pm



Groundbreaking Ceremony for Spring Street Station



In February 2024, Historic Main Street Oxford, assisted Mrs. Charlotte Hubbard with a groundbreaking ceremony for Spring Street Station! This will be an addition to our ever growing

inventory of eating establishments and event venues.

In 1884 the East Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia Railway (ETV&G) constructed the modified Italianate depot and freight warehouse. The depot played a vital role in the development of Oxford's post-Civil War economy in transportation of cotton, iron, and people. The depot symbolically represents the "New South." Southern Railway, successor to the ETV&G Railway decommissioned the depot in the 1960s. Since then it has primarily been vacant, with the exception of a haunted house attraction known as "Terror," (predecessor to The Terrortorium) in 2005-2006 and a dance studio in the 2010s.

This is an exciting new chapter for this priceless landmark in our district. Hubbard will be the first business in Oxford to use the Alabama Historic Tax Credit Program for commercial purposes with the assistance of the Southern Development Council, Southern States Bank, and Opportunity Alabama. Construction is being done by McWhorter Construction and the architect for the project is Jay Jenkins.

More information about Spring Street Station can be found [here](#).

2024 Downtown Litter Clean Up Days



SAVE-THE-DATE

2024 Downtown Litter Clean Up Days

Saturday, March 16

Saturday, June 29

Saturday, September 28

Saturday, December 7

9 AM - 11 AM

Meet at Simmons Park at 400 Main Street in
Historic Downtown Oxford. Supplies are
provided.

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Oxford Performing Arts Center- Spring 2024 Series

Oxford Performing Arts Center has announced its Spring 2024 Series. More details can be found [here](#)!

Spotlight Organization of the Month - Oxford City Schools Board of Education

Established in 1970, the Oxford City School District is a thriving school system operating in one of Alabama's most economically successful cities. Situated in the retail hub of northeast Alabama, the Oxford School System has mirrored the growth of its founding city and has expanded from three schools serving 2,700 students in 1998 to six schools serving 4,200 students today. Even with its tremendous growth, Oxford City Schools has stayed true to its original roots as a small-town school district that is the focal point of the communities it serves.

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in east Alabama, the Oxford City School System proudly serves Pre-K through 12th grade students. It ranks as the 19th largest out of 69 city school districts in the State of Alabama. The District's schools are as follows:

Coldwater Elementary School (grades K-4)
DeArmanville Elementary School (grades K-4)
Oxford Elementary School (grades K-4)
C.E. Hanna Elementary School (grades 5-6)
Oxford Middle School (grades 7-8)
Oxford High School (grades 9-12 & Career Technical Center)

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Women's History Month- Women of Oxford

Eliza Harrison Campbell (1831-1912) was formerly enslaved by William Harrison. She worked as a cook for most of her adult life, and married James Campbell. Very little information is known about her life. She was buried in Oxford Memorial Gardens Cemetery near the grave of William Harrison.

Nancy Ophelia Victoria Allen Aderholt (1854 - 1958) was, at one time, the oldest living citizen of Oxford. She was the daughter of Rev. Asa and Serena Cunningham Allen. Aderholt lived through the Civil War, the Spanish-America War, World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. During her life, she saw many advancements in technology and changes in Oxford.

Maud McLure Kelly (1887 - 1973) was the first female to practice law in Alabama. She was the granddaughter of Samuel C. Kelly, former mayor of Oxford during the 1870s. Kelly worked to ensure women's suffrage and was an advocate for the underserved and poor. Before her death, she worked at the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

Georgia Pyles Ellison (1897 - 1949) worked at the Oxford Lake swimming pool for 30 years. Ellison was a native of Hobson City.

Fannie McClellan Jenkins (1915 - 2000), daughter of Edgar and Adella Hill Jenkins, served as one of the first female officers for the Oxford Police Department in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Jenkins received her education at Clay County Schools and Jacksonville State University. She was a schoolteacher, postmaster, and a member of the Oxford Church of Christ.

Norma Smith Martin (1931 - 2016), was the first woman elected to serve on the Oxford City

Council from 1984 until 2000. Martin was an educator, civic and community champion, and wife of the former Mayor Earl Martin. She was a charter member of the Oxford Arts Council and member of Oxford First Baptist Church.

*It should be noted that **Maude Shears Shortnacy** was the first woman appointed as a council member in 1980 after the death of her husband, Claude Shortnacy. She served for five months. Two other women have followed- **June Land Reaves**, 2004 - 2012 and **Charlotte Young Hubbard**, 2012 - present.



Eliza Harrison Campbell (left)



Nancy Ophelia Victoria Allen Aderholt (right)



Maud McLure Kelly (left)
Georgia Pyles Ellison (right)



Fannie McClellan Jenkins (left)

Norma Smith Martin (right)

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 Farr, *downtown resident*

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

Robin Leonard, *board secretary & downtown resident*

Gerry Lyons, *Oxford Police Department*

Karen Grammer, *owner of The Main Olive*

Debbie Nothdurft, *retired Oxford City Schools*

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

Ben Stewart, *Oxford Fire Department*

Hunter Gentry, *director*

Donna Timmons, *board secretary assistant*



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