



APRIL 2024

Historic Walking Tours on Main

In partnership with the Alabama Department of Tourism's April Walking Tours initiative, Historic Main Street is proud to organize an array of captivating walking tours every Saturday throughout April!

Historic Walking Tours on Main are open to the public & completely free of charge.

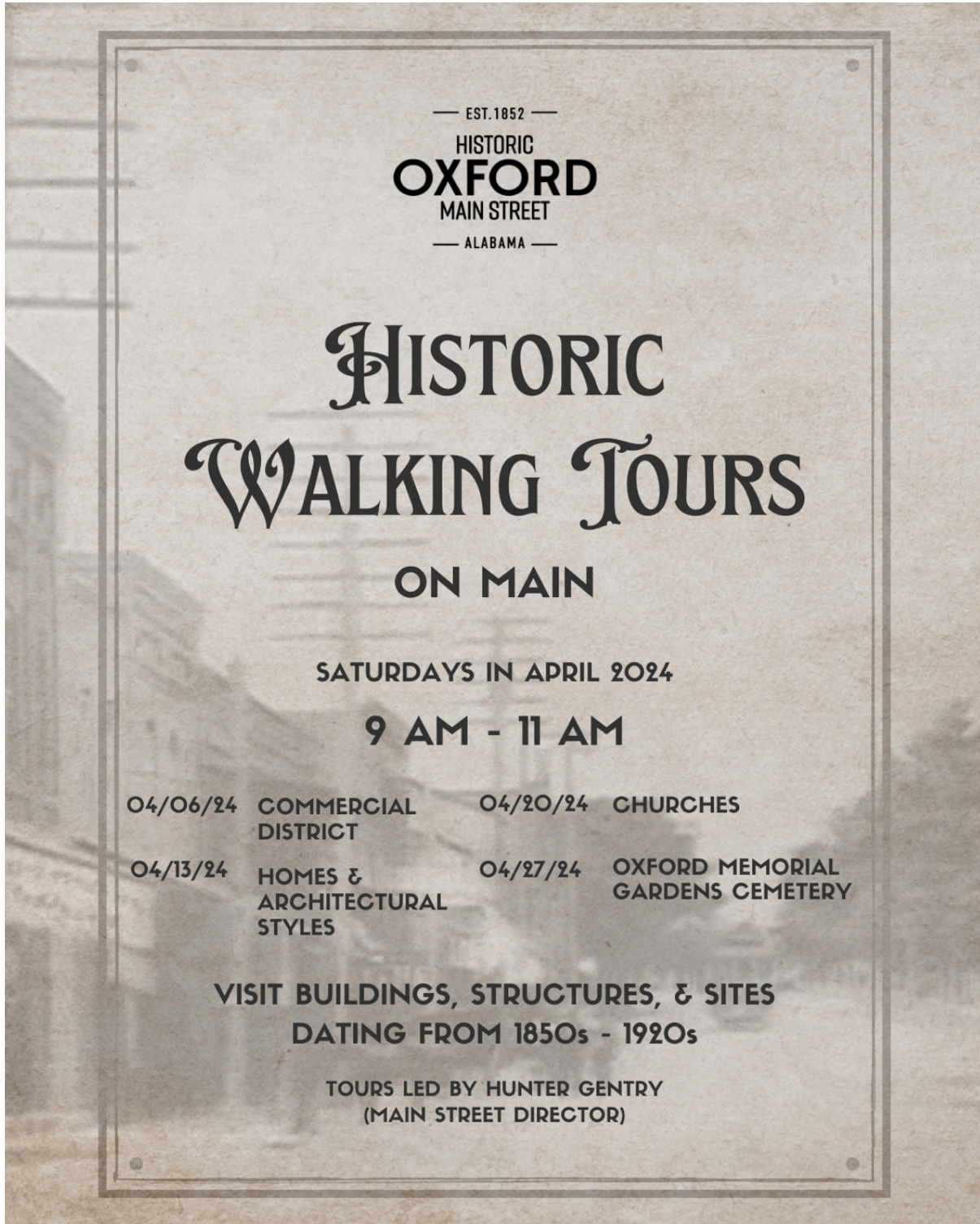
Historic Walking Tour Dates

4/6/24: Commercial District
4/13/24: Homes & Architectural styles
4/20/24: Churches
4/27/24: Oxford Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Join us as we delve into the heart of Oxford's heritage and discover its hidden treasures on foot. The tours begin at 9 AM.

On these tours, we will explore diverse themes such as the bustling commercial district, the rich tapestry of historic homes and architectural styles, the solemn beauty of local churches, and the tranquil grounds of the Oxford Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Please meet at Simmons Park- 400 Main Street, Oxford, AL 36203.



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](#).



Ribbon Cutting for Ulti-Mutt Bakery



Ulti-Mutt Bakery is your go-to destination for premium boutique items and delectable bakery treats tailored exclusively for dogs, now expanding its offerings to include delightful treats for feline friends. Expertise lies in crafting custom orders, ranging from whimsical birthday cakes to pupcakes and single-ingredient chews featuring nutritious organ meats. Ulti-Mutt Bakery takes pride in catering to the diverse palates and dietary needs of your beloved furry companions, ensuring every treat is a delectable delight for pets of all breeds and sizes.

426 Main Street, Oxford, AL

Wednesday & Thursday 11am-5pm; Friday & Saturday 11 AM - 6 PM

If you have any questions, give them a call/text 256-615-1551 or visit their [website](#).

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.

Coordinated by Historic Main Street Oxford

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Business Development Workshop Series

To empower the local business community, the City of Oxford collaborates with Historic Main Street Oxford to provide a rich variety of business development workshops. These workshops are not only free but also accessible to all interested individuals. Secure your spot by registering in advance [here](#).



JANUARY **FIRE SAFETY & PREVENTION**
Thurs., Jan. 25 at 6-7:30pm

FEBRUARY **CITY OF OXFORD ZONING 101**
Thurs., Feb. 29 at 10-11:30am

MARCH **HOW TO USE CANVA FOR YOUR BUSINESS**
Thurs., March 28 at 6-7:30pm

APRIL **HOW TO START A BUSINESS IN OXFORD**
Thurs., April 18 at 10-11:30am

MAY **DOWNTOWN RESOURCES & INCENTIVES**
Thurs., May 30 at 6-7:30pm

JUNE **BUSINESS SECURITY, SAFETY, &
DISASTER PLANNING**
Thurs., June 27 at 10-11:30am



Oxford Performing Arts Center

The Oxford Performing Arts Center's Fall 2024 Season Reveal is planned for Friday, June 28, 2024. For more information, visit [here](#)!



Spotlight Business of the Month - Sarah Cavender Metalworks

Sarah Cavender curates and crafts multiple seasonal collections annually, boasting a specialization in exquisite metal mesh jewelry, belts, and handbags. Every creation is meticulously handcrafted to order by skilled local jewelry artisans under Sarah's discerning supervision in Oxford, Alabama. Our commitment to quality extends to sourcing materials primarily from within the USA, while incorporating premium stones imported from Europe, ensuring each piece exudes elegance and sophistication.

500 Main Street

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News of Oxford- 1870s

Selma Dollar Time, 21 March 1870 (Selma, AL)

Dr. S. C. Williams, S. C. Kelly, E. G. Robertson, John Yoe, W. J. Borden, Chas. Martin, and D. D. Draper were elected Councilmen of the town of Oxford on the 7th inst.

The Times-Argus, 13 October 1871 (Selma, AL)

A new Methodist church is being built at Oxford.

The Montgomery Advertiser, 18 January 1872 (Montgomery, AL)

By same, to prohibit liquor sales in the town of Oxford and within five miles thereof. Read three times under a suspension of the rules and passed.

The Montgomery Advertiser, 17 February 1874 (Montgomery, AL)

Messrs. Dodson and Goodhue are meeting with great success in their school at the beautiful town of Oxford in Calhoun county. They have pupils from Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Arkansas and Texas.

The Montgomery Advertiser, 29 January 1876 (Montgomery, AL)

Also, reviving certain acts therein named, so far as the town of Oxford is concerned, and placing restrictions upon the sale of liquors in said town all of which were ordered to a second reading tomorrow.

The Shelby Sentinel, 20 November 1879 (Columbiana, AL)

Messrs. Draper, Son & Co., merchants and bankers, of Oxford, Ala., have purchased four lots in our town and will commence building with the view of having their store ready for occupancy by

January 1st, when they will open with a twenty five thousand dollar stock.



View of Oxford looking northeast from present-day Spring Street. The most notable landmarks are the First Baptist Church of Oxford and Robertson House (still standing) on East Oak Street, Draper House (no longer standing) on East Choccolocco Street, and the Oxford House Hotel (no longer standing) on Main Street.

Photo courtesy of Oxford Public Library, Oxford Room Collection.

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:

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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