



MAY 2024

A Word from Hunter...

During the month of April, the Alabama Department of Tourism annually promotes communities to organize and guide free tours through historic areas highlighting the stories, art, and culture that make our respective communities unique. Historic Main Street Oxford's Design Committee organized a tour each Saturday throughout the month featuring the commercial district, homes and architectural styles, churches, and the city cemetery. Each week the tour was led by me, Hunter Gentry and included an average attendance of twenty-five. I would like to extend a special thanks to the following that helped play a part in our walking tour initiative- James & Rachel Boullemet, Nancy Cotton Burnell (Cotton Antiques & Collectibles), Linda Crow (Dodson Memorial Presbyterian Church), Kyle Conklin (Oxford Police Department), Brock Gardner (Oxford Memorial Gardens Cemetery), Chase Greene (Oxford Performing Arts Center), Melissa Houck (Cotton Antiques & Collectibles), Charlotte Young Hubbard (Oxford Railway Depot), Gary & Laura Humphreys (The Bank Oxford), Steve Korba & Inge Grafe-Kieklak, Robin Leonard, John Longshore (Oxford Performing Arts Center), Gerry Lyons (Oxford Police Department), Debbie Craven Nothdurft (Dodson Memorial Presbyterian Church), June Land Reaves (First United Methodist Church), Nancy Locke Whitley (Dodson Memorial Presbyterian Church), and Grant & Rochonne Whittle.

Second Friday on Main and Market on Main are back! Second Friday on Main is held on the second Friday monthly from May – September, 4 PM – 9 PM. The event includes a variety of food trucks, live entertainment, a car show (coordinated by Hartwell Masonic Lodge No. 101), art vendors, kids' zone, and downtown shopping. Market on Main is held on the third Saturday also monthly from May – September, 8 AM – 1 PM. The event includes an artisan and craft vendor market, live entertainment, a car show (coordinated by Hartwell Masonic Lodge No. 101), kids' zone, and downtown shopping.

Throughout the month of May, Historic Main Street Oxford will participate in the National Trust for

Historic Preservation's annual "This Place Matters" campaign to create awareness and encourage historic preservation. Historic Main Street Oxford will highlight downtown's historic commercial and residential properties that are for sale or vacant.









2024 Market on Main

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

3rd Saturday, May - September 2024
8 AM - 1 PM

Artisan and craft vendor market, live entertainment, car show, kids zone, downtown shopping, and much more!

DATES

Saturday, May 18
Saturday, June 15
Saturday, July 20
Saturday, August 17
Saturday, September 21



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](#).

2nd Friday, May - September 2024
4 PM - 9 PM

Food trucks, live entertainment, car show, art vendors, kids zone, downtown shopping, and much more!

DATES

Friday, May 10
Friday, June 14
Friday, July 12
Friday, August 9
Friday, September 13



Downtown Storefront & Window Decorating Contest



TEAM Rehabilitation, located at 328 Snow Street, was selected as the winner of our Spring Window & Storefront Contest, sponsored by Go Social Marketing and Oxford Lumber!

Window art was done by Leslie Higgins with Higgins Hobbies. She can be reached at higginshobbies@gmail.com.

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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OXFORD**
MAIN STREET
— ALABAMA —

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 Organization of the Month - Oxford Senior Citizens Center

Oxford's seniors frequent the center daily, engaging in a vibrant array of activities including card games, dominoes, stimulating puzzles, and trivia. Crafting sessions foster creativity while guest speakers cater to the diverse interests of our senior community, providing both enrichment and social connection. Thanks to a state-wide initiative by the East Alabama Planning and Development Commission, nutritious lunch meals are available for a nominal fee of \$1.00, based on voluntary donations. Additionally, local businesses generously sponsor a complimentary breakfast every Friday morning, further enhancing the supportive atmosphere of our center.

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Then & Now- Oxford Cleaners Building



Above- Early photo of McCraw & Company at 520 Main Street ca. 1900. McCraw and Co. operated from the 1880s - 1920s and carried a line of groceries and produce.

Below- Oxford Cleaners Building at 520 Main Street ca. 2020. Oxford Cleaners has operated since 1946 at the same location.

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:

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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