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**NOVEMBER 2024**

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***A Word from Hunter...***

October was an incredible month here in Historic Downtown Oxford! From Oxfordfest to our Fall Market on Main, Howl-O-Ween, Witches Ride & Walk, and Trick or Treat on Main, it was packed with festive fun and community spirit. Now, as we look forward to the holiday season, I'm thrilled to announce that our annual Christmas on Main celebration is coming early this year!

Join us on Saturday, November 16, from 12 PM to 6 PM for a holiday experience filled with artisan vendors, food trucks, free train rides, cotton candy, a snow machine, photo opportunities with Santa & Mrs. Claus, and live performances by the Oxford High School Band and Choir. Our downtown businesses—including Cotton Antiques & Collectibles, English Cottage, Epiphany's, Fresh Value, Hubbard's Off Main, Le Coin des Artistes, Madi Lou's Boutique, Oxford Lumber, Sarah Cavender Metalworks, The Bank Oxford, The Main Olive, The Tackle Box, and Ulti Mutt Bakery—will also be open for business. Let's show our support for these wonderful local businesses and make this season one to remember!

See you downtown!

Hunter Gentry  
Director, Historic Main Street Oxford

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## ***Main Street 101, Orientation, & Training***

Curious about Historic Main Street Oxford? Want to support local businesses and make a difference in your community? Join us on Monday, November 18, from 5:30 – 6:30 PM at Oxford City Hall for Main Street 101, Orientation, and Volunteer Training! Learn what Main Street is all about and how you can get involved. Register [here](#) to secure your spot!



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**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**Main Street 101, Orientation, & Training**

**Monday, November 18th, 2024**

Oxford City Hall, 145 Hamric Drive East

**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Refreshments provided

Purpose is to welcome and orient  
interested and new volunteers, and  
committee members about Historic Main  
Street Oxford.

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## ***Downtown Litter Clean Up Day***

**\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\***

Historic Main Street Oxford has scheduled four litter cleanup days for downtown throughout 2024, with the next and final one planned for Saturday, December 7, from 9 AM to 11 AM.

We need volunteers to help make this event a success. All supplies, including litter grabbers, buckets, gloves, and bags, will be provided, along with refreshments. If you would like to participate, please register [here](#) so we can adequately prepare for everyone. All necessary supplies are generously provided by Keep Alabama Beautiful in partnership with ALDOT.





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## ***New Business: Tutor Tots***



Tutor Tots has officially opened at its new home in Historic Downtown Oxford! Tutor Tots offers personalized, high-quality educational support tailored to the unique needs of each child and their family.



Their services cater to students from Pre-K through 6th grade and include one-on-one tutoring with personalized plans, homework/homeschool help, educational consulting, educational therapy, at-home learning plans, virtual check-ins, educational diagnostic testing, and more.

## **TUTOR TOTS OPENS EXPANDED LOCATION**

By Brian Graves

Elementary-age children in the area now have a larger place where they can receive professional tutorial services in Oxford, Alabama.

Tutor Tots opened its new location at 316 Snow Street with a ribbon cutting ceremony sponsored by the city of Oxford. The service aids students ages pre-kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade with both academic and social skills.

A smaller facility was originally opened in June, but owner Whitney O’Kelley said increased interest in the service caused a search for a larger location.

“We put it out there, and it just blew up,” O’Kelley said. “We came to this new location not knowing if we could fill it, but we now have 12 teachers and 100 students. It’s grown very quickly. I think we’ll be here for a while.”

“We are so proud of you, and this is great for our city,” said Mayor Alton Craft. “I do a lot of grand openings, but suddenly, we are doing more businesses who are expanding. It is the fantastic work you and your staff do for people that matters and that’s what makes Oxford great.”

Those interested can fill out the information form available on the Tutor Tot Facebook page or on the website, [whitneyokelley-tutortots.my.canva.site](https://whitneyokelley-tutortots.my.canva.site).

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## ***October in Historic Downtown Oxford***

October was an exciting month in Historic Downtown Oxford, highlighted by community events that drew thousands of visitors and celebrated local talent, creativity, and seasonal fun. The month kicked off with Oxfordfest on the first Saturday, a long-standing tradition organized by the Oxfordfest Committee and supported by the City of Oxford. Since the 1980s, Oxfordfest has attracted visitors from near and far, and this year was no exception, as vendors, downtown merchants and city departments collaborated to ensure a warm, welcoming, and safe experience for all.

On October 19, Fall Market on Main showcased over 30 artisan, craft, and food vendors, drawing crowds eager to shop and explore. The day also featured the second annual Howl-O-Ween on Main, a fun-filled dog costume contest coordinated with the Oxford Marketing & Public Relations Department and Ulti-Mutt Bakery. Later that evening, the fifth annual Witches Ride & Walk on Main brought a magical atmosphere to downtown, where children and families enjoyed treats, costumes, and a spirited costume contest hosted in partnership with The Terrortorium Haunted House.

The festivities concluded with Historic Main Street Oxford's tenth annual Trick or Treat on Main. This much-anticipated event brought together local businesses, city departments, and families for a safe, festive evening. With essential support from the Oxford Police and Fire Departments, Oxford Health Systems Paramedics, and the Oxford Street Department, October's events truly highlighted the vibrant spirit and collaborative efforts within the community.







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## ***Spotlight Business of the Month: English Cottage Florist & Gift***

The English Cottage offers beautiful floral arrangements available for in-store pickup, a variety of gift options, home decor, and top-notch interior and exterior design services.

***Business Hours:*** Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 5 PM & Saturday, 10 AM - 3 PM

***Location:*** 700 Main Street- Oxford, AL 36203

[englishcottage@yahoo.com](mailto:englishcottage@yahoo.com)

256-770-4581





## Oxford Performing Arts Center

The Oxford Performing Arts Center recently announced its Fall 2024 performances. View the lineup and on-sale information [here!](#)

<div>FALL 2024</div> <div>AND MORE!</div> <div>SEASON SCHEDULE</div> <div>OXFORD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER</div>		
8/8 The Kings of Queen: A Tribute to Queen	10/10 Craig Morgan	12/13 Christmas with Jim Brickman
8/9 American Pop with The Grass Roots, The Buckingham, and The Box Tops	10/11 Lou Gramm: The Voice of Foreigner	12/15 Christmas with the Pops: A Holiday World Tour
8/16 Rubato International Piano Competition Gala Concert	10/13 Space Oddity: The David Bowie Experience	12/17 A Rockin' Christmas with Dallas String Quartet
8/23 Sweet Dreams: Mandy Barnett Sings Patsy Cline	10/17 80's Movie Night with Electric Avenue	12/19 Nashville Noel: A Country Christmas Spectacular
8/24 An Evening with Mat & Savanna	10/18 Forever Motown	12/20 An Olde English Christmas with Peter Noone
9/5 Chris Janson	10/20 Sammy Kershaw	1/10 & 1/11 Ain't Too Proud - Broadway Musical National Tour
9/6 So Good: The Neil Diamond Experience	10/24 Straight No Chaser: The Top Shelf Tour	1/14 Adaskin String Trio
9/12 Air Supply	10/25 Jo Dee Messina	1/25 Menopause The Musical 2
9/13 Stories & Songs with David Phelps and the Atlanta Pops Orchestra	11/3 Gary Puckett & The Union Gap with The Classics IV	2/7 Pretty Woman - Broadway Musical National Tour
9/15 KC & The Sunshine Band	11/14 Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical	3/8 A St. Patrick's Celebration: Chloë Agnew and the ATL Pops
9/20 Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder	11/15 Stars & Stripes with the Atlanta Pops Orchestra	3/18 Hometown - Broadway Musical National Tour
9/24 Mark Nizer's 4D Theatre	11/17 Clay Walker	4/8 Tesla Quartet
10/1 Shrek - Broadway Musical National Tour	11/24 Forever Simon & Garfunkel	4/11 The Addams Family - Broadway Musical National
10/8 Lightwire Theater's Dino-Light	12/8 A Classical Christmas: Julio Barreto & Timothy Miller	5/2 A Night at the "Pop"era with the Atlanta Pops Orchestra
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## Oxford Cleaners Building



## **OXFORD CLEANERS BUILDING**

520 Main Street

Built in the 1890s on the former site of the Oxford Hotel, this building has been home to several businesses, from a furniture store to a grocery store.

In 1946, though, Oxford Cleaners would open and stand the test of time. The building was purchased by Howard Bentley, who operated the business with his parents and brother-in-law, and later on became the sole proprietor.

Today, the Oxford Cleaners is still run by the Bentley family– the oldest continuously-operating business in Oxford by the same family. Oxford Cleaners has not only been a thriving business, but a service to the community.

Research by Hunter Chase Gentry and written by Julie Skinner Mangham, November 2023





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## ***Available Residential Property***

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





207 West Oak Street- \$139,000.

Click [here](#) for more information!



325 East Second Street- \$223,000.



Click [here](#) for more information!



930 McPherson Street- \$75,000.

Click [here](#) for more information!





925 Luttrell Street- \$224,900.

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!

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## ***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](#)!

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### ***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](#).

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### ***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*

**Wren Munroe**, *marketing assistant*

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