



JUNE 2023

Market on Main

Applications are currently being accepted for our 2023 Market on Main. The market will be held the first and third Saturday of each month from April to September from 8 AM - 1 PM at Simmons. Applications can be found [here](#).

Vendors and activities for each market are posted on the Historic Main Street Oxford Facebook page the week of each market.

Chocolocco Car Show, hosted by Hartwell Masonic Lodge is every 3rd Saturday during the market. Cash prizes and awards for registered vehicles are available. For more information to register, please contact Zachary Grizzard at 256-239-5269.





Food Truck Friday on Main

Food Truck Friday is held the second Friday from April 2023 to October 2023 from 4 PM - 9 PM at Simmons Park in Historic Downtown Oxford. Each Friday will include a variety of mobile food vendors, live entertainment, lawn games, a bounce house, and a free movie for the whole family!

Chocolocco Cruise-In, hosted by Hartwell Masonic Lodge is every 2nd Friday during Food Truck Friday on Main. For more information to register, please contact Zachary Grizzard at 256-239-5269.

Food Vendors for June's Food Truck Friday on Main:

Bell's BBQ
Bonnie Ray's
Kin Express

Kona Ice of Calhoun County

Let's B Sweet

Pelican's of Oxford

RnB Finz & Chicks

Royal Slush

Taco Tuesdays

Live music by Jake Dial will be from 4 PM - 7 PM at the gazebo. There will be local artists setup throughout downtown also from 4 PM - 7 PM, including Wade Jenkins, Cheryl Cameron, Mark's Artisan Woodcrafts, KaTrina McKenzie, The Mushroom Preserve, Flowetry, TNT Wood Decor, Rachel Beverly with Plants & Cats Crafts, and Amber Simpson Art. JC Morgan and Sweet Rock Metal Shop will be have art displayed at The Main Olive.

Angels in the Outfield (1994) will begin at 7 PM. Bring lawn chairs, a blanket, and the family!







COME SEE JAKE DIAL PERFORM AT FOOD
TRUCK FRIDAY ON MAIN

JAKE DIAL

JUNE 9TH

LOCATED AT SIMMONS PARK
400 MAIN STREET, OXFORD AL, 36203
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FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH

Historic Preservation Month- This Place Matters

In 2005, the National Trust for Historic Preservation declared May National Preservation Month to celebrate and promote historical places and heritage tourism.

The Trust began to encourage historic preservation in 1973 with National Preservation Week. In more recent years, people have understood that historic preservation is, in fact, economic and community development. Historic preservation leads to city revitalization, job creation, small business incubation, housing, and tourism that reinforces the five senses of a high-quality community.

This month, Historic Main Street Oxford highlighted places in our downtown district that have importance to our community. These buildings have housed many businesses and have rich history to Oxford's downtown district. We included historic buildings such as The Vine Chiropractic, Dodson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Oxford Scout Hall, Oxford Train Depot, Oxford First United Methodist Church, and Visions Salon.



Oxford Scout Hall
123 Snow Street
c. 1947

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Oxford Train Depot
50 Spring Street
c. 1884

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The Vine Chiropractic
8 East Choccolocco Street
W.C. Gray Building
c. 1890

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Oxford First United
Methodist Church
214 Snow Street
c. 1875

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Hunter Gentry
Director of Historic Main Street Oxford

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On the evening of Tuesday, May 9, 2023, Mayor Alton Craft proclaimed May 2023 as Historic Preservation Month. The proclamation read:

WHEREAS, on October 15, 1966, the National Historic Preservation Act, the most far-reaching preservation legislation ever enacted in the United States, was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. This legislation established the National Register of Historic Places and state historic preservation offices; and

WHEREAS, the National Trust for Historic Preservation established May as National Historic Preservation Month in 1973 to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling national and community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showing the social and economic benefits of

historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, local historic preservation is an effective tool for revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, Historic Main Street Oxford continues to demonstrate its commitment to preservation, as it grows and develops, through ongoing historic resource surveys; the nomination of historic resources to the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage and the National Register of Historic Places; and the recognition, rehabilitation and restoration of historic properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the Oxford City Council and myself I do proclaim May 2023 as National Preservation Month and call upon the citizens of Oxford to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Signed this 9th day of May 2023, Mayor Alton Craft

The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

The Special Olympics Torch Run was held on May 15th at Simmons Park in Historic Downtown Oxford! It is the largest grass-roots fundraising movement for Special Olympics! Traditionally, the Flame of Hope is lit before the run. This ceremony brought the community together and kicked off National Police Appreciation Week. Thank you, Oxford Police Department, Oxford Fire Department, Oxford City Schools, and Calhoun County Schools for making this possible!





Downtown Discount!

[The Main Olive](#) is offering a 10% discount at checkout if you present a receipt from ANY business located in Historic Downtown Oxford.

Please be on the lookout for more details on other businesses offering this discount!

Main Street Alabama's Board of Directors Meeting

Historic Main Street hosted Main Street Alabama's Board of Directors for its quarterly board meeting earlier in May at the Oxford Performing Arts Center. Before the meeting, HMSO Director, Hunter Gentry, coordinated a walking tour through our historic district. Gentry informed the board members about the streetscape project and the facade improvement grant program.



Spotlight Business of The Month: Succ It Up

Our Spotlight Business of The Month: Succ It Up. If you have a green thumb, you'll love this plant shop in Historic Downtown Oxford. For those looking to expand their knowledge on growing their plants, Succ It Up hosts their own classes to teach others how to nurture their greenery. The shop also features handcrafted merchandise: pottery, jewelry, and art from small business owners.

Located on 426 Main Street, Oxford, AL, 36203



Board Member Spotlight



Robin Leonard

Robin Leonard serves as a board member for Historic Main Street Oxford. Robin was born in Habersham County, Georgia, but has resided in many cities including Huntsville, AL, Birmingham, AL, Atlanta, GA, Greenville SC, Richmond, VA, and lastly Oxford! She does not consider herself to be from only one place. She is alumni of Gadsden State Community College, University of Montevallo, and Jacksonville State University.

As a teenager and young adult, Robin worked at her family's business, Dorsey's Supermarket. She began working at Dorsey's again in 1993 when she moved back to Oxford from Richmond, VA. Her family had owned Dorsey's since 1978, until they sold the business in 2015. She retired from working for the new owners in 2018.

Along with serving on the Main Street Board, Robin has been a part of other civil groups for several years including Keep Oxford Beautiful. After becoming involved with Oxford's Downtown Merchants Group, she worked closely with other members to apply for Oxford to become a Designated Main Street Community through Main Street Alabama. Her hobbies include house and landscape renovation. Robin is the proud owner of a late 19th century, Queen Anne located in Historic Downtown Oxford.

Robin and her late husband, Jim, are the parents to two children, Jennifer and Richard. Although retired, she stays busy and is employed by ScanScape part-time. She shares why she serves the board, "I have always felt that our downtown had so much potential. I wanted to help make it the kind of place where people would want to live."

Calendar of HMSO Events & Committee Meetings

JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Market on Main 8 AM - 1 PM
4	5	6	7	8 Organization Committee Meeting 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	9 Food Truck Friday on Main 4 PM - 9 PM	10
11	12	13	14	15 Design Committee Meeting 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	16	17 Market on Main 8 AM - 1 PM
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth	20 Downtown Business Meeting 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	21 Market on Main Committee Meeting 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	22	23 Food Truck Friday on Main Committee Meeting 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	24
25	26 HMSO Board Meeting 4 PM	27	28	29 Promotion Committee Meeting 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	30	

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Dine, Shop, & Explore!

Historic Downtown Oxford offers a unique experience for everyone including, but not 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:

Brad Cleghorn, *owner of Southern Girl Coffee Co.*

Jeremy Farr, *board chair & 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, *owner of The Vine Chiropractic*

Ben Stewart, *Oxford Fire Department*

Hunter Gentry, *director*

Siri Thackston, *marketing assistant*

Donna Timmons, *board secretary assistant*



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