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HISTORIC OXFORD MAIN STREET

— ALABAMA —

May 2025

A Word from Hunter...

Spring is in full bloom here in Historic Downtown Oxford, and there's no better time to experience the energy, history, and community spirit that make our Main Street so special.

We're kicking off the season with Spring Market on Main on Saturday, May 10, from 8 AM to 4 PM at Simmons Park. This fun-filled day will feature an incredible mix of local and regional artisan vendors, live music from Alabama Rain and Mark & Tia, a special reading of the *Legend of Lick Skillet*, free caricature drawings by Lash LeRoux, balloon art from Big Sam, a bounce house for the kids, food from vendors like The Classic Melt, and of course, all your favorite downtown shops and restaurants. We hope to see you there!

May also marks Historic Preservation Month, a time to reflect on and celebrate the places that tell our community's story. We'll be sharing "Then & Now" photos all month long on the Historic Main Street Oxford Facebook page, spotlighting the transformation of downtown Oxford and reminding us why preservation matters. This national initiative, launched by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2005, encourages communities to honor their heritage. Historic Main Street Oxford has proudly participated since 2020, and we're excited to continue this tradition.

April brought great opportunities for connection and learning. We welcomed our neighbors from Main Street Anniston for a guided tour of our Historic Plaque Project, and it was inspiring to share ideas and celebrate the ways our communities are preserving history.

We also had the pleasure of hosting two Historic Walking Tours as part of Alabama Tourism's Walking Tour Season. These tours explored the development of Oxford's commercial district, our architectural history, and the remarkable resilience of our downtown over the years.

Another April highlight was Oxford High School's Student Government Day, now in its 70th year. It was a joy to welcome students into the heart of our city's operations. Special thanks to Mr. Khalil Robinson, who served as Main Street Director for the day!

As always, thank you for your continued support of Historic Main Street Oxford. Together, we're preserving the past, celebrating the present, and shaping a vibrant future.

See you downtown!

Hunter Gentry
Director, Historic Main Street Oxford

Spring Market on Main- May 10!

Join us for a fun-filled day at Spring Market on Main on Saturday, May 10, from 8 AM to 4 PM at Simmons Park in Historic Downtown Oxford! Enjoy a vibrant lineup of local and regional artisan and craft vendors, live music from Alabama Rain and Mark & Tia, a special reading of the *Legend of Lick Skillet*, free caricature drawings by Lash LeRoux, balloon creations by Big Sam, a bounce house, and delicious eats from food vendors like The Classic Melt. Be sure to explore downtown's unique shops and restaurants while you're here—it's a celebration you won't want to miss!



SAVE-THE-DATE

SHOP – DINE – REPEAT

OXFORD

MARKET
ON MAIN

ALABAMA

Saturday, May 10th, 2025 • 8 AM – 4 PM

Applications accepted from
Monday, March 24, 2025 – Monday, April 28th, 2025

Simmons Park 400 Main Street, Oxford, AL 36203

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Historic Preservation Month- This Place Matters

May is Historic Preservation Month, and Historic Main Street Oxford is excited to join the celebration once again!

All month long, we'll be sharing a series of "Then & Now" photos highlighting the transformation of downtown Oxford over the years—showcasing the value of preserving our past while looking toward the future.

Established in 2005 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Preservation Month recognizes the importance of historic places and encourages communities to celebrate their heritage. Through its *This Place Matters* campaign, the Trust raises awareness about protecting the places that shape our identity.

Historic Main Street Oxford has proudly participated in Preservation Month since 2020, and we look forward to honoring the rich history that makes our downtown so special.



2025 Main Street Membership Program

Support the Heart of Oxford – Become a Main Street Member

Historic Main Street Oxford (HMSO) is committed to preserving our historic downtown, supporting local

businesses, and fostering a vibrant community. Since 2014, we have used Main Street America's Four-Point Approach—Organization, Promotion, Design, and Economic Vitality—to drive sustainable, community-based change.

By becoming a member, you directly support:

- Local business development and networking opportunities
- Community events that bring foot traffic downtown
- Façade and signage grants to maintain Oxford's historic charm
- Free business development workshops and resources
- The continued success of downtown revitalization efforts

Membership Tiers:

- **Main Street Investor (\$250)** – For downtown businesses. Includes a website listing, window decal, sandwich board sign listing, priority event participation, Ovation & Oxford Access listing, and an annual social media highlight post.
- **Friend of Main Street (\$450)** – For non-downtown businesses. Includes a website directory listing, window decal, sandwich board sign listing, and an annual social media highlight post.
- **Friends of Main Street (\$100)** – For individuals and families. Includes an annual social media highlight post and an annual Oxford Access listing.

Join us in making a lasting impact on Oxford's downtown. To become a member, fill out the form [here](#) or contact Hunter Gentry at hunter.gentry@oxfordal.gov or 256-862-6067.

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APRIL 2025 – MARCH 2026

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ABOUT HISTORIC MAIN STREET OXFORD PROGRAM

WHO WE ARE

Historic Main Street Oxford (HMSO) is an economic and community development organization committed to revitalizing and enhancing downtown Oxford. We utilize Main Street America's Four Point Approach—Organization, Promotion, Design, and Economic Vitality—to drive sustainable, community-based change. Established in 2014 when Oxford became a Designated Main Street Community by Main Street Alabama, HMSO continues to foster growth, preserve history, and promote local businesses.

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 businesses, and foster a center of activity for residents and visitors.

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HISTORIC MAIN STREET OXFORD MEMBERSHIP TIERS

FOR DOWNTOWN BUSINESS MEMBERS

MAIN STREET INVESTOR - \$250

- Special Listing on Website
- Window Decal
- Priority Participation for HMSO Events
- Sandwich Board Sign Listing
- Ovation & Oxford Access Listing
- Annual Social Media Highlight Post

FOR NON-DOWNTOWN BUSINESS MEMBERS

PARTNER OF MAIN STREET - \$450

- Website Directory Listing
- Window Decal
- Sandwich Board Sign Listing
- Annual Social Media Highlight Post

FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

FRIENDS OF MAIN STREET - \$100

- Annual Website Listing
- Annual Oxford Access Listing

To Become a Member
Contact Hunter Gentry,
HMSO Director
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WHY INVEST IN HISTORIC MAIN STREET OXFORD? HMSO DOES THE FOLLOWING:

- Provides direct, hands-on support for downtown Oxford merchants, businesses, and organizations
- Coordinates monthly and quarterly networking events to foster collaboration and growth
- Offers free business development workshops to help businesses thrive
- Administers façade and signage grant programs to enhance downtown's historic charm
- Organizes annual community events that drive foot traffic and engagement for local businesses
- Strengthens economic vitality by supporting local entrepreneurs and job creation
- Preserves Oxford's historic buildings and unique downtown character
- Ensures the continued success of revitalization efforts, making downtown a vibrant place to live, work, and visit



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Downtown Litter Clean Up Days

Historic Main Street Oxford kicked off its first litter cleanup of the year on March 29, with volunteers collecting 25 bags of garbage across downtown streets. In addition to the cleanup, another group planted flowers in the new planters along the main corridor of the commercial district, adding fresh color to the area.

The next cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 9 AM to 11 AM, meeting at Simmons Park (400 Main Street). All supplies—including litter grabbers, buckets, gloves, and garbage bags—will be provided. Just wear closed-toe shoes and bring your community spirit!

If you want to make a difference in downtown Oxford, be the change! Register [here](#) to join the next cleanup.



2025

DOWNTOWN LITTER CLEAN UP DAYS

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

SATURDAY, MAY 17

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Join Historic Main Street Oxford for Downtown Litter Clean - Up Days & help make a difference in your community!

Meet at Simmons Park (400 Main Street) to tidy up designated downtown areas, all supplies are provided- just wear closed-to shoes & come ready to make an impact!



Business Development Workshop Series

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Oxford Business Development Workshop Series

Oxford Zoning 101: A Real Estate Agent's Guide

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM

From Idea to Income: Starting a Business

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 | 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Finance Fundamentals for Small Businesses

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Grow Your Brand: Small Business Marketing Strategies

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Conflict Resolution Through Healthy Communication

Thursday, September 4, 2025 | 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Building a Better Oxford: Volunteer Opportunities

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 | 6:00 – 7:30 PM



Main Street Anniston Visit to Oxford

In April, the director and board members of Main Street Anniston visited Oxford for a guided tour of Historic Main Street Oxford's Plaque Project. The experience was both inspiring and energizing, offering fresh ideas for celebrating local history. Collaborative efforts like these strengthen our region and help create more vibrant, connected communities.



Oxford High School Student Government Day

In April, Oxford High School seniors participated in the annual Student Government Day. A traditional going strong 70 years later! It's an incredible opportunity for the students to engage directly with municipal government and gain firsthand insight into what it takes to run a city. Mr. Khalil Robinson served as the Main Street Director for the day. We kicked the day off at city hall, toured the East Alabama Metro Crime Center (EMACC), and explored Historic Downtown Oxford. The remainder of the day included a mock city council meeting, an arrest demonstration, and a trial at the city court- giving students a full picture of civic life in action.



Historic Walking Tours on Main

In partnership with the Alabama Tourism Department, April is walking tour season. Historic Main Street Oxford hosted two Historic Walking Tours on Main, both led by Director Hunter Gentry.

The first tour focused on the development of Oxford's commercial district, highlighting the town's early growth, devastating fires, landmark businesses, Dodson Memorial Presbyterian Church, and

the downtown's transformation into the vibrant, walkable destination it is today.

The second tour explored the area's architectural evolution, featuring notable styles found in the commercial core, historic churches, and surrounding homes.



A Special Thanks










Historic Main Street Oxford extends a heartfelt thank-you to Violetta Gardner for leading the effort to beautifully decorate the gazebo in Simmons Park for Easter! With the help of Cindy Williams and Dwight Rice, the team did a fantastic job bringing festive charm to our downtown space.

Thank you for showing how small acts of community pride can make a big difference—be the change you want to see!



Oxford Performing Arts Center

The show goes on at the [Oxford Performing Arts Center](#)! Tickets for all performances are now on sale. Don't miss your chance to enjoy an incredible lineup of events in May 2025!

 <p>MAY 2</p> <p>A Night at the Popera with the Atlanta Pops Orchestra</p>	 <p>MAY 3</p> <p>Tommy James & The Shondells</p>	 <p>MAY 6</p> <p>Fraggle Rock: Back to the Rock - Live!</p>
 <p>MAY 10</p> <p>Diamond Rio</p>	 <p>MAY 15</p> <p>An Evening with John Conlee</p>	 <p>MAY 17</p> <p>Blue Oyster Cult</p>
 <p>JUNE 3</p> <p>Behind The Scenes Tours</p>	 <p>JUNE 7</p> <p>Blood, Sweat, & Tears with Jason Scheff</p>	 <p>JULY 15 - 17</p> <p>Ain't Too Proud – The Life and Times of The Temptations</p>

Oxford, Alabama at Its Best!

Cindy Williams with the Oxford Arts Council invites you to help celebrate Oxford, Alabama, at its best by participating in a writing contest.

To celebrate the city's new tagline, "Oxford, Alabama at Its Best," participants are encouraged to be creative

and share a poem or essay about their memories of places in Oxford or our communities that epitomize Oxford at its finest; humorous occurrences in Oxford's history that illustrate Oxford at its best; individuals who personify Oxford at its best; or events that highlight Oxford at its best.

Adult Contest Details:

The contest is open to all adults aged 19 to 100.

Submission Deadline: June 16, 2025.

Winners will be recognized during Oxford's 4th of July celebration at Oxford Lake and at various community events. Selected entries will also be featured in publications and on social media.

Submission Guidelines:

Entries should be no longer than 500 words and must be original. Plagiarism, submissions created by others, or AI-generated content will not be accepted.

Please submit all entries [here](#)!

For any additional information, email oxfordartscouncil@gmail.com



Available Commercial Property

Interested in moving your existing business or opening a new business in Historic Downtown Oxford? Check out these available commercial properties for lease.



324 Snow Street

Looking to open or relocate a business in Historic Downtown Oxford? A prime space at 324 Snow Street is now available, offering over 1,700 square feet with seven rooms, two restrooms, and a kitchen—ideal for retail or professional office use in a highly walkable area. For serious inquiries, contact Bruce Rice at 256-310-4056.



Available Residential Property

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



220 East Fourth Street- \$245,000.

Click [here](#) for more information!



211 West Oak Street- \$90,000.

Click [here](#) for more information!



925 Luttrell Street- \$214,900.

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!



115 Miller Street- \$99,000.

Click [here](#) for more information!
