Pedestrian alley renaming

We would like the input of Oxford residents for the renaming of the pedestrian portion of Octoraro Alley. For official and emergency service purposes, the entire alley to Second Street will still be called Octoraro Alley. However, we hope to create a sense of place by giving the pedestrian section a new, community-inspired name. We hope to unveil the new name at the June First Friday event. You can complete the survey below and mail or bring in to Borough Hall, or complete the online survey here: tinyurl.com/564e2drk.

Please choose one option or suggest your own.

☐ Él Camino - The Way
☐ Friends Footpath
☐ Dickey Place - The Dickey Family were prominent in Oxford at one time, and it was the Dickeys who founded what was then known as Ashmun Institute, now Lincoln University.
☐ Hayes Place - Hayes built one of the original buildings in the Borough, the Lynette Hayes Tavern, which became Hood’s Tavern. That building stood on the current location of the Oxford Hotel.
☐ Octoraro Alley (keep the name the same)

Borough Services

- **Brush** will be picked up on Mondays.
- The 2023 Spring Clean Up Event will be held from April 19th through April 22nd from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. each day. Please go to tinyurl.com/yyad4aez for more details.

Oxford Borough-Wide Yard Sale!

Saturday, June 17, 2023

**Start time: 8:00 a.m.**

End time: Determined by participant
C3AP Grant

Chesco Chesapeake Communities Action Plan (C3AP) Grant: The Borough of Oxford has received a $105,104 grant through the Chester County Conservation District’s C3AP Non-Ag Implementation Program to support our stormwater best management plan projects. The C3AP outlines approaches to reduce nutrients and sediment to improve the water quality of local streams and to reduce pollution entering the Chesapeake Bay. Through a partnership with the Community of Love Church, we will implement a bio-retention wetland project on Church property. We thank the County of Chester and the Community of Love Lutheran Church, and look forward to this partnership!

Borough Planning

Borough Council and staff continue to work to improve transparency and community engagement and education. To improve how we communicate and keep you apprised of all that is happening within municipal government, Council approved the allocation of some of our remaining American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds to make strategic investments in how we communicate and how you can access information and participate in public meetings. If we want busy residents and property owners to stay engaged, we need to make it easier for you! In the coming months we will improve technology in the Council Room to enable us to stream live Council and other public meetings. We learned how important this capability is during the pandemic. Now we are all used to having that option in our lives. It is just the way we do business!

Planned improvements also include a substantive update to the Borough’s website platform. With a redesigned website and new tools, users of the site can translate content into Spanish and several other languages. We’ll be able to disseminate a municipal newsletter more frequently and residents can sign up to receive updates and information that is important to you. More information will be available overall and you will be able to communicate with us and access municipal services more easily online.

For the next several months, we’ll be working with the website we have. You should still visit frequently for some important updates, especially in relation to several important planning projects taking place this year. We now have an official place to get updates on these initiatives.

Visit www.oxfordboro.org and click on the Borough Planning drop-down menu. From there you can learn the latest happenings with:

- Finalization of the new Borough Comprehensive Plan
- The extensive update to the Borough’s Subdivision and Land Development and Zoning Ordinances
- Development of an Active Transportation Plan
- Planning and funding initiatives to improve stormwater management and comply with federal and state regulations.

We’ll keep the site updated with new meeting dates, important project milestones, opportunities to provide your input through community surveys, and draft plans for you to review. Like the new website, these initiatives are all grant funded.
OARA Egg Roll

The Oxford Area Recreation Authority Egg Roll will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Park at 900 W. Locust Street, Oxford. This event will be held on the multi-purpose field. The event is free, with fun for the entire family. Browse the vendors and enjoy some good eats while the kids enjoy the outdoors! You can find more information about all the Park has offer on their website: https://oarapark.wixsite.com/oxfordrecreation

Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

The Chester County Digital Alliance, the Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC), the Chester County Economic Development Council (CCEDC) and the Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) are planning for the delivery of internet services and broadband capability to those who do not have service or access to service within our community. If you, or someone you know has limited or no internet access, please send us an email or give us a call to let us know. We will provide your address (no names) to the planners: info@oxfordboro.org or 610-932-2500
Celebrate National Library Week - April 23rd - 29th!

The Oxford Library encourages all community members to visit the Library during National Library Week to explore all we have to offer!

Most people know about the wealth of stories available at the Library, from picture books and large print, to audiobooks and e-books. But there’s so much more to the story of libraries: Libraries are welcoming spaces that bring communities together for entertainment, education and connection through book clubs, story times, movie nights, crafting classes, lectures and more!

If you’re already a library cardholder, two new resources to check out are Kanopy Plus and Creativebug. Kanopy Plus is a streaming video service. Kanopy Plus includes packs of curated, themed bundles of films with 250-300 titles that are all unique to the Kanopy service, including favorites, easy watching, diversity and world cinema. Creativebug offers online arts and crafts video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Classes range from beginner to advanced skill levels, and include fiber, fabric, paper, food and jewelry arts and craft topics.

If you haven’t checked out the Oxford Library lately, you’re missing the full story! Stop by for a visit to celebrate with the Library during National Library Week, April 23rd - 29th.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is nationally observed by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April. For more information, visit the Library’s website at www.oxfordpubliclibrary.org.

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Oxford Area Sewer Authority Vacancy!

Have you been wondering how YOU can be of assistance to the Borough?
The Borough of Oxford seeks a resident to join the Oxford Area Sewer Authority Board. This volunteer position requires attendance at one Wednesday evening meeting per month. The Sewer Authority is “committed to treating the wastewater needs of our member communities in a cost effective, environmentally sensitive manner while keeping the interests of our rate payers in mind.” Letters of interest can be emailed to: manager@oxfordboro.org or dropped off at Borough Hall.
Active Transportation Plan Community Open House

Share your ideas on ways to improve walking, biking, rolling and riding public transportation in the Borough!

Oxford Borough will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 to provide information to the community about development of the Borough’s Active Transportation Plan.

Representatives from McMahon, a Bowman company, will provide a brief presentation on the project and plan’s objectives. At the meeting, residents and property owners will have an opportunity to identify areas of the Borough they feel need sidewalk, trail and ADA access improvements and public transportation needs.

Active Transportation Plan Community Open House
Tuesday, April 11, 2023
Oxford Presbyterian Church
6 Pine Street, Oxford, PA 19363

English Language Session: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Spanish Language Session: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Find more information about the Borough's Active Transportation Plan HERE!

El municipio de Oxford organizará una reunión pública el Martes 11 de Abril de 2023 para proporcionar información a la comunidad sobre el desarrollo del Plan de Transporte Activo del municipio. Representantes de McMahon, a Bowman company, proporcionará una breve presentación sobre el proyecto y los objetivos del plan. En la reunión, los residentes y dueños de propiedades tendrán la oportunidad de identificar las áreas del Municipio que sienten que necesitan mejoras en las aceras, senderos y acceso ADA y necesidades de transporte público.

Casa Abierta de la Comunidad del Plan de Transporte Activo
Martes, 11 de Abril de 2023
La Iglesia Presbiteriana de Oxford
6 Pine Street, Oxford, PA 19363

Sesión en Inglés: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Sesión en Español: 7:00 – 8:00 pm
OAHA is Moving!

To expand access to our historic archives and programs, the Oxford Area Historical Association is moving to 119 S. 5th Street in downtown Oxford. We will announce a public opening this Summer- stay tuned!

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During our move, you can still reach us by emailing information@oxfordhistorical.org or visit www.oxfordhistorical.org for updates