OXFORD’S Insights

Winter 2022

On December 14th, the Oxford Police Department was awarded a $77,271 grant through the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency’s Local Law Enforcement Support Grant Program (LLE). The LLE funding will support the cost of officer training and enable the department to add Live Scan fingerprinting capabilities at the police station. Currently, officers must drive individuals to the Pennsylvania State Police barracks in Avondale for this service or mail ink and paper prints away for processing. “Having Live Scan technical capabilities at our station will save time and resources for our department,” Chief Iacono said. “It will also allow us to share important information with state, county and regional agencies, leading to better outcomes and a safer community.” We thank Senator Carolyn Comitta and Representative John Lawrence for their support of OPD’s funding request!

Oxford Area Sewer Authority Vacancy!
The Borough of Oxford seeks a resident to join the Oxford Area Sewer Authority Board. Letters of interest can be emailed to: manager@oxfordboro.org or dropped off at Borough Hall.

Borough Council meetings are held at Borough Hall at 7 p.m. While most meetings occur on 1st and 3rd Mondays, there are variations due to holidays. You may find meeting dates and times on our website calendar at oxfordboro.org/calendar/month, or you may call us at: 610-932-2500, ext 1303. We look forward to seeing you!

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Borough Services

- **Christmas trees** will be picked up with brush on Mondays. Please be sure all tinsel, lights and decorations are removed and place the tree on the curb for removal.
- All curbside **basketball hoops** will need to be removed before snow season so hoops and Borough snow removal equipment are not damaged during plowing.
- Do not shovel or blow snow onto any Borough street or alley while clearing sidewalks or driveways.
- Please see the complete Borough Snow Removal Policy on our website at oxfordboro.org/home/pages/oxford-borough-snow-removal-policy

View our 2022/23 informational video at https://tinyurl.com/3seck5f9

Borough offices will be closed January 16th February 20th

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Hours: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
As the Route 1 corridor continues to grow, it is critical that we prepare for the pressures a changing Southern Chester County will place on Borough personnel, finances, and aging infrastructure. It is now more important than ever that we: address critical issues and long-time challenges; plan for our long-term infrastructure and facility needs; and ensure mechanisms are in place to respond to the unexpected. To help ensure the Borough is prepared to harness the opportunities of growth and address its challenges to improve quality of life in Oxford, we have initiated several grant-funded planning initiatives. This process began last year when we started working with the Chester County Planning Commission to develop a Comprehensive Plan for the Borough. The Plan outlines the full range of public infrastructure and services that may be required to support and manage growth. It essentially provides a vision for the future and identifies what resources and actions may be required to support it. After a year of public meetings and community input, the final plan will be adopted by Council early in the new year.

To build upon the vision and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan, through the course of 2023 we will work through the following grant-funded planning initiatives:

**Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) and Zoning Ordinance Update**
**$100,000 Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC)**

The Borough’s SALDO and Zoning Ordinances outline the rules by which land can be developed and used in Oxford, in part to ensure the availability of services and amenities that improve quality of life. Out of date ordinances discourage investment and make it harder to repurpose land, address housing needs, and bring new businesses to the Borough. Through this project we will complete a comprehensive update to these ordinances to meet current community needs and prepare for the future.

**Active Transportation Plan (ATP)**
**$25,000 Walk Works grant from the PA Department of Health**

Through developing an Active Transportation Plan, we will complete a pedestrian circulation study and identify: gaps in the Borough sidewalk network; potential new trail connections; opportunities to improve public transit; and strategies to ensure safe connectivity to key pedestrian destinations. We will update the Borough’s sidewalk ordinance to ensure we address deficiencies in a way that is equitable and fair. Once complete, the Active Transportation Plan will aid the Borough in securing future grants to construct new sidewalks and trails.

**Strategic Management Planning Program (SMPP)**
**$52,500 Strategic Management Planning Program Grant from the PA DCED Governor’s Center for Local Government Services (GCLGS)**

The Strategic Management Planning Program provides financial assistance to local governments to develop and implement multi-year financial management, administrative, service delivery and economic development programs and initiatives. Our final plan will provide an assessment of the Borough’s financial position and prospects. It will outline short and long term financial, managerial, and economic development strategies to strengthen Oxford’s financial capacity, improve services and support growth. This will ultimately improve services and result in a better return on investment of your tax dollars!

Each of these planning initiatives will kick off in January and involve public participation. We are looking for residents who want to get involved and have a say in the future of Oxford. For more information on how you can participate, please email manager@oxfordboro.org or call 610-932-2500 x 1302. Updates and notices about public meetings will be posted on the Borough website and Facebook page.