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“Building Community”



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NEWS FROM THE FRONT...

BREAKING GROUND!

Please Join Us
for a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate
commencement of the OCC building
restoration project

Friday, May 27, 2011 5:30 PM

Oxford Community Center
200 Oxford Road / MD 333
RSVP by May 23
410-226-5904 / oxfordcc@verizon.net

Please note: The Oxford Fine Arts Fair Preview Party
follows this event. Separate RSVP required.



**“BUILDING COMMUNITY” FLOAT
OXFORD DAY PARADE**

OCC took their construction site on the road for the Oxford Day Parade on April 30. Pictured above is OCC volunteer Abby Rose in the bucket, Operations Manager Tom Anovick at the tractor wheel, and “hard hat crew” Bob Dietz, Eric Mihan, and OCC Board President Bill Ritchie.



Elizabeth Fago, left, with Sherrie Kirchoff, friend and “calendar girl”.

FRIENDS RAISE FUNDS FOR OCC

Thanks to the generosity and creativity of wonderful community friends, thousands of dollars have been raised to support the building project. Our gratitude to Elizabeth Fago for her “Ladies of Oxford” Calendar that raised over \$35,000. From start to finish, this project was entirely her creation. We appreciate as well the generous spirit of the ladies who participated and those who offered the calendar in their business establishments, all to support OCC.

The John Eaton Benefit Jazz Concert brought in over \$6,000 thanks to the efforts of community friends who underwrote the concert as well as Dan Zimelman and Lisa MacDougal of Pope’s Tavern at the Oxford Inn, who donated 10% of the pre-concert dinner proceeds to OCC. A fabulous evening was enjoyed by all!



Jazz pianist John Eaton & bassist Tommy Cecil onstage at OCC

OCC RECEIVES TEMPORARY OFFICE & PROGRAM SPACE

Thanks to the generosity of Peggy and Joe Dieterle, OCC will have temporary office space across the street at 201 Oxford Road - in the same building that houses Quality Automotive. This will allow OCC to maintain a public presence while conveniently managing the business of the organization. While not a space for hosting programs and events, it will be OCC's "home away from home" during the closing period. Office hours will vary during this time.

Please continue to phone or email, and visit online for program and event information: www.oxfordcc.org.

Our deep appreciation as well to Susan and Tom Campbell for use of space at Bachelors Point Marina for continuation of fitness classes including Zumba and JourneyDance during OCC's closing period. Plus - the pool is being made available for "Aqua Zumba" starting in June. Watch for details.

Additional space is being sought for other activities - please contact us if you have room to spare, and would like to share!

CAMPAIGN NOTES: 80% OF GOAL ACHIEVED

-Eric Mihan, Campaign Chair

I can't express how pleased I am to announce that we have now reached 80% of our campaign goal. Help us reach our mark by sharing our project with your friends and neighbors - perhaps someone with whom you've taken a class or attended an event here at OCC - and put us in touch with them for possible support. We don't know everybody, but we do know our mission for this restored facility is that it will serve and welcome everyone. Help us make new friends!

Also, if you have pledged and are comfortable raising your pledge, we invite you to give us a call. Thank you.

CAMPAIGN FUNDING RECEIVED TO DATE

Individual donations and pledges include 100% participation by the Oxford Community Center Staff and Board of Trustees.

FOUNDATIONS & GRANTS

Grayce B. Kerr Fund, Inc.
MD State Bond Bill 2007 & 2009
MD Sustainable Communities
Tax Credit Program Grant
Middendorf Foundation
Preservation Maryland
Town of Oxford



Eric Mihan, right, with Tom Stanley. Photo of Tom's late wife Lee, at left.

Thomas O. Stanley Presents OCC with "Accessibility Leadership" Gift in the amount of \$150,000

Mr. Stanley's gift will not only provide a new ramp for the front entrance, but will also fund a new accessible family restroom as well as mechanized lift that will provide access to the stage, both for use by performers with mobility issues and by the public when exhibits extend onto the stage. While the current men and women's restrooms offer accessibility features, the new dedicated family restroom will offer greater privacy and improved function. Our deep appreciation to Tom for this leadership gift that offers such outstanding benefits to the community.

BUILDING UPDATE: BIDS ARE IN - WE'RE RIGHT ON TARGET

-Bob Dietz, Building Restoration Committee Chair

This last month has seen a flurry of activity on the part of our Building Restoration Committee, our Architect, and our Construction Management team. Several minor modifications to the plans had to be made to comply with the Maryland Historical Trust grant, our goal to achieve "LEED" status, and to remain within budget.

I'm happy to say the hard work paid off and we will have results that comply with all three objectives without the loss of the aesthetic design elements or the enhanced usage benefits expected. The fixed bid construction contracts are being prepared for signature and work is on target to start early June.



Bob Dietz