Oxford is one of the oldest towns in Maryland and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Although already in existence for perhaps 20 years, Oxford marks the year 1683 as its official founding, for in that year Oxford was first named by the Maryland General Assembly as a seaport and was laid out as a town. In 1694, Oxford and a new town called Arundel (now Annapolis) were selected the only ports of entry for the entire Maryland province. Until the American Revolution, Oxford enjoyed prominence as an international shipping center surrounded by wealthy tobacco plantations.

Early citizens included Robert Morris, Sr., agent for a Liverpool shipping firm who greatly influenced the town’s growth, his son Robert Morris, Jr. Known as “the financier of the Revolution,” Jeremiah Banning, sea captain, war hero, and statesman, The Reverend Thomas Bacon, Anglican clergyman who wrote the first compilation of the laws of Maryland; Matthew Tilghman, known as the “patron of Maryland” and “father of statehood” and Colonel Tench Tilghman, aide-de-camp to George Washington and the man who carried the message of Cornwallis’ surrender to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

The American Revolution marked the end of Oxford’s glory. Gone were the British ships with their variety of imported goods, and tobacco was replaced by wheat as a cash crop. Businesses went bankrupt, cattle grazed in the streets, and the population dwindled.

After the Civil War, Oxford emerged from its “long slumber” to nearly 100 years of a new prosperity signaled by a new resurgence based on tourism and leisure activities. Its main tourist attractions are the Oxford-Bellevue Ferry, started in 1683, service was discontinued after the American Revolution, was resumed in 1836, and has been in continuous operation since that time. A visit to Oxford is not complete without a ride on today’s ferry. Sit back, bring your car, bicycle or come as a passenger! N. Morris St. & The Strand - 410-745-9023

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205 N. Morris St. (Private residence) 

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2nd weekend in August

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May 4th week (date varies)

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Fine Arts Fair - May
Cardboard Boat Race - Saturday after Father’s Day
Yacht Club Fireworks - 4th of July week (date varies)
Oxford Regatta - 2nd weekend in August
Heritage Regatta - 4th weekend in August
Picket Fence Auction - Early October (date varies)
OLA Antique Show - Waterford weekend
Christmas on the Creek - 1st weekend in December

On-going Events
Firehouse Pancake Breakfast - 2nd Sunday monthly
Farmers Market - Wednesdays (May - Oct.)
Sailboat Races - Friday nights (May - Sept.)
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Exact dates for these events and other can be found at our website under “About Oxford” www.portofoxford.com

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Dog Park: 1 Thompson Drive
Police: 410-226-5650 / 410-822-0095 for dispatch
Police/Fire/Ambulance Emergency: 911
U.S. Coast Guard: Non-Emergency 410-226-0581
Emergency 410-226-0590

CHURCHES
Oxford Methodist Church 
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
N. Morris St. – next to the Park, PO Box 117
Waters United Methodist Church 
Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Market & Bank Streets, PO Box 124
Church of the Holy Trinity (Episcopal) 
Services: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Combined Eucharist 1st Sunday each month, 9:30 a.m.
S. Morris & Caroline Streets, PO Box 637

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Colonial Torch Tilghman Monument

Aide de Camp to General George Washington.

Oxford Cemetery, just outside town limits on Route 333.