

THE OXFORD NEWSLETTER

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Oxford Summer Festival '09 takes place on **Saturday, August 8th from 11am – 10pm** rain or shine at the Oxford Fire Department. Raindate for the fireworks only will be August 9th. Admission and parking are free and in addition to fireworks there will be great food, music and fun! For additional information, please contact Jennifer Wiseburn at 453-4480 or e-mail at jade1024@embarqmail.com. If you would like to be a vendor, please email Maureen Kelly at mkellysgifts@comcast.net. Bring the family and have a wonderful time!

Robin Hood has nothing on these kids: Congratulations to the OCS Archery Team for finishing **1st in the state for the 3rd consecutive year** and **9th** in the National Championships. That's least 2 years in a row finishing in the national top 10. Once again, "Bulls-eye" goes to **Rachael Zorsky**, who finished eighth in the middle school girls division, and **Rachel Opdyke** who placed 14th. **Ryan Witner** placed 31st among all the boys and **Danny Farkas** finished 4th among the 6th grade boys, winning a medal and plaque. He also placed 9th in the boys elementary division. Other awesome shooters are **Kayla Gallo**, **Samantha Dreissig** and **Haylee Ricci**, who all finished in the top 70. **Great shooting!**

The **Oxford Emergency Squad** is sponsoring the **2nd Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta** at 10am on **September 12th** at Oxford Furnace Lake with tube races for kids age 8 and under. Proceeds go to the Squad's building fund. There will also be a flea market in the upper parking lot. Bring the family for a day of fun! For more information, please contact the Squad at 453-2567.

The Squad is always looking for new members. Please contact them for more information.

The toilet raffle fundraiser returns in September or October: If you find a toilet in your front yard during this time, please contact the Squad to remove it and send it on.

OYA Champions: Oxford took 1st place in both Division 3 and Division 4 Girls North West Jersey Soccer Association. The Division 3 team, coached by S. Wolfrum and M. Pasquini, includes D. Cobb, A. Lavalley, C. Mohr, T. Hibbett, S. Dreissig, E. Lauziere, K. Gallo, B. Pasquini, M. Dowling, M. Sykora, E. Wolfrum, A. Finn, E. Clauson, S. Acuna, R. Opdyke, A. Remig and H. Ricci. Division 4 includes C. Murphy, J. Reid, K. Hibbett, K. McGuire, P. Bechtle, A. Benavides, K. Murphy, T. Austin, K. Ross, K. Duke, K. Lauziere, B. Ross, C. Ganova, J. Wall and R. Schmieder and Coach C. Lauziere.

Oxford 5th/6th Girls took 1st place in the Warren Hills Youth Basketball League. The team is coached by Barbara Wall and Chuck Lauziere and includes A. Ferdenzi, K. Hibbett, J. Ischinger, K. Lauziere, M. Rivera, S. Szucs and J. Wall.

If you are interested in getting on the **OYA mailing list** (only to be used to receive information about upcoming events such as sign-ups, special events & community functions), please e-mail Bonnie Riley at rileypb@comcast.net and she'll be happy to add you. **OYA Meetings** are held the first Monday of each month at 7:30 at the Oxford Municipal

In the Spotlight: This section features our businesses downtown. A different business will be featured in each newsletter.

Carol's Coffee Cup

Whether you're in the mood for a full breakfast or lunch or just want coffee and a bagel, stop by Carol's Coffee Cup located at 39 Wall Street (the old liquor store) and enjoy! Special orders are welcome at this charming restaurant, where meals can be customized to each individual and a variety of delicious baked goods are made fresh daily. Carol's has been in town for over 2 years and is open Tuesday-Friday from 5am – 1:30pm and Saturday and Sunday from 5am-12p (closed Monday). Be sure to stop by and try the farm fresh eggs, food from the grill, breakfast sandwiches and hot or cold sandwiches!

Oxford Furnace Young at Hearts Club meets at 1:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the municipal building. The club informs seniors on what's going on in the state, city and locally, and helps with town projects including the tree lighting. There are speakers and bus trips, and the meetings end with refreshments and a social hour. For more information regarding the upcoming bus trips, please call Jean Hendersen at 453-2920.

OYA Monthly Movie Nights: Movie nights start up again in September. To be included on the mailing list, please email Bonnie Riley at rileypb@comcast.net.

Oxford Volunteer Fire Dept. News: The OVFD is selling reflective address markers for \$15 each. If you have questions, please call 453-2720 or email housemarkers@ovfd.com. Make checks payable to: OVFD: Send payment to: OVFD, PO Box 417, Oxford, NJ 07863. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery. Remember: **If they can't find you, they can't help you.**

More OVFD News: There will be no monthly breakfasts during the months of June, July, August or September.

Oxford Lake Reminder: No gasoline engines are allowed on boats.

Land Use Board meetings are usually the 2nd Monday of the month at the Oxford Municipal Building at 7:00pm. The complete schedule is available at www.oxfordnj.org, Government, Land Use Board schedule.

Town Committee meetings: The 2009 meeting schedule is available on the town website, www.oxfordnj.org (Government, Township Council Schedule). Meeting minutes are posted on the town website after approval at the following month's meeting. Click on Government, then Town Committee Meetings. **Town Budgets for 2003-2009** are also online at the Government page.

The Code of the Township is now available online. Go to www.oxfordnj.org and click on The Code of the Township. It will be updated as new ordinances are passed.

Building. The public is welcome!

Important information about Swine Flu: Please read the following information from www.pandemicflu.gov:

You can prepare for an influenza pandemic now. You should know both the magnitude of what can happen during a pandemic outbreak and what actions you can take to help lessen the impact of an influenza pandemic on you and your family. This checklist will help you gather the information and resources you may need in case of a flu pandemic.

1. To plan for a pandemic:

- Store a two week supply of water and food. During a pandemic, if you cannot get to a store, or if stores are out of supplies, it will be important for you to have extra supplies on hand. This can be useful in other types of emergencies, such as power outages and disasters.
- Periodically check your regular prescription drugs to ensure a continuous supply in your home.
- Have any nonprescription drugs and other health supplies on hand, including pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes, and vitamins.
- Talk with family members and loved ones about how they would be cared for if they got sick, or what will be needed to care for them in your home.
- Volunteer with local groups to prepare and assist with emergency response.
- Get involved in your community as it works to prepare for an influenza pandemic.

2. To limit the spread of germs and prevent infection:

- Teach your children to wash hands frequently with soap and water, and model the correct behavior.
- Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues, and be sure to model that behavior.
- Teach your children to stay away from others as much as possible if they are sick. Stay home from work and school if sick.

3. Items to have on hand for an extended stay at home:

Examples of food and non-perishables include: Ready-to-eat canned meats, fish, fruits, vegetables, beans, and soups, Protein or fruit bars, Dry cereal or granola, Peanut butter or nuts, dried fruit, crackers, canned juices, bottled water, canned or jarred baby food and formula, pet food, other non-perishable items.

Examples of medical, health and emergency supplies include: Prescribed medical supplies such as glucose and blood-pressure monitoring equipment, Soap and water, or alcohol-based (60-95%) hand wash, Medicines for fever, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, thermometer, anti-diarrheal medication, vitamins, fluids with electrolytes, cleansing agent/soap, flashlight, batteries, portable radio, manual can opener, garbage bags, tissues, toilet paper, disposable

There have been issues with property being defaced at some of our playgrounds. Section 234-1 of our code book states:

No person in a public park or recreation area shall:

Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace or remove any buildings, bridges, cables, benches, fireplaces, railing, pavings or paving materials, waterlines or other public utilities, or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, whether real or personal.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant hereto shall, upon conviction, be subject to the replacement, repair or restoration of any damaged park property or recreation area property and shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and/or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding 90 days.

Dogs: Please leash and clean up after your dog: In accordance with Chapter 48 of the Oxford Code, dogs on public streets, in any public places or areas of the Township should be "accompanied by a person and securely confined and controlled by an adequate leash not more than six feet long." Dog feces must also be removed and properly disposed. Violators convicted shall be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisoned up to 90 days, or both.

The Oxford Police Department would like to ask all those who frequent Oxford Lake to **please abide by local and state statutes** as they may apply to the use of the lake property. If anyone has any questions concerning this particular statute, or any other, please feel free to contact Lt. Charles Lilly at any time at (908) 453-4133.

Watch for Bears: We live in a beautiful area and it contains a variety of wildlife including bears. To keep bear encounters to a minimum, please:

- **Do not leave out garbage cans, bird feeders, etc.** Once bears find easy food, they may come back for more.
- **Do not intentionally feed the bears.** This is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 per offense.

If you should encounter a bear:

- **Do not panic.** Never run; back away slowly
- **Let the bear know you're there** by speaking in an assertive voice, singing, clapping or making other noises. Make yourself look as big as possible by waving your arms and make loud noises to scare it away
- **If it does attack, fight back.**

If you encounter an aggressive bear, immediately call the local police or the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 908-735-8793. Report nuisance bears to the DEP at 877-WARNDEP.

For more information, visit njfishandwildlife.com/bearfacts.htm

diapers.

Oxford Recycles: Curbside Recycling (updated 2009)

Currently, recyclables are picked up once a month.

- If your garbage is picked up on a Monday, then your recyclables will be picked up on the 4th Thursday of the

Garbage Information (per Ordinance No. 80-10):

- Please do not include recycling in the trash.
- Garbage cans should be galvanized metal or plastic and

month.

- If your garbage is picked up on a Tuesday, then your recyclables will be picked up on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

The crew comes early in the morning, so be ready! Perhaps marking your calendar will help you remember to put out your recyclables the night before.

The following items can be accepted curbside:

1. Co-mingled recyclables like glass (bottles & jars only), plastics (bottles only), and metal (aluminum cans; tin and bimetal cans).
2. Newspapers, tied up corrugated cardboard, and magazines/catalogs/junk mail, if they are separated and securely tied with twine. **Cardboard and paper that's put out with garbage will not be picked up.**

‘NO PLASTIC BAGS FOR RECYCLABLES’

At the Recycling Center

Warren County District Landfill
500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue
Oxford, New Jersey 07863
Office Phone: 908-453-2174

New Hours of Operation (except for Holidays):

Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM - 2:30 PM &
Saturday: 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

There is **no fee** for regular recycling, so you can drop off all of the items listed above and more!

Household batteries: The Pollution Control Financing Authority (PCFA) is no longer collecting ALKALINE DRY CELL BATTERIES (**AA, AAA C, D and 9 volt**). They no longer contain mercury or hazardous components and therefore may be disposed of in your regular household trash.

NON-ALKALINE DRY CELL BATTERIES such as **button cells, nickel-cadmium, and lithium batteries do still contain hazardous components** and will now be collected and recycled by the PCFA at the Household Hazardous Waste Events that are held in the Spring and Fall each year. A collection barrel will be available at the Warren County District Landfill, Monday-Friday, from 7am-2:30pm, and Saturday from 7-11am for drop off of these batteries **only**.

Visit the PCFA of Warren County website at <http://www.pcfawc.com/> or call (908) 453-2174 for more information on dates and times of scheduled events, directions or recycling in general.

“Start Recycling, Keep Recycling”

should not exceed 30 gallons in capacity. They also must have a lid or cover and 2 sturdy handles.

- Cans should not weigh over 60 pounds when filled with garbage.
- **If your can is bigger than 30 gallons or if recyclables are mixed in with your garbage, garbage will not be picked up.**

Thank you for your cooperation!

Thanks to the following for their contributions to the newsletter: Kiki Frasca, Robert Magnuson, Krista Michniewicz, Joan E. Mulligan and Adrienne Nixon.

Does your organization have information they would like included in the newsletter? Please send your submission to oxfordnjnewsletter@yahoo.com by November 10th, 2009. We'd love to hear from you! (Note: The newsletter is sent out twice a year. The 3rd and 4th Quarter issue will not be mailed, however you can pick up hardcopies at the municipal building or view it on the town's website at www.oxfordnj.org)

Have a safe and wonderful summer!