

# Oxford's City Corner



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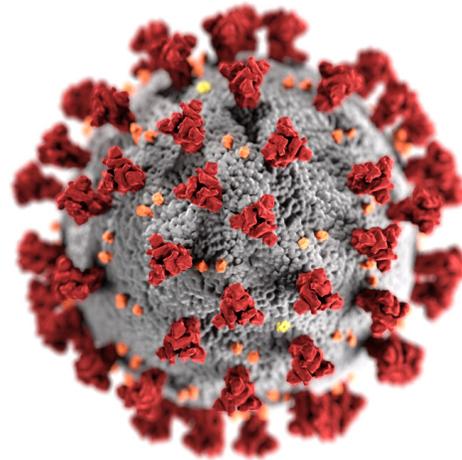
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- Phase 2 of reopening extended until July 17, 2020.
- Executive Order 147 places face coverings in public spaces as a requirement, especially if physical distancing is not possible. However, if a medical reason prevents the wearing of a face covering that individual is exempt.
- Mass gathering limits: no more than 10 people indoors or 25 people outdoors.
- Restaurants, Salons & Personal Care and Pools are allowed to open at 50% capacity, with distancing and cleaning requirements.
- Gyms, Indoor Entertainment Venues, Playgrounds, Museums, Bars/Nightclubs are not permitted to open during this phase.
- Physical distancing at 6 feet is required.



## Joe Wade, Machine Operator, Street Department

Although only being with the City of Oxford for 6 months, Joe Wade exemplifies the character and attitude we all look for in City employees. After working for S.G. Wooten for 12 years, Mr. Wade came to the City and started as a Machine Operator with the Street Department. He enjoys being outside moving debris and gaining more experience. His coworkers describe him as a tenacious individual who is not afraid to get dirty and get the job done. DOEDC Director, Mary Yount, describes him as attentive to citizen needs, kind, professional and adaptable as jobs can be fluid and change on the spot. Outside of work Mr. Wade enjoys spending time with his wife and grandkids, planting in his garden, playing with his chickens and guineas and genuinely loves being outdoors. His one message he would like to leave the citizens of Oxford, *"Treat everyone the way you would want to be treated and respect your elders; they have a lot of experience."* Thank you for all of your hard work!

### Employee Appreciation

## Antoine Lewis, WWTP Superintendent

Antoine has been working with the City of Oxford for 20 years. As the WWTP Superintendent, his day-to-day consists of daily surprises keeping him and his crew on their toes. The most enjoyable part of his job is the role he plays in protecting the environment. He credits his crew for the success he has had and mentions that without them he would not be in the position he is. Outside of work he enjoys spending time with his children, hunting, traveling and learning about new cultures, including trying different types of cuisine. His message to the citizens of Oxford reads, *"A clean environment is essential for healthy living. If we take care of the environment it will take care of us in return. Polluted water sources can cause devastating effects on our planet and especially our children of the future. Everyone therefore, has a role in ensuring they maintain a clean environment we can all thrive in. Let's do our part Oxford."* Thank you for all of your hard work!





## Star-Spangled Downtown Oxford Holiday

Downtown Oxford will soon be covered in red, white and blue stars celebrating the July 4th holiday as a connected and unified community! The US Flags will be flying high, local porches will don red, white and blue bunting and pin-wheels, all for the collective showing of what small town living is all about!

## There's an App For That!

Did you know the app *Visit NC Farms* lists North Carolina farms & fisheries, pick your own, farm stays & lodging and area farmers markets? Download the app and find our very own Oxford's Farmers Market open each Saturday from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm! Check it out!

Come out any Saturday and enjoy all things locally grown! Remember, Downtown Oxford is just a short walk away to shop local! For more information about the Oxford Farmers Market, check out their Facebook page! 



## Bring on the Neon

The Orpheum in Downtown Oxford lit up the night on June 13th. These neon lights were brought back to life through the inspiration, persistence and vision of Cody and Britnye Shore. They have worked so hard to bring the theatre back to life after decades of sitting idle. We don't want to spoil their surprise and big moments of an opening so, in the mean time, here are some before and after pictures!



Congratulations to Tommy Cox, of the Street Department, on his retirement! Tommy has been with the City of Oxford, since 1998, where he started as a General Laborer and worked his way to Crew Leader in 2016. Tommy completed his last day on June 29, 2020 and was celebrated by his colleagues with a Retirement party. Thank you for all of your hard work and we wish you a wonderful retirement!



Due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty surrounding public safety, the NC Hot Sauce Contest & Festival has been cancelled for 2020.

A graphic titled 'July Calendar' with a decorative border of the American flag. The text is centered within a white box. The title 'July Calendar' is in a large, italicized, brown serif font. Below the title is a bulleted list of three items: 'July 3rd: City of Oxford offices closed', 'July 6th: Board of Commissioner's Agenda Meeting 5:30 PM \*Zoom Only\*', and 'July 14th: Board of Commissioner's General Meeting 7:00 PM \*Zoom Only\*'. The dates and times are in a standard black font, while the asterisked 'Zoom Only' text is in a bold black font.

**ALL MEETINGS HELD AT CITY HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

Board of Commissioner's Meetings: Agenda meeting—The 1st Monday before the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30; Regular meeting—2nd Tuesday of each month.

For more information contact the City Clerks office at 919-603-1105.

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