

O-TOWN NEWS!

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WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!

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If you have information to be shared in O-Town News, you can submit online at <http://bit.ly/O-Town-News-Content> or call (513) 529-2914 for assistance with completing the online submission form.

Submission deadline is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue.

Every August Oxford becomes home to thousands of Miami University students from around the world. Many will call Oxford home for a short time, some will remain here and make O-Town their permanent home, and some may even leave and then return years down the road. Living in a "college town" brings unique opportunities and it challenges us all to consider what it means to build a vibrant, inclusive, supportive community for people of ALL ages. As the new academic year begins, here are a few dates to keep in mind:

- August 18** - New Incoming International Graduate Student Orientation begins
- August 21** - New Incoming International Undergraduate Student Orientation begins
- August 24** - Move-In Day for First Year Students
- August 28** - Fall Semester classes begin

Spotlight: Thread Up Oxford



Thread Up Oxford is a nonprofit organization in Oxford, Ohio dedicated to reducing the textile waste discarded in local landfills. Textile is a term used to describe various materials made from fiber-based materials such as fabrics, yarns, and thread that are used to make everyday products including, clothing, home décor, car upholstery, toys, medical supplies, and much more. Most textiles are used to create the clothing we wear and will end up as waste. In 2018 alone, the Environmental Protection Agency estimated that the United States produced 17 million tons of textiles, with *over 11 million tons being discarded in landfills.*

Thread Up seeks to achieve their mission to reduce textile waste in the Oxford area through a variety of efforts: First, they serve local service organizations to support the needs of the Oxford community through their local retail store, located at **5156 College Corner Pike, Oxford.** Here, individuals can shop using the

Karma Bucks program, which allows those who can afford to help the organization pay for clothing and other textiles, while individuals with financial hardships are able to shop for free. Second, Thread Up provides educational speaking opportunities and forums on creating more sustainable wardrobes, and how organizations can help individuals and other organizations reduce textile waste in the community. Finally, Thread Up seeks to achieve their mission through volunteer-based events to support the sorting and distribution of textiles.

For more information, contact Thread Up at **(513) 273-1701.**

Textile Shopping Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Please note that Thread Up is volunteer only and these hours may be subject to change.

DONATIONS

Thread Up is currently accepting:

- All textiles (not just clothing)
- Donations may be stained, have holes, or be no longer usable.
- However, all donations must be clean and free of bugs, mold, and strong odors.

Thread Up does NOT accept:

- Shoes or couch cushions





There's An Important Election on August 8th

Don't let summer vacation keep you from voting!!!

You have choices!



Vote at your polling place on August 8th

If you don't know your voting location, contact the Butler County Board of Elections.



Vote early, in person

Early voting begins on July 11th. Dates and times available on the Butler County Board of Elections website or call them for details.

ID requirements for Election Day voting and Early Voting - one of the following: Ohio driver's license or ID; US passport; US military ID



Vote by mail

If you'll be away during early voting or prefer to vote by mail, you can request that your ballot be mailed to your home or vacation location. Complete and return the absentee ballot request form on the Butler County Board of Elections website asap or call them to have a form mailed to you.

ID requirements for vote-by-mail - one of the following: last 4 digits of social security number; Ohio driver's license or ID

Contact information for
Butler County Board of Elections

<https://elections.bcoho.gov>

1802 Princeton Rd., Suite 600

Hamilton, OH 45011

513-887-3700



This information is provided by:



Ohio's voting laws have changed!



ID Requirements for Ohio Voters

Make sure you have the necessary identification to successfully cast your ballot!



In-Person Voting

Early Voting at the Board of Elections or at your polling place on Election Day

One of the following unexpired documents:

- Ohio Driver's License or interim ID form or Ohio ID (issued by Ohio BMV)*
- U.S. Military or U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs or Ohio National Guard card
- U.S. passport or passport card

* Address does not need to be current; Ohio IDs are now free at Ohio BMVs



Vote by Mail

Ballot can be returned via U.S. Mail or dropped at the Board of Elections by end of day on Election Day

One of the following:

- Ohio Driver's License number or Ohio ID number (unexpired & issued by Ohio BMV)*
- Last 4 digits of social security number
- A copy of one of the documents listed to the left under "In-Person Voting"



Contact the Butler County Board of Elections for voting assistance, voting dates & hours
<https://elections.bcoho.go> (or scan this QR code for a link to the website) ----->>>>>>
513-887-3700



Family Resource Center Fundraiser



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th - 4:00 - 8:00 PM

33% of all sales made at Oxford Chipotle will be donated to Family Resource Center's cause!

Order online for pickup using code **8JQRBMW** or show this flyer in the restaurant.

For online orders to count toward the fundraiser, they must be placed for **pickup only** from the Oxford restaurant location (**1 W. High St. Ste. 101**) and between the hours of **4:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

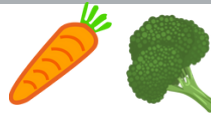
Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify.

A NOTE FROM FRC:

We are thankful to have been featured in the July issue of the O-Town news, but realized that we made an error in reporting our expenses. We want to make sure that you have the correct information. We actually spent about \$67,000 in direct program assistance (rent, utilities, documents, prescriptions, transitional homes, holiday program) in the year 2022 and \$26,000 so far in the year 2023. We are grateful for all the donations we receive, and always welcome more. As demands far outweigh resources, the need for monetary donations to support FRC preventative programs is of utmost need and importance. Thank you again for your help in supporting our community.

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About Town



Fri. August 4 - Red Brick Friday: Neon Nights - 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. *Uptown Memorial Park.* Live music, new & used book vendors, book giveaways, and more! Main Street will be closed for pedestrians between the Uptown Parks.

Fri. August 4 - Friday Night Lights: Disney's Coco - 8:00 - 10:30 p.m. *Oxford Community Arts Center Pavilion.* Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and snacks.

Sat. August 5, 12, 19, 26 - Oxford Farmers Market - 9:00 a.m. until noon. *Uptown.* Fresh, Local, Seasonal foods & goods from friends, neighbors, and local businesses.

Sat. August 5, 12, 19, 26 - Yoga in the Park - 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. *Uptown Park.* Come enjoy some relaxing yoga.

Sat. August 5 - 9th Annual Red Brick Reunion Car Show - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. *Uptown Park.* High Street will be blocked off for pedestrians. Walk freely on the road and enjoy the cars on display! Live music by The Fries.

Sat. August 19 - Community Yard Sale - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. *Oxford Parks & Recreation Dept.*

Rent a space and make money while saying goodbye to items that you no longer need!

Register on Oxford Parks & Recreation's website or call (513) 523-6314.

\$15 per 10x10 space (including table and chair)

\$10 per 10x10 space (no table or chair)

\$5 per extra table

To see more upcoming local events and programs, you can pick up a copy of Oxford Parks & Recreation's program guide at 6025 Fairfield Road, Oxford, OH 45056!

Uptown Music Concert Series

All concerts are FREE and held in Uptown Park from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise listed.

Thur. August 3 - The Belairs

Sponsored by Hueston Woods Visitors Bureau

Thur. August 10 - Linus Tate

Sponsored by Wild Berry

Thur. August 17 - Air Force Band of Flight - Spirit of Freedom

Sponsored by McCullough-Hyde Foundation, Chuck's Electric, Paul Young Funeral Home, and Miami UPAC/CPAC

Thur. August 24 - Butler

Philharmonic

Sponsored by Ernst Bever Family

****Starts at 7:30 p.m.**

Thur. August 31 - Tyler Michael Walton and the Mayflower Satchel

Sponsored by LCNB, Framemaker, Knolls of Oxford, Bath State Bank, and Apple Tree

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Hueston Woods

Wed. August 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 - Ohio Raptors - 2:00 p.m. *Hueston Woods Nature Center - 6301 Park Office Rd, College Corner, OH 45003.* Meet at the Nature Center to get a close look and learn about some of our resident birds of prey.

Arts & Leisure



Sat. August 5, 19 & Sun. August 6, 20 - Artist's Makerspace - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. *Oxford Lane Library.* Explore the makerspace on the 2nd floor where you will find various art supplies and tools for self-guided crafting

Mon. August 7 - Lived Experiences: Black History in Oxford - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. *Oxford Lane Library.* This exhibit focuses on the Black experience in Oxford, OH, and encourages participants to develop a sense of community through a shared local history. Opening reception and keynote by Dr. Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, the first African American woman to serve as national president of the League of Women Voters.

Tues. August 8 - Bee Hotels - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. *Oxford Lane Library.* Welcome bees to your neighborhood with a crafty homemade shelter. Register for the event on Oxford Lane Library's website or call (513) 523-7531.

Sat. August 12 - Ox Chalks the Walks - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. *Oxford Community Arts Center.* Open to all ages! Some sidewalk blocks will be designated for competition. Vernon McIntyre & Appalachian Grass will perform on the pavilion stage. Food trucks, arts & crafts vendors, and more!

Tues. August 15 - The Book Crew - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. *Oxford Lane Library.* Enjoy food, drink, and conversation as you discuss the book of the month: *Recursion* by Blake Crouch. Register for the event on Oxford Lane Library's website or call (513) 523-7531.

Thur. August 17 - Third Thursday Book Club - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. *Oxford Lane Library.* Come and discuss this month's book: *Unlikely Animals* by Annie Hartnett.

Sun. August 20 - Painting with Julia - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. *Oxford Lane Library.* Create a nature painting on wood! Register for the event on Oxford Lane Library's website or call (513) 523-7531.

Tues. August 22 - Get to Know the Artist's Makerspace - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. *Oxford Lane Library.* All of the makerspace tools will be available to use and explore with staff in attendance to answer questions and provide guidance.

Tues. August 22 - Shakespeare in the Park: The Comedy of Errors - 7:00 p.m. *OCAC Pavilion.* Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's FREE Shakespeare in the Park tour returns! Bring chairs and blankets.

Helpful Resources

Family Resource Center

*5445 College Corner Pike, Building 2 , Oxford, OH 45056
(513)-523-5859, Email: director@frcoxford.org*

Family Resource Center (FRC) assists individuals and families with the necessary resources, advocacy, and assistance to achieve their own self-sustainability: securing housing, assisting those with economic hardships, ensuring basic needs (food, clothing, shelter, transportation), obtaining and retaining employment, and accessing financial, education, and work supports.

Oxford Lane Library

*441 S Locust St #2126, Oxford, OH, 45056
(513)-523-7531, Website: <https://www.lanepi.org/>*

Lane library provides materials, services, access to computers and electronic resources, and a variety of events for adults and children. Most services and events are free.

Oxford Free Clinic

*110 North Poplar Street Oxford OH, 45056
(513)-524-5426, Website: <https://oxfordfreeclinic.org/>*

Oxford Free Clinic provides basic medical care and access to medications prescribed for treatments. The gynecology free clinic operates on the second Wednesdays of every month to provide free women-specific care.

Oxford Seniors

*922 Tollgate Dr. Oxford, OH, 45056
(513)-523-8100, Website: <https://www.oxfordsenior.org/>*

Oxford Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m to 4:30 p.m. for members to use the facilities and participate in many forms of recreation. Oxford Seniors also provides Adult Day Care Services, Meals on Wheels, Transportation, and other supportive services.

Talawanda Oxford Pantry & Social Services

*5445 College Corner Pike, Oxford, OH, 45056
(513)-523-3851, Email: director@topss.org*

Talawanda Oxford Pantry & Social Services (TOPSS) serves families living in the Talawanda school district. Customers are able to shop once per week and choose their items according to their household size and preferences. Nutritional information and foods to meet specific dietary restrictions are available. "Emergency food" boxes are available on a limited basis to those in need who live outside of the Talawanda School District.

Thread Up Oxford

*5156 College Corner Pike, Oxford, OH, 45056
(513)-273-1701, Email: threadupoxford@gmail.com*

Thread Up is committed to changing the community's relationship with textile more responsibly and creatively. Thread Up accepts donations of textile goods and provides free and low-cost gently used clothing at their location.