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Greetings! Dare we say that Spring is truly here? No matter the weather, April and May are the busiest of times in Oxford. Both Town (the City) and Gown (the University) schedules are chocked full of activities for people of all ages. If you haven't heard about April's Pack the Park Initiative the Coalition for Healthy Community encourages everyone to get out to one of our many parks. In May, the "big visitor weekend" (Miami's graduation) falls on Saturday, May 14, this year. Reminder – it's always wise to do your errands and dining out early in that week due to such heavy traffic on graduation weekend. Congratulations and best wishes to the many students in Miami's Class of 2022 who have been our neighbors and friends for the past four years!

This month we are pleased to feature the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Foundation in our lead article. We thank their Board and staff for sponsoring this issue of O-Town News. There is no doubt that quality of life and ability to age in place in the Oxford area are enhanced by having McCullough Hyde/TRI Health hospital in our community. The McCullough Hyde Foundation, started 85 years ago, is a major reason we have a local hospital in Oxford today. Read below to learn more about the evolution of the McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital Foundation and its continuing purpose today.

McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Foundation *Our hospital. Our community.*

The beginning of the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Foundation started in 1937 when Elizabeth McCullough-Heath created a charitable trust with the purpose of erecting, maintaining, and operating a hospital devoted to the alleviation of human suffering without distinction of race, color, or creed. In 1940, her sister Daisy McCullough created an identical charitable trust, thus creating the McCullough Memorial Trust.

In 1950, the Hyde family of Indiana expanded the charitable trust with estate gifts from Benjamin and Kathryn Hyde and Edward Hyde. They renamed it the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Trust with the purpose of building a hospital in Oxford that would support both Ohio and Indiana communities.

The influence of the McCullough sisters and the Hyde family linked Butler County and Preble County in Ohio and Franklin County and Union County in Indiana, with Oxford as its core. The McCullough-Hyde Memorial Trust, led by a group of trustees appointed by the Mayor of Oxford, opened the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital in 1957 on the site of the original McCullough family home in uptown Oxford.

Throughout the subsequent six decades, the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Trust owned, operated, and supported the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital. The hospital met the need for quality healthcare in the region while remaining at the forefront of advanced technology and providing friendly and individualized patient care.

In 2015, McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital affiliated with TriHealth, a unified health system based in Cincinnati. This affiliation resulted in the shared ownership of the hospital by TriHealth and the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Trust. After a successful affiliation, the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Trust transferred its remaining membership in the hospital to TriHealth in 2019. Today, the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 charitable organization aimed to support the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital/TriHealth and the greater Oxford community.

The Foundation provides a variety of grants to the hospital on an annual basis to cover financial support for departments and specialties, education, employees, healthcare programs, patients, and general infrastructure. Throughout the past year, more than \$750,000 has been granted to fund projects ranging from an Obstetrics floor renovation to free diabetic supplies for patients.

Team member appreciation has always been a cornerstone of the Foundation, but the COVID-19 pandemic amplified these efforts. Over the last two years, hospital team members managed each surge with professionalism and success. The work that these professionals do every day to ensure our communities continue to be prepared to meet the ever-changing needs is commendable. Through celebrations, gifts, receptions, and other appreciation efforts, the Foundation ensures our neighbors and friends who work as nurses, physicians, technicians, and those behind the scenes know the community appreciates their ongoing efforts.

In addition, the Foundation provides emergency grants to team members for personal emergencies as well as scholarships and educational grants for team members to pursue continuing education, advanced degrees or specialized training.

The Foundation continues its historic role in representing the interests of the communities served by McCullough-Hyde, serving as a conduit between community members and the hospital as it relates to engagement and philanthropy. Through presentations, sponsorships, and the Community Roundtable program, the Foundation ensures community members stay connected to McCullough-Hyde.

McCullough-Hyde has been supported by generations of loyal community members. The majority of the Foundation's annual funding is made up of donations from community members, grateful patients, physicians, team members, McCullough-Hyde Auxiliary, hospital volunteers, and local businesses. The philanthropic legacy started by the McCullough sisters and the Hyde family continues today through the ongoing generosity of the community.

Throughout the past 70 years, the Foundation has had many names: McCullough Memorial Trust, McCullough-Hyde Memorial Trust, McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Trust, McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital. Regardless of the name, the overarching purpose has remained focused on the alleviation of human suffering without distinction of race, color, or creed.

If you are interested in learning more about the McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital Foundation visit www.TriHealth.com/MHMHFoundation. To learn more about McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital and its wide-range of services, visit www.TriHealth.com/MHMH.

MOON Co-Op – Celebrating 10 Years of Service and Growth!

MOON Co-Op is celebrating its 10th year as a local, cooperatively-owned brick and mortar grocery store in Oxford. Marking a decade of mission-driven food service including delicious soups, healthy meals, and locally-sourced groceries is a source of great pride for everyone who has contributed to the store. Operating a year-round grocery business in our small college town is a challenge, but one that benefits us all, and demonstrates the power of community members pulling together. Purchasing shares, shopping and sharing about MOON with friends and colleagues are all ways that members and shoppers have helped to keep this local co-op growing and going strong – not to mention lots of hard work by a dedicated Board and loyal employees.

While MOON's tenth anniversary is reason for Oxford to celebrate, ten years of service also means that many of MOON's original appliances such as freezers, coolers, computer equipment, and blenders are beginning to need significant

repair or replacement. To help rejuvenate their equipment for another ten years, MOON launched a fundraising campaign in March. Community members are invited to participate in the campaign. All gifts will help support vibrant food options and protect community ownership into the future. If you are not yet a coop member/owner, please consider the purchase of a regular share (\$150) or preferred share (\$500) in the grocery store. Please contact the MOON Board (board@mooncoop.coop) for more information on supporting MOON Co-op; or visit the store at 512 S. Locust St. in the Tollgate shopping center, or call at 513-280-5020. MOON's Board and co-op members thank you for helping keep this wonderful community resource alive and kicking.

VISIONING OXFORD'S FUTURE

Oxford Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan - Public Input Session #2 Monday

April 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Oxford Bible Fellowship, 800 South Maple Street

Your input is needed! All community members are invited to a public input session with other citizens, City staff members, the Oxford Tomorrow Steering Committee and Urban Planning Consultants from MSKS. The task will be a visioning workshop for Oxford's Comprehensive plan update. The workshop will be held in a format similar to a science fair with stations at different tables. Participants may contribute ideas and respond to any of the essential elements of the developing plan. Those elements are: City and Miami University Relations; Community Well-Being (Health, Safety and Equity); Culture and Recreation; Economy; Land Use and Development; Housing; Mobility; Sustainability; and Utilities. The updated plan will guide the City's policies for the next 10-15 years. Please register at <https://www.oxfordtomorrow.org/workshopregistration> or call the City at 513-524-5204. Ask for Planner Zachary Moore for assistance. Learn more: www.oxfordtomorrow.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM "THE OXFORD CITY BEAT"

Oxford Trails Update

Oxford Area Trails was awarded a \$500K Grant from Clean Ohio Grant fund! This grant, that will go towards Phase 4, will help with the match requirement for the OKI grant that was previously awarded for the construction of this segment. Phase 4 will connect the Talawanda Middle School to the Oxford Community Park. We hope construction will begin in 2022 and be complete in late 2023!

Yard Waste and Brush Pickup is back to weekly service

Oxford residents may dispose of brush and yard waste (no grass) at the curbside on normal refuse pick-up days every week during the months of March through November, free of charge

Requirements:

- *Tie brush in bundles no longer than three feet in length and not heavier than 50 pounds. Tie brush with a natural fiber cord (cotton, linen, twine). We will not accept brush tied with wire, plastic, or nylon cord.
- *Place smaller yard waste items in paper bags and leave the bag open. Yard waste will not be accepted if it is placed in cans or in plastic bags. Place yard waste items separate from refuse.
- *Limit yard waste to six (6) bundles or bags per pick up and place yard waste at the pick-up site no later than 7:00 a.m. on normal refuse days.

This yard waste pickup program is designed to handle typical residential yard trimmings. It is not designed to pick up excessive amounts of debris left by a tree trimming service or landscaping company. Crews will not pick up bundles of yard waste not conforming to specifications. A crew member will leave a tag on the yard waste explaining why it is not collected. Direct questions regarding this program to the Streets & Maintenance Division at (513) 523-8412.

Fire Safety Tips from Oxford Fire Department and FEMA:

Did you know your risk of dying in a home fire is greater as you get older?. Knowing what to do if there is a fire can make a big difference.

- Know two ways out of every room. Practice using both ways.
- Remove any items that may block your way out.
- Discuss your fire escape plan with family and neighbors. Contact your building manager or fire department to discuss your plan if you need extra help escaping.
- Keep your glasses, keys, hearing aids and phone within reach near your bed.
- Practice your home fire escape drill twice a year.

Be Fire-Safe Around the Home

*Careless smoking is a leading cause of home fire deaths among older adults. If you must smoke, never smoke in bed.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. Use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- Don't overload electrical outlets or extension cords.
- Properly maintain chimneys and keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from space heaters.
- Take special precaution if you are on medication that makes you drowsy

Other City Updates

- The updated program guide for **Oxford Parks and Recreation** covering April -September 2022 is available online or paper copies can be found at the Tri offices (6025 Fairfield Road), Lane Library (441 S. Locust Street) or Oxford Seniors (922 Tollgate Drive).
- The City of Oxford's Manager's Office reports that an important step towards establishing a formal lease with **Amtrak** was taken recently when Amtrak provided the City with their terms sheet. The City will review and follow up with Amtrak soon.
- As noted in the "Resolution Accepting the Priorities, Visions & Values, and 2022 Measurable Goals" at the April 5th City Council meeting, the Oxford City Council participated in a retreat on Friday, March 11th. Participants established goals and action steps for 2022 and prepared ideas to bring forward for the 2023 budget planning process, which occurs in the summer. Council re-committed to their top priority areas for the year 2022:
 - Housing for Everyone
 - Climate Sustainability • Economic Development

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM "THE COMMUNITY BEAT"

Sat. April 16; Earth Fest – Uptown Memorial Park 10:00am-1:00pm 30 organizations, live music, activities for all ages, free giveaways!

Mon. April 18; Oxford Tomorrow Comp. Plan: Public Input Session #2
6:00-7:30 pm Oxford Bible Fellowship, 800 Maple Street.

Thursday, April 21, 6:00 pm; The 2022 Drs. Gene & Carol Willeke Frontiers in Environmental Science Distinguished Lecture. This year's Willeke Lecture guest will be **Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali**, who will be speaking on Earth Day Eve on: Climate Justice and Community Revitalization: Progress, Challenges, Moving Forward. **Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali** is the founder & CEO of Revitalization Strategies; Vice President of Environmental Justice, Climate, and Community Revitalization at the National Wildlife Federation; a Thought Leader and Activist for Environmental Justice. On Zoom. [Click here to register.](#)

Sat. April 23 – 66th OXFORD KIWANIS PANCAKE DAY! Back in person at Talawanda High School - 7:00 am-1:00pm. \$7 at the door (\$6 in advance from a Kiwanis member, call 513-520-7531). Children under 5, free.

Sat. April 23 – Fresh Air Fair–Talawanda High School; 9am-12pm. A family event for health and safety hosted by the Coalition for a Healthy Community. Free bike helmets, Drug Take Back and medication safety kits, local organizations with fun activities for all ages.

Sat. April 23–Electric Root Festival–Uptown Memorial Park–2pm-9pm. A *Multi- generational Arts & Culture Community Event Celebrating People of Color: Igniting Radical Joy, Radical Hospitality, and Radical Community.* Live music: The Sound of Black Music; Tammy Kernodle Jazz Trio; Miami Gospel Singers, art exhibits, Information Expo; Relaxation Stations, Kizomba Dance Lessons.

Mon., April 25, Workshop at Oxford Seniors, 5:30-7:00 pm: Respecting A Life Lived Well. Recycling What You Declutter to Keep It Out of The Landfill. Decluttering is all the rage, but what do you do with all the things you purge? This seminar will help you know what to sell, donate, recycle, or make available for re-use. An IDEAL seminar for adult children helping to clear out a loved one's estate.

Sat. April 30 – Medication Take Back Day- Oxford Police Department and Oxford Township Police Department will collect unused/expired medications on DEA National Take Back Day, on April from 10am to 2pm at the TRI, 6025 Fairfield Rd. and at 925 S. Main Street. (Township Police Dept.).

Sat. May 14 – Miami University Commencement

Sat., May 21-Oxford Wine and Craft Beer Festival 2022–Uptown Memorial Park 2pm-10pm. Sponsored by Oxford Chamber of Commerce. An annual Oxford highlight, the event features wine, beer, and food, vendors, artisans and musicians. Online ticket sales from April 4-May 9 at <http://business.oxfordchamber.org/events/register/228>. Contact 513-523-5200 with questions or for more information.

Mon. May 23, 5:30-7:00 pm- Workshop at Oxford Seniors. Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning – What You Need to Know to Ensure Your Family Understand Your Wishes. Having a will helps minimize any family fights about your estate that may arise, and also determines the “who, what, and when” of your estate. A local attorney will help you think ahead so you can leave all the information your loved ones need to take care of your belongings, business affairs, and wishes.

Sat. June 11, Grand Re-Opening and Open House, Hanover Reserve Event Center. Everyone is invited to attend, walk the grounds, see the venue, speak to vendors and ask questions of the staff.

ANOUNCEMENTS FROM “THE AGE-FRIENDLY OXFORD BEAT”

For the remainder of 2022, Age-Friendly Oxford will focus on these priorities:

- 1) Communication and Information**—continue O-Town News and E-Mail listserv and more active Facebook site
- 2) Community and Health Services**—continue work with Miami Scripps Gerontology Center, Council on Aging and Oxford Seniors to explore ways to increase in-home service for those living in the Oxford area.
- 3) Housing**—workshops on home modifications for health and safety
 - a. products and adjustments for your specific health needs now
 - b. preparation for remaining in your home in the future
 - c. energy savings and climate resilience in your home
- 4) Transportation** - Safe driving and driving independence
 - a. Smart Driver Tek Workshop - learn what new technologies are available, how they work, and how they can help make driving safer and more enjoyable.
 - b. CAR FIT workshop—are your seat, seatbelt, and mirror in the proper position for maximum safety? Get FIT in your car and stay safe.
 - c. Explore transit options for out-of-town health needs.

**Please watch our emails and O-Town News for more details and dates. To get our emails, contact jessie@agefriendlyoxford.org or Ann at 513-520-7742.*

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