

Quicklook: Ice Storm FERN

Chapter 48 Commander's 1st look at Oxford City damage

29 January 2026

(5 days post event)

Timeline

- Chapter 48 CDR in private residence for entire duration– ENCLAVE condominiums
 - NE Oxford MS
- Ice storm FERN hit Oxford MS approx.: 2100, 01/24/26
- Power lost at 23:30, 01/24/26 ; Restored 1800, 01/28/26
- Water service lost at 0800, 01/26/26; Restored AM 01/28/26
- Roadways out of development iced over within the first few hours
- Molly Barr Rd adjacent to condos impassable until midday 01/28/26
 - Oxford FD truck lost traction on Molly Barr adjacent to condos 1300, 01/27/26 requiring a tow truck to direct firetruck in opposite direction & leave downhill
- Through phone trees & via texts able to ascertain that ALL members of Chapter 48 had lost power; all had heat and most lost water service, a few had home generators & one left the area to stay with family
- Pictures taken 01/29/26
 - 5 days post event

1st impression of damage; views around the ENCLAVE

Upper Left: Crape myrtle bending under weight of ice. Note downed branches along the front. Oak & pine trees outline the North & South perimeters and downed limbs all fell toward the East. No structures damaged.

Upper Right: downed treetops on the ground in background – shaded area. Another crape Myrtle down on the ground due to the weight of the ice.

Lower Left: Shade from garage kept the snow from melting and revealing the ice below.

Lower Right: Crape myrtles used to stand tall and are now bent, many snapped in two over the next few days.

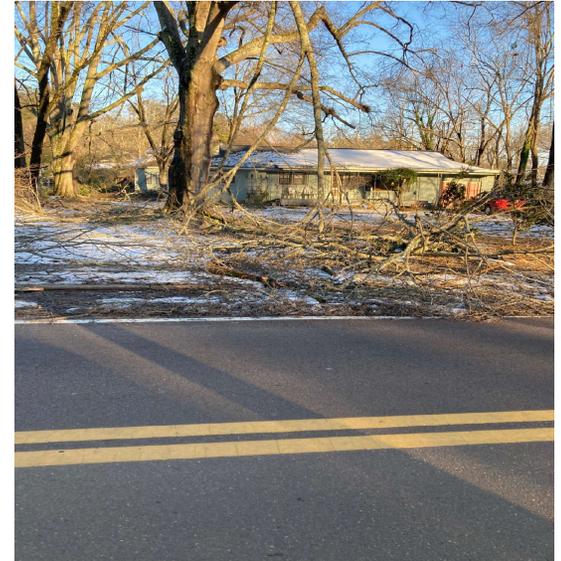


First residential area encountered upon leaving the ENCLAVE

Upper Left: Homeowners begin to drag debris & limbs to street.



Upper Right: Some trees lost a few limbs



Lower Left: Some trees just snapped.



Lower Right: Linemen working to restore power. Five poles either broken or pulled over at this one intersection



First Residential Area

(Continued)

Left: Note transformer on ground with ½ of its pole broken off

Right: some poles just leaned over



The Grove

Rebel Alumni insisted this be included although there are far more pictures on FB and better ones

Upper Left: Entering the Grove



Upper Right: Crews have begun to remove the bigger fallen limbs.

Lower Left: This tree will have to be trimmed, adding to the limbs already lost.



Lower Right: Some trees snapped at varying heights.



Veterans Building

(NO Damage)

Land donated to 3 Vet organizations (VFW, American Legion and DAV in 1996)
Building constructed the following year.

Upper Left: Only limb to strike the building and caused no damage to awning.

Upper Right: Tree snapped in two to the West of the building along Lamar Ave.

Lower Left: snapped trees along Lamar Ave a few feet south of the one above.

Lower Right: Downed limbs along Southern (back) perimeter.

About 12-15 trees will require removal/extensive trimming. Plan to convene a working party



The Square

Upper Left: The Courthouse was not immune – shattered tree

Upper Right: Broken off pole & transformer, one block off the square

Lower Left: Wooden pole pull down by trees falling on power lines. On block North & one block West of the Square.

Lower Right: Power lines down just two blocks North and one block West of the square.

Below: another transformer on the ground



Never looked better

