



Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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Water Resources Team Receives GAWP Gold/Platinum Award 17th Straight Year



The Oconee County Water Resources Department earned the Georgia Association of Water Professionals Gold/Platinum Award for the 17th straight year in 2019. GAWP Executive Director Pam Burnett presented the award, which recognizes 100% compliance for record keeping and water quality monitoring, at the June 4 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Mickey Baughcum, Adam Layfield, Wes Watson, David Lewis, Tyler Perry, Greg Long, and Tim Durham were in attendance for the presentation and accepted the award on behalf of the entire department. Congratulations on a job well done!

Employment Anniversaries

Congratulations to everyone on our team celebrating another year of service to the residents of Oconee County! Thank you for making our organization an outstanding place to work and for your dedication to our community! We appreciate all that you do!

Administration

Justin Kirouac 07/31/2017

Clerk of Courts

Marie Scarborough 07/06/2015

Finance

Wes Geddings 07/30/2007

Kim Mitchell 07/30/2018

Human Resources

Sherry Turner-Seila 07/13/2015

Jail

George Roberts 07/23/2001

Brandy Crespo 07/21/2015

Sheletha Pope 07/04/2016

Trevor Turk 07/05/2017

Joel Allen 07/17/2017

William McCarthy 07/31/2017

Amy Brewer 07/16/2018

Law Enforcement

Andrew Henderson 07/14/2014

Christopher Higginbotham 07/21/2014

Matthew Pilcher 07/05/2016

Magistrate

Richard Connelly Jr. 07/01/2016

Operations - Facilities/Maintenance

Randall White 07/13/1998

Neang Smith 07/27/1998

Brandy Ervin 07/16/2001

Raymond Gilbert 07/16/2018

Parks & Recreation

Tyler Hartzog 07/17/2017

Chase Brown 07/16/2018

Eder Villegas 07/30/2018

Katelyn Sutton 07/30/2018

Planning/Code Enforcement

Gaby Bryan 07/10/2000

Probate

Sheila Hicks 07/14/2008

Property Appraisal

Diane Lilienthal 07/10/2000

Public Safety

Shawnda Jernigan 07/23/2018

Public Works

George Kull 07/02/2007

Benjamin Hawkins 07/18/2011

Charles Arlt 07/09/2018

Superior Court

Migdai Marin 07/06/2009

Stephen Wilson 07/23/2012

Tax Commissioner

Kayla Houseman 07/27/2015

Water Resources

Mickey Baughcum 07/20/1998

Lance Raines 07/03/2000

David Lewis 07/10/2006

Tim Durham 07/09/2018

Employee Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone in the Oconee County Government Family celebrating a birthday this month! You have our best wishes for a wonderful day, and we hope it's the start of a fantastic year!

David Knowles Jr.	07/01
Grant Fordham	07/05
Beatriz Avila	07/06
Jake Thornton	07/08
Shawn Wheeler	07/08
Rebecca Templeton	07/09
Dennis Chaney	07/09
Tommy Hewell	07/12
Daniel Cochran	07/12
Mark Smith	07/13
Jennifer Givan	07/14
Allison Carton	07/15
David Haines	07/16
Richard White	07/18
Jay Power	07/19
Wesley Wright	07/19
Jason Colquitt	07/20
Daniel Ellis	07/21
Stan Swisher	07/23
Greg Long	07/23
Debbie Turner	07/29
Kristy Curtis	07/30
Sheila Hicks	07/31
Renelle Ramirez	07/31



Notes from IT

Thanks to everyone for remaining vigilant about online security. Please continue to report suspicious emails using the Phish Alert button in Outlook.

Thank you for doing your part to protect Oconee County! As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Technology Department at 706-769-2923 if you have questions or concerns about email or online security!

Faces of Oconee County



Patrick Magana is the Assistant Director of the Oconee County Information Technology Department and is always on hand to help resolve county technology issues. Patrick joined the county in August 2007. Previously, he worked with the Florida Marlins/Miami Dolphins Stadium in the IT Department.

Patrick lives in Watkinsville, and has two children, 15-year-old Andy and 12-year-old Alexa. When he is not working, he enjoys sports, woodworking, and being in the great outdoors.

Patrick says his favorite part of his job is helping people solve their IT challenges.

Information Technology Director Paula Nezda says, “Patrick thrives on learning. He is meticulous, respectful, and loyal. He is a visionary and enjoys using his expertise to design and implement technology

throughout the county.”

Thank you, Patrick, for all you do for Oconee County!

Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest colleagues - we are so glad you have joined us! Welcome to the team!

Operations
Cheryl Newell

Road Department
Scott Willoughby

Sheriff's Office
Amanda Parker
Annessa Glenn

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