



Celebrating 29 Years of Keeping Oconee Beautiful



Happy Birthday to the Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission! Since its founding on August 7, 1990, KOCBC has been committed to increasing environmental awareness and stewardship among Oconee County residents. KOCBC is flourishing with numerous programs including Lend-A-Bin, Adopt-A-Mile, and a Youth Advisory Council. KOCBC also participates in a variety of events throughout the year, including Dirty Dozen Road Cleanups, Arbor Day activities, Envirofest, Bring One for the Chipper, Tire Amnesty Days, and Tree Inventories, in addition to providing recycling education. Consider borrowing a recycling bin for your next event and check out oconeecounty.com/kocbc for more ways to get involved!

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

Tracye Bailey	08/10/1998
Diane Baggett	08/13/2018

Board of Elections & Registration

Fran Leathers	08/08/2007
Jennifer Stone	08/29/2016

Clerk of Courts

Angie Elder-Johnson	08/31/1987
Jessica Hart	08/14/2002
Marti Hardigree	08/06/2007

Community Development

Paul Helphenstine	08/20/2012
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Finance

Karen Barnett	08/18/2003
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Human Resources

Jill Faulkner	08/10/2016
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Information Technology

Patrick Magana	08/07/2007
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Jail

Jason Colquitt	08/29/2006
Joshua Morgan	08/15/2016

Joint Governmental Programs

Allison Barnes	08/05/2015
Mary Hall	08/08/2016
Kathy Shanks	08/14/2017

Law Enforcement

Kandy Marchman	08/06/2001
Robert Elder	08/01/2005
Frank Smith II	08/23/2010

Quinton NeSmith

08/05/2013

Adam Thrower

08/05/2013

Operations - Facilities/Maintenance

Cristy Prince	08/08/2016
Todd Jackson	08/08/2016

Parks & Recreation

Whitney Sperlik	08/03/2003
Ramad Hunter	08/20/2003
Donald Oliver	08/09/2010
John Joiner	08/07/2018
Amy Gayer	08/14/2018

Planning/Code Enforcement

Gabriel Quintas	08/21/2017
Grace Tuschak	08/27/2018

Property Appraisal

David Francis III	08/14/2012
Amanda Shelton	08/04/2014

Public Safety

Bruce Thaxton	08/11/1997
Russ Henson	08/31/2004
C.J. Worden	08/31/2017
Kate Jarrard	08/24/2018

Public Works

Michael Wayne Weathers	08/09/1993
Eric Lambert	08/17/2009
Richard White	08/31/2009
Charlotte Connell	08/04/2014
David Haines	08/03/2015
Cheryl O'Dillon	08/07/2015
Christoper Norman	08/15/2016
Jessica Jackson	08/29/2016
Nicholas Belcher	08/29/2016
Wesley Wright	08/29/2016

Superior Court

Walker McNiff	08/01/2016
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Tax Commissioner

Amanda Mauldin	08/15/2016
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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!

Stephen Guest	08/01	
Jarvis Hubbard	08/01	
James Bradford	08/02	
Montana Wall	08/04	
Ethan Harkins	08/05	
Mark Von Kutzleben	08/05	
Todd Gabriel	08/06	
John Hanley III	08/06	
Austin Marable	08/07	
Sheletha Pope	08/07	
Neang Smith	08/07	
Liz Smith	08/08	
Shawn Corbin	08/09	
Chris Shook	08/09	
Katelyn Sutton	08/09	
Nic Hensley	08/10	
Mike Compton	08/11	
Carter Brank	08/12	
Clarence Browning	08/16	
Ramad Hunter	08/16	
Paula Nedza	08/16	
Whitney Sperlik	08/16	
Jennifer Stone	08/16	
Kelli Bardner	08/17	Andy Dunston
Ansley Nedza	08/18	Russell Ruggieri
Deanna Ruark	08/20	Doug Baxter
Marge McKee	08/22	William McCarthy
Jessica Jackson	08/23	Erin Carlton
Jayle Myers	08/23	Cheryl O'Dillon
Frank Smith II	08/24	William Brewer
Marla Brown	08/25	Matthew Pilcher



Notes from IT

Watch out for spoofed email addresses. In early July, the city of Griffin's finance department received an email from a cybercriminal who spoofed their email address to look like a vendor from the water department. The email asked for the finance department to change the banking account number where the money needed to be deposited. They were scammed for over \$800,000.

IT has received many Phish Alerts from you with these similar types of emails. Cybercriminals get county employee names off of websites and use those email addresses to send fraudulent emails to try and trick other employees to give out personal and financial information. When you receive an email asking you for personally identifiable information (PII), send IT a Phish Alert. IT will then block the criminal's email address.

Keep up the good work!

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!

Sheriff's Office
Trevor Higginbotham
Jailer

Nic Jarells
Investigation Records
Coordinator

Parks & Recreation
K'Sandra Thomas
Intern

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