



# Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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## Pumpkin Decorating Contest

How is your department's entry into the Oconee County Pumpkin Decorating Contest coming along?

We can't wait to see all of your amazing and creative entries! Once you have decorated the foam pumpkin your department received, please return it to the Oconee County Senior Center no later than Friday, October 25th. The pumpkins will be on display at the Senior Center from October 25th through October 31st.

Senior Center members will vote for their favorite entry, and the winner will be announced on October 31st. The winning department will receive a Halloween gift basket.

If you would like your department's pumpkin returned at the end of the contest, please let Senior Center staff know when you drop it off. Keep Oconee County Beautiful will collect all other pumpkins and deliver them to the Teacher Reuse Store for future use by area teachers.

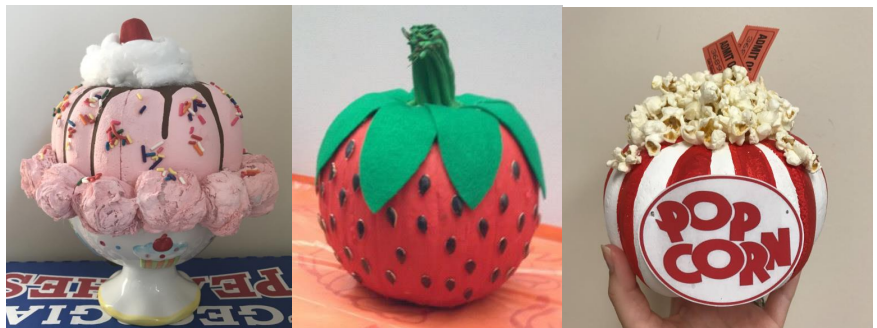
Join your fellow Oconee County Employees in a



Hosted by the Oconee County Senior Center

**October 1<sup>st</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>**

A small foam pumpkin will be delivered to you in the upcoming weeks. Entries must be brought to the Oconee County Senior Center by Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Members of the senior center will be voting on the pumpkins the following week and the winner will be announced on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Winner will receive a Gift Basket to share with the entire department. Here are a few examples:



# 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!

## Clerk of Commission

Kathy Hayes 10/03/2016

## Jail

Andy Corbin 10/29/2008  
Jessica Dudley 10/03/2016

## Law Enforcement

Craig Bryant 10/21/1991  
Sarah House 10/30/2013  
Justin Cash 10/03/2016

## Operations - Facilities/Maintenance

James Bradford 10/16/2006  
Marvin Poe 10/16/2006

## Parks & Recreation

DonL Bearden 10/11/1999  
Jean Saint-Preux 10/23/2006  
Hannah Meadow 10/01/2018

## Public Safety

Jackie Rowell 10/02/2006  
Brittany Anderson 10/24/2016

## Public Works

Pat Goolsby 10/08/2002  
Allen Hamachek 10/31/2011

## Probate

Ginny King 10/02/2000  
Linda Harrell 10/15/2001

## Tax Commissioner

Lisa Jackson 10/08/2007

## Water Resources

Wes Watson 10/17/2011  
Kaneelvis Smith 10/12/2015  
Erin Carlton 10/12/2015





# 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!

Kit Mann	10/02
George Roberts	10/04
Scott Berry	10/06
Zac Churchill	10/06
Kelle Ashley	10/09
Chase Dunagan	10/10
Justin Kirouac	10/11
Jeff Sheffield	10/11
Tiffany Taylor	10/11
Marie Scarborough	10/13
Randy Randall	10/14
C.J. Worden	10/14
Eder Villegas	10/15
Charity Bell	10/16
Leigh Karegeannes	10/16
Susie Carlton-Gordon	10/19
Cassandra Swisher	10/19
David Burchett	10/21
Michelle Gearhart	10/22
Lee Hiland	10/23
Shawn Johnston	10/24
Jody Woodall	10/25
Amanda Parker	10/26
Karen Barnett	10/28
Marti Hardigree	10/28
Alex Newell	10/29
Zackery Parker	10/29
Jessica Hart	10/30
David Compton	10/31
Debbie Smith	10/31



## Welcome!

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

### Parks & Recreation

Mehran Ahmadipour  
Tyler Lewis  
Siyuan Jiang  
Jacob Barnhart

# Notes from IT

## Is Your Smartphone Listening?

You've heard the rumors - are they true? Is your smartphone really listening to you?

The truth is, yes, your smartphone probably is listening. Want to make sure your phone is only listening when you want it to? Below are steps to turn your phone's microphone on and off in various apps.

Steps to check microphone access on your iPhone:

- Go to Settings
- Select Privacy
- Select Microphone (you will see a list of your apps with a slide to turn microphone on and off)

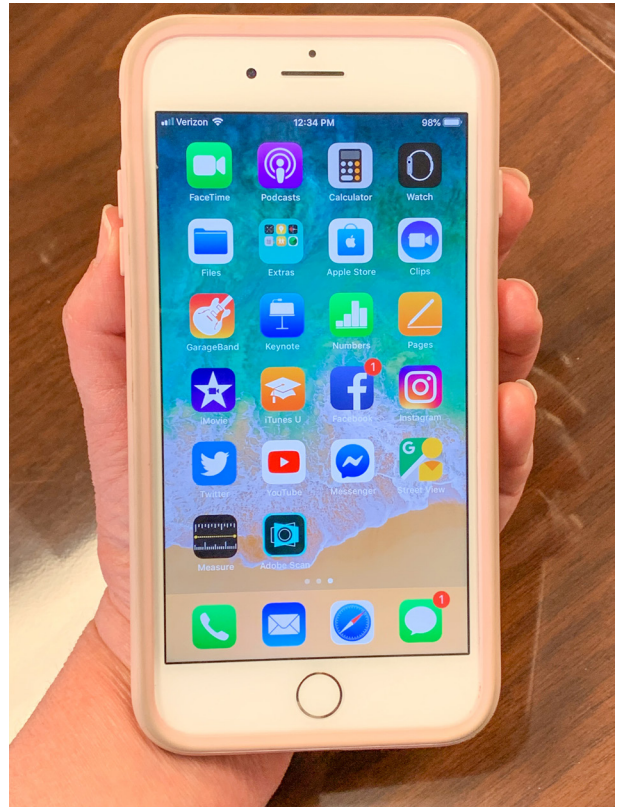
Steps to check microphone access on your Android phone:

- Go to Settings
- Select Applications
- Select Applications Manager (you will see a list of your apps with a slide to turn microphone on and off)

For iPhone users who are using older than IOS 13.1, your camera and microphone were probably turned on when an app or website needed it, and they remained on until you turned it off.

IOS 13.1 is more powerful when it comes to your privacy. It will ask you to choose which websites can access what kinds informations on your iPhone.

Suggestion: Turn off the microphone for all apps, and then, when you need it, manually turn it on.



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