



Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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Best Wishes for the New Year!

Thank you for making 2019 a great year for Oconee County Government!

We are so grateful to each and every one of our employees for all that you do every single day, for going above and beyond, and for always working together as an amazing team, and we want to wish you the very best in the coming year!

May your 2020 be a year of unbounded possibility, adventure, and happiness!

Notes from IT

Resolve to be vigilant about online security in the new year - continue to report suspicious emails using the Phish Alert button in Outlook.

Thank you for doing your part to protect Oconee County! Please contact the Information Technology Department at 706-769-2923 whenever you have questions or concerns about email or online security!



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

John Daniell 01/01/2009

Animal Services

Sherry Aycock 01/14/2014

Board of Elections

John Hanley III 01/01/2014

Commission

Mark Saxon 01/01/2013
Bubber Wilkes 01/01/2015
Mark Thomas 01/24/2017

Coroner

Ed Carson 01/01/2009

E911-Communications

Yashica West 01/19/2016
Beth Adams 01/14/2019

Emergency Management

Karla Hulsey 01/24/2005

Jail

Todd Gabriel 01/11/2008

Law Enforcement

Scott Berry 01/01/1993
Mark Smith 01/25/2010
Kenji Dorsey 01/01/2017
Joshua Warren 01/28/2019

Operations-Facilities/Maintenance

Nicole Brooks 01/25/2011
Gail Burgess 01/05/2015

Parks & Recreation

Chris Cotton 01/10/2011
Riley Tolbert 01/04/2017
Brent Sexton 01/02/2018
Ricardo Cuervo 01/02/2019
Jeremy Devros 01/28/2019

Probate Court

David Anglin 01/01/1989

Property Appraisal

Chris Neal 01/14/2013

Public Works

Michael Sutton 01/17/1995
Samuel Crespo-Montes 01/19/2018

Senior Center

Shirley Finch 01/28/2013

Superior Court

David Sweat 01/01/2003
Clarence Browning 01/01/2010
Jennifer Givan 01/03/2017
Mandy Ellis 01/01/2019
Kelli Bardner 01/01/2019
Lisa Lott 01/01/2019

Tax Commissioner

Jennifer Riddle 01/01/2006

Water Resources

Jeffrey Sheffield 01/03/2011

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!

Mickey Baughcum	01/02
Stephen Wilson	01/02
Siyuan Jiang	01/04
DonL Bearden	01/06
Walker Sosbee	01/06
Chris Neal	01/07
Ward Gilbert	01/08
Adam Layfield	01/09
Charles Arlt	01/10
Randy Dillard	01/10
Joshua Dudley	01/10
Patricia Anderson	01/11
Samuel Crespo-Montes	01/11
Linda Harrell	01/11
Jackie Rowell	01/12
Beth Adams	01/13
Dwayne Collins	01/14
Melissa Braswell	01/16
Patty Childers	01/16
Ginger Thrasher	01/16
Lily Apollony	01/17
Bruce Thaxton	01/17
Don Oliver	01/18
Nathan Evans	01/19
Alex Davis	01/20
Ally Holloway	01/20
Allison Burns	01/21
Julie Jackson	01/23
Jeremy Wasdin	01/24
Migdai Marin	01/27
Kaneelvis Smith	01/27
Eric Norris	01/28
Jimmy Williams	01/28
Scott Underwood	01/30



Welcome!

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

Parks & Recreation

Samantha Zink

Joint Governmental Programs

Patricia McLaughlin

Tourism

Kristy Curtis



Departmental News

Oconee County Fire Rescue was recently awarded a Bucket Brigade Grant in the amount of \$2,500 from Georgia-Pacific to help update the department's turnout gear. Georgia-Pacific representatives visited Station 8 to present the grant check, learn about the department's operations, and meet some of the county's volunteer firefighters.



Oconee County Water Resources recently received a Carolinas Design-Build Award and a Merit Award from the Associated Builders and Contractors of the Carolinas for the Calls Creek Water Reclamation Facility. The award was presented at the 2019 Excellence in Construction Awards Gala in November in Charlotte. In November, the Water Resources Department also received the 2019 Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) Wastewater Collection System Silver Award for meeting industry standards for capacity, management, operation, and maintenance following a system-wide audit.

Congrats to the Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission on being named a Governor's Circle winner at the Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation's End of Year Conference! The Governor's Circle Award recognizes exemplary work in litter reduction, waste minimization, and community greening.



Holiday Festivities

Annual Employee Holiday Luncheon

Thanks for joining us for another wonderful event!
Visit the employee intranet at oconeecounty.com/intranet for more photos!



Water Resources held its annual Safety “Festivus Celebration” Meeting in December. Water Resources offered the following challenge: “After putting up the Aluminum Festivus Pole and the Airing of Grievances, for our Feats of Strength, we ran races. Cory Dickey is the fastest among the Water Folk - we invite people from the other Departments to try to take him down; we don’t think it can be done.”

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