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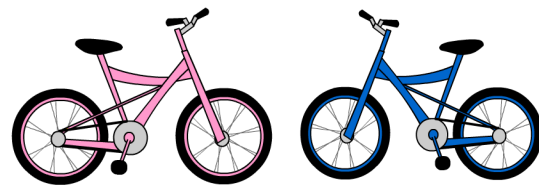
Bike Drive October 1 - November 20



Do you have a bike you no longer use taking up space in your garage? The Oconee County Senior Center, Keep Oconee County Beautiful, and ACTS are teaming up to host a bike drive during October and November to provide refurbished bikes to those who need them in our community.

Senior Center members and staff will assess and repair donated bikes in time for distribution for the holidays.

You can take part in this project by dropping off bikes at the Senior Center through November 20!



Bike Drive

Do you have a bike that is sitting around collecting dust? Maybe a bicycle that your child or grandchild has outgrown that could be used by someone new?

The **Oconee County Senior Center, ACTS, and Keep Oconee County Beautiful** are partnering up to provide bikes to those in need in our local community.

**Donations can be made Monday-Friday 8am-3pm
at the Oconee County Senior Center**

October 1st - November 20th

Senior Center members and staff will assess and repair the bikes, so they can be enjoyed by someone new for the upcoming holiday season.

Oconee County Senior Center
3500B Hog Mountain Rd.
Watkinsville, GA
(706)769-3979
(located inside Oconee Veterans Park)

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

Fleet

James Bradford 10/16/2006

Jail

Andy Corbin 10/29/2008

Jessica Dudley 10/03/2016

Devan Blair 10/07/2019

Samuel Masters 10/07/2019

Law Enforcement

Craig Bryant 10/21/1991

Sarah House 10/30/2013

Justin Cash 10/03/2016

Justin Baldwin 10/07/2019

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

Lily Apollony 10/30/2019

Public Works

Pat Goolsby 10/08/2002

Allen Hamachek 10/31/2011

James Farley 10/07/2019

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

Erin Carlton 10/12/2015

Welcome!

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

Extension - Daniel Queen

Parks & Recreation - Paige Allen

Public Works - Rolland Ebright Jr.



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!

George Roberts	10/04
Scott Berry	10/06
Zac Churchill	10/06
Monica Davis	10/06
Kelle Ashley	10/09
Chase Dunagan	10/10
Justin Kirouac	10/11
Tiffany Mize	10/11
Jeff Sheffield	10/11
Charles Massey	10/13
Patricia McLaughlin	10/13
C.J. Worden	10/14
Charity Bell	10/16
Susie Carlton-Gordon	10/19
Cassie Swisher	10/19
David Burchett	10/21
Michelle Gearhart	10/22
Jenna Race	10/22
John Branyan	10/23
Lee Hiland	10/23
Joann Hubert	10/24
Shawn Johnston	10/24
Jody Woodall	10/25
Amanda Parker	10/26
Susan Gibson	10/27
Marti Hardigree	10/28
Alex Newell	10/29
Jessica Hart	10/30
David Compton	10/31
Richard Moore	10/31
Debbie Smith	10/31



Notes from IT

New Features in iOS 14 for iPhone

The latest iPhone update has a number of helpful features that you may want to take advantage of - I've listed a few of my favorites below:

- Home Screen Redesign – Customize small, medium, or large widgets to display the information that is most important to you. You might choose the Weather, Calendar, News, Stock Market, etc. The widgets can be stacked so you can swipe up or down for more information.
- App Library – Your iPhone groups your applications automatically by category. From the home screen, swipe right until you get to your App Library.
- Minimized Call Screen – When someone calls you it no longer dominates your screen. It compresses the call at the top, so you can view it while keeping your current display in full view.
- Pin Conversations – Important conversations can be pinned to the top of the Messages app, which keeps them accessible. Up to nine conversations can be pinned in Messages.
- Translate App – (my personal favorite) Displays both languages on a split screen, where you can text or speak what you need translated. Supported languages – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.
- Privacy – Apple is making it clearer what info apps collect, requiring more user permission, and providing ways to use location features without providing specific location data.
- Default Apps – Third-party mail and browser apps can be set as your default. So, now you can choose Chrome to be your default browser instead of Safari.

There are many more new features in iOS 14. Check them out and let me know your favorites! -Paula



Notes from KOCBC

Rivers Alive

Rivers Alive is an exciting annual event for the Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission, and KOCBC would like to invite you to participate in this year's event, which will span the entire month of October.

To participate, choose a waterway-accessible area to clean up and send KOCBC data and/or pictures documenting your efforts. The goal of this event is to clean as many individual areas as possible since KOCBC will not be able to host a large cleanup event as it has done in the past. Creeks, rivers, culverts, bridges - any place you can safely access a waterway and clean up are all perfect candidates for Rivers Alive events!

If you need grabbers, vests, or bags, contact KOCBC, and they will get them to you. Stormwater runoff is a huge issue, especially now with all the rain we have been getting! Help KOCBC to keep Oconee County beautiful, and do something good for yourself and your community at the same time!



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