



# Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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## New Administrative Building



Check out these drawings of the future Oconee County Administrative Building, which will be located across from Fire Station 1 on the southeastern corner of the intersection of Macon Highway and Veterans Memorial Parkway.



When completed, the two-story building will house the non-judicial government functions currently located in the Oconee County Courthouse and the Oconee County Annex, as well as the new Oconee County Library.

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# 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!

## Cooperative Extension

Patricia McLaughlin 11/18/2019

## Jail

Joan White 11/13/2006

## Law Enforcement

Vic Green 11/19/2007  
Mike McKeel 11/09/2015

## Parks & Recreation

Tony Lathrup 11/06/2000  
Cindy Hardigree 11/28/2005  
Walker Sosbee 11/27/2018  
Gabriel Tijerina 11/11/2019

## Probate

Debbie Turner 11/05/2001

## Property Appraisal

Brian Bray 11/14/2011

## Public Safety

Lee Hiland 11/06/2006  
Tiffany Mize 11/21/2016

## Public Works

Mark Bowman 11/13/2017  
Robert Thompson 11/18/2019

## Senior Center

Marge McKee 11/15/2007

## Superior Court

Delores Russell 11/01/1991  
Lawton Stephens 11/01/1991

## Water Resources

Ginger Thrasher 11/22/2004  
Greg Long 11/12/2007  
Tracy Metcalf 11/24/2014  
Tyler Perry 11/05/2018

# Welcome!

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

## Law Enforcement

Lex Ogan

## Juvenile Court

Amit Hull

## Facilities

Bobby Reno

## GIS

Tyren Brooks

## Water Resources

Jordan Silvey

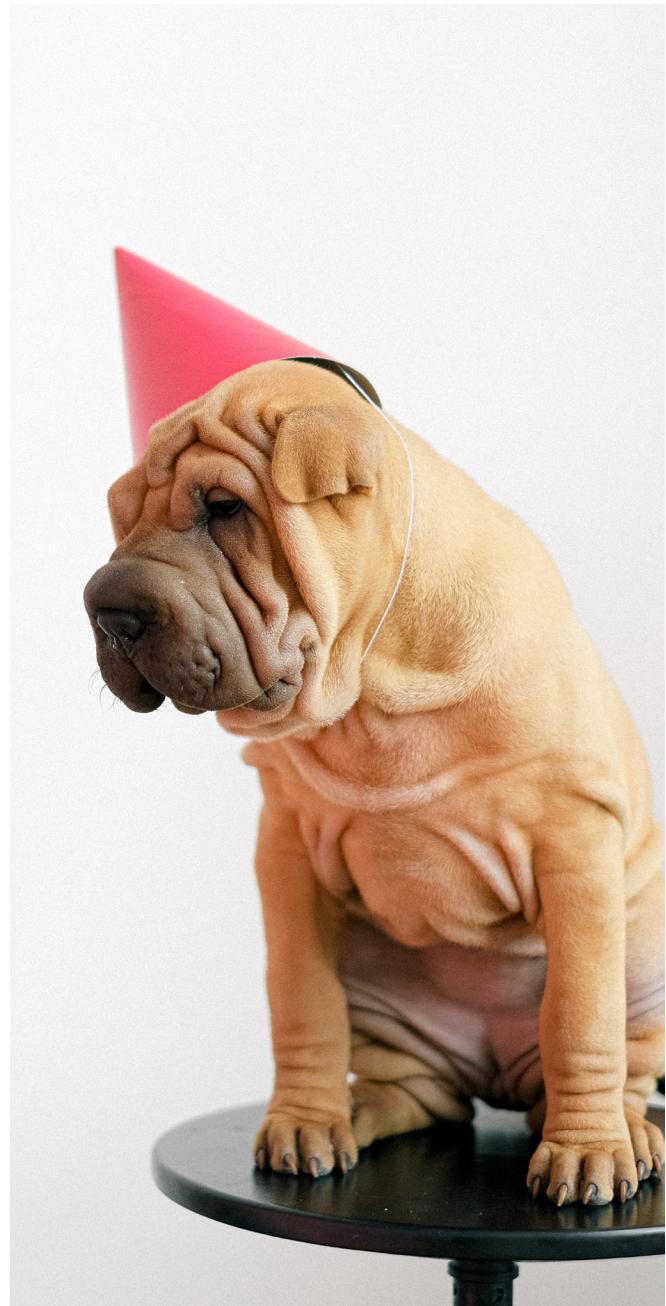
## Parks & Recreation

Javan Winston  
Brittany McKnight  
Hannah Weissinger  
Thomas Rice

# 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!

Jean Saint-Preux	11/01
Cindy Hardigree	11/03
Lee Weems	11/04
Ryan Payne	11/05
Tyler Perry	11/05
Lisa Davol	11/06
Tate Partain	11/06
Annessa Glenn	11/07
Allen Hawkins	11/08
Amit Hull	11/08
Sam Smith	11/08
Henry Hansen	11/09
Jon Holden	11/10
Mary Hall	11/11
Nicole Gueth	11/13
Vickie Hammond	11/13
Artie Kerns	11/14
Fran Leathers	11/14
Kayla Houseman	11/15
Tyler Lewis	11/15
Ed Carson	11/27
Jessica Dudley	11/29



# Notes from IT

## Privacy... Is There Such a Thing?

Protect your privacy! You can manage it from your smartphone by going to settings and checking which apps are accessing your Location Services, Camera, Microphone, Contacts, etc.

From an iPhone:

- Go to Settings
- Scroll down to Privacy
- From each of the types of data listed, select the > to reveal the apps using that data
- Turn off the access when you are not using the app

From an Android:

- Go to Settings
- Scroll down to Privacy
- Permission Manager
- From each of the types of data listed, select allow or deny for the apps

Not all apps need access to everything in order to function. You also might not want apps to monitor your location or listen in on your microphone. This is why it is so important to check your privacy settings.

From an iPhone, if you have Location Services turned on, scroll all the way to the end and select System Services. This reveals all of the apps that are tracking your location. You can choose to delete the history, but it can keep up with it for 18 months.

Apple has improved your ability to manage your privacy in their latest iOS14, by using pop ups when an app asks permission to access your data, but it is still a good idea to go back and review your settings!



# Recognitions & Awards



## Tracye Bailey Earns Clerk Certification

Tracye Bailey recently completed all requirements to become a Georgia Certified Clerk. Over a period of four years, Tracye completed a total of 101 hours of course work, including classes in finance, millage rate process, and community and media relations.

The Georgia Clerks Education Institute Certificate Program is designed to establish minimum standards and professional goals for county clerks by:

- Introducing new methods and approaches to enable clerks and finance officers to become more efficient and effective in their positions
- Increasing managerial competence of county clerks to meet new challenges and demands placed on local government
- Creating the opportunity for clerks to further their professional development to gain the recognition they deserve

Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment, Tracye!!

## An Unstoppable Team from the Water Resources Department

Mickey Baughcum and Tim Durham traveled to Macon to compete in the "Rock and Roll Triathlon" on October 18. Both finished strong with Tim placing 3rd in his age group and Mickey placing 4th in his. Mickey is shown at left on race day. Way to go, Tim and Mickey!!



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