



Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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Open Enrollment Taking Place Now Through June 18

The open enrollment period for employee benefits is currently taking place and will close at 5 p.m. on June 18.

Packets containing information on current enrollments and plan changes were recently distributed to eligible employees. If you have questions or would like to make changes to your plan elections, please contact Human Resources at 706-769-3938, or email barmstrong@oconee.ga.us or jfaulkner@oconee.ga.us.

Biometrics Screenings

Biometrics screenings will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the following dates:

- June 9 – Annex
- June 10 – Courthouse - Grand Jury Room
- June 17 – 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!

Animal Services

Crystal Berisko 06/04/2018

Clerk of Courts

Stacy Carson 06/11/2013

Finance

Bobby Chesnutt 06/01/2015

Fleet

Jay Power 06/07/2004

Jail

Stephen Guest 06/11/2001

Jonathan Sturm 06/15/2020

Law Enforcement

Daniel Ellis 06/27/2016

Chris Shook 06/04/2018

Annessa Glenn 06/17/2019

Parks & Recreation

Kleo Wilkerson 06/05/2017

Matthew Blanton 06/15/2020

Probate

Julie Jackson 06/27/2016

Property Appraisal

Trent Crawford 06/05/1995

Allen Skinner 06/01/2006

Aaron Young 06/19/2017

Public Safety

Ruth Watson 06/02/2003

Nicole Gueth 06/04/2012

Public Works

Mike Compton 06/18/2001

Jerry Marshall 06/20/2016

Senior Center

Russell Ruggieri 06/21/2016

Tax Commissioner

Cheryl Newell 06/17/2019

Water Resources

Ryan Meeler 06/04/2001

Shayne Stone 06/11/2012

Gloria Batson 06/13/2016

Lisa Bowman 06/12/2017

Welcome!

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

County Clerk

Holly Stephenson

Law Enforcement

Patrick Holl

Jail

Alexis Gainer

Parks & Recreation

Andrew Bishop

Yagna Patel

Candice Polson

Around the County

Animal Services Leash Un-Clipping

Oconee County Animal Services Manager Crystal Berisko and EMA Director C.J. Worden un-clipped a pair of leashes to officially open the doors to the newly renovated and expanded Animal Services Building on Wednesday, May 26.

The recently completed project includes renovation of the building, expansion of the front lobby, and the addition of a multi-purpose room and office space. A new dog quarantine kennel, new cat quarantine kennel, and lab were also added.



Notes from IT

Stay Ahead of Cybercrime

Cybercriminals have ransomed millions of dollars from businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic by using phishing and social engineering that we have learned about through our KnowBe4 training.

Colonial Pipeline paid the hackers \$4.4 million dollars in the recent shutdown, which stopped the flow of gas in the East Coast for a few days. Texas Governor, Greg Abbot, announced he was signing a law intended to penalize local governments that do not keep up with cybersecurity training.

We are constantly reminding you not to open attachments or click on links in emails that you are not expecting. Keep in mind that social engineering is on the rise. Be careful that you are not giving out information over the phone that a criminal can use to compromise the county or yourself.

Don't forget your Security & Awareness training, and, if you need a review before next year's course, please send me a request.

Paula

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!

Justin Cash	06/01
John Daniell	06/01
Amanda Shelton	06/01
Eric Lambert	06/02
Bradley Vaughn	06/03
Matt Beal	06/04
Wes Geddings	06/04
Collin Worsham	06/06
Devan Blair	06/08
Ginny King	06/09
Jennifer Riddle	06/10
Lisa Bowman	06/12
Guy Herring	06/12
Cristy Prince	06/12

Matthew Wainwright	06/12
John Breedlove	06/13
Sherry Aycock	06/14
Karla Hulsey	06/15
Quinton NeSmith	06/16
Tim Durham	06/17
Paul Maxey	06/19
Crystal Brank	06/20
Chuck Johnson	06/20
Kayla McAllister	06/20
Dee Dee Donaldson	06/21
Michael Weathers	06/21
Chad Wohler	06/23
Amy Morrison	06/24
Aaron Young	06/26
Jenna Buggs	06/27
Charlotte Connell	06/27
Rebecca Anglin	06/28
Heath Paul	06/29
Kevin Hart	06/30



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