



# Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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## Notes from IT SPAM Reports

The Spam Report comes to your email and categorizes the emails that our filter has quarantined. There are Green Zone (bulk mail, subscriptions, and advertisements) that might be safe, Yellow Zone (suspicious mail quarantined by policy settings), and Red Zone (spam, phishing, viruses, and potentially dangerous mail) emails.

If you do not see an email that you are expecting in the Spam Report, it may have been blocked and not put in the Spam Report. If this is the case, contact internal IT and we can check our filter.

### Options on Spam Report:

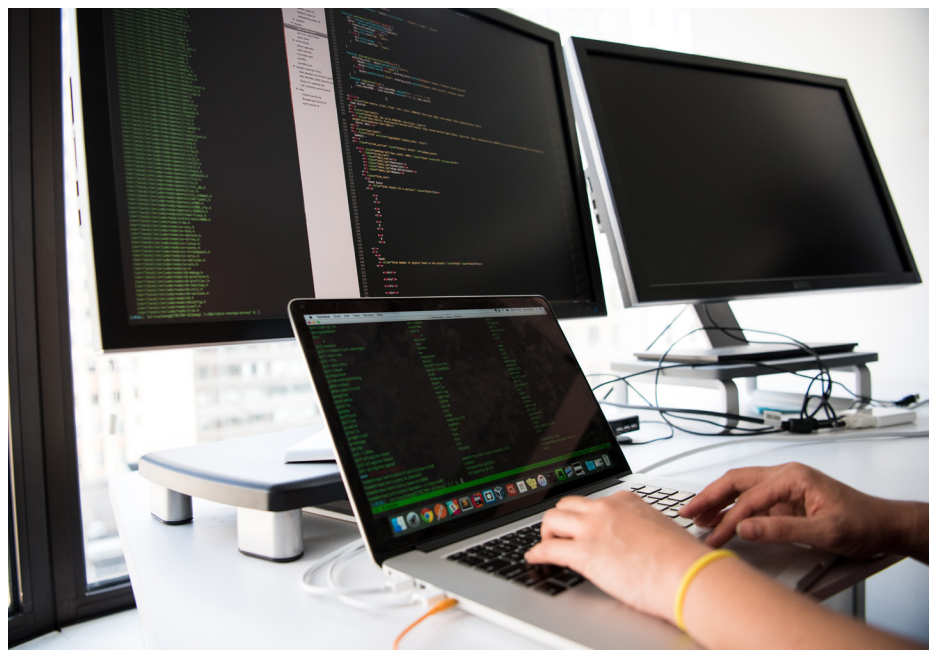
- Release: Automatically puts the email into your InBox in Outlook
- Friend List: Opens a box for you to specify the email address that you want to add to your friend list
- View: Opens a copy of the email for you to review - you can add the email address to your friends list, release the email, or logout

Use your Phish Alert Button if you receive a suspicious phishing email.

Never open an attachment or click on a link in an email until you have verified it is safe.

Thank you for all you do to our Oconee County network safe!

-Paula Nedza  
IT Director



# 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

Justin Kirouac 07/31/2017

## Finance

Wes Geddings 07/30/2007

Kim Mitchell 07/30/2018

## Fleet Maintenance

Brandy Ervin 07/16/2001

Ward Gilbert 07/16/2018

## Jail

Brandy Crespo 07/21/2015

Sheletha Pope 07/04/2016

Steve Allen 07/17/2017

William McCarthy 07/31/2017

Amy Brewer 07/16/2018

## Law Enforcement

Andrew Henderson 07/14/2014

Christopher Higginbotham 07/21/2014

Matthew Pilcher 07/05/2016

Nic Jarrells 07/08/2019

Michael Downs 07/20/2020

## Operations - Facilities/Maintenance

Neang Smith 07/27/1998

## Parks & Recreation

Tyler Hartzog 07/17/2017

Chase Brown 07/16/2018

Noel Dehring 07/13/2020

## Planning/Code Enforcement

Gaby Bryan 07/10/2000

## Property Appraisal

Diane Horvath 07/10/2000

## Public Works

George Kull 07/02/2007

Allen Hawkins 07/18/2011

Charles Arlt 07/09/2018

## Tax Commissioner

Kayla Houseman 07/27/2015

## Water Resources

Mickey Baughcum 07/20/1998

Lance Raines 07/03/2000

Tim Durham 07/09/2018

You're Off to *Great Places!* Today is *Your Day!*



# Faces of Oconee County Government

## Holly Stephenson

Holly Stephenson joined Oconee County Government as the new County Clerk in May 2021 after serving for eight years as the Risk & Liability Specialist for the Walton County Board of Commissioners. Holly holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Risk Management and Insurance from the University of Georgia.

County Administrator Justin Kirouac says, “Holly brings a great blend of professionalism, courtesy, and passion for the community to the position, and we are excited to have her on the team.”



## Miranda Barker



Miranda Barker joined Oconee County as the Operations & Projects Coordinator in June 2021. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and Master of Education degree in Mathematics Education. She previously worked as a project coordinator in UGA's College of Education.

Internal Services Director Alex Newell says, “Miranda has been a great addition to Oconee County’s Internal Services Department. She is a hardworking and dedicated person who brings her positivity and enthusiasm to all of her work. We look forward to having her as a part of our team!”

## Welcome!

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

### Animal Services

Angela Bryan

### Jail

Julianna Minton

### Operations

Miranda Barker  
Jonathan Moore

### Parks & Recreation

Alexis Barnhart

### Public Works

Joseph Berryman  
Holly Bales



# 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!

David Knowles Jr.	07/01
Jake Thornton	07/08
Shawn Wheeler	07/08
Dennis Chaney	07/09
Tommy Hewell	07/12
Daniel Cochran	07/12
Mark Smith	07/13
Timothy Rice	07/15
Richard White	07/18
Jay Power	07/19
Jason Colquitt	07/20
Daniel Ellis	07/21
Greg Long	07/23
Stan Swisher	07/23
Vernon Craft	07/24
Jonathan Moore	07/24
Amrey Harden	07/26
Russell Baker	07/29
Samuel Masters	07/29
Isaac Moore	07/29
Debbie Turner	07/29
Kristy Johnson	07/30



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