



## Keep Oconee County Beautiful Events in October

The Keep Oconee County Beautiful Commission has several recycling and beautification opportunities available in the coming weeks:

[Community Shred Day](#)  
[Drive-Thru](#) - the next free shred day will take place Friday, October 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oconee Veterans Park rain or shine; all shredded paper will be recycled.



[Keep Oconee County Boo-tiful](#) - no tricks, just treats at this community road cleanup day! Meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 30, at Farmington Depot to pick up tools - KOCBC will have giveaways while supplies last at trash and tool turn in.

[Tire and Battery Amnesty](#) - throughout the entire month of October, Oconee County residents may bring up to four tires per vehicle to any one of the county's five Recycling/Waste Convenience Centers on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Only tires from cars and light trucks will be accepted, and tires must not be on rims. Auto and boat batteries will also be accepted for recycling with no limits on quantity. Both tires and batteries collected as part of this event will be recycled.

# 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!

## Facilities

Bobby Reno 10/19/2020

## Fleet Maintenance

James Bradford 10/16/2006

## Jail

Andy Corbin 10/29/2008  
Samuel Masters 10/07/2019

## Juvenile Court

Amit Hull 10/01/2020

## Law Enforcement

Craig Bryant 10/21/1991  
Sarah Groves 10/30/2013  
Justin Cash 10/03/2016  
Jessica Dudley 10/03/2016  
Devan Blair 10/07/2019  
Lex Ogan 10/05/2000

## Parks & Recreation

DonL Bearden 10/11/1999  
Jean Saint-Preux 10/23/2006  
Thomas Rice 10/05/2020

## Public Safety

Jackie Rowell 10/02/2006  
Brittany Anderson 10/24/2016

## Public Works

Pat Goolsby 10/08/2002  
Alan Hamachek 10/31/2011

## Probate

Ginny King 10/02/2000

## Tax Commissioner

Lisa Jackson 10/08/2007

## Water Resources

Erin Carlton 10/12/2015  
Jordan Silvey 10/19/2020

# Welcome!

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

## Parks & Recreation

Zachary Forrester  
Brittni Conger  
Avery Wassilchak

## Property Appraisal

Sidney Bell

# BOC Parade Float Decorating Committee

Looking for a fun and festive inter-departmental outlet for your holiday creativity? Volunteer to decorate the BOC parade float! Sign up to attend the org meeting on Thursday, October 14, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the BOC Chamber at the courthouse.

The committee will plan decorations for the Board of Commissioners vehicle that will take part in the Watkinsville parade on Sunday, December 5, and will gather on the Friday before the parade (December 3) to decorate the truck.

Low time commitment and lots of fun!

Email [oconeeconnects@oconee.ga.us](mailto:oconeeconnects@oconee.ga.us) to sign up!



## Around the County

## Road Construction Starting Soon on Mars Hill/Experiment Station

GDOT's contractor, E.R. Snell, has received notice to proceed with work on the next phase of Mars Hill/Experiment Station construction and plans to start clearing in the next few weeks. Be prepared for longer travel times around the courthouse and plan alternate routes if necessary.



## Notes from IT

# October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

We all are aware that businesses are hacked every day. DO NOT use your county email to sign up for businesses like Amazon, CVS, Groupon, Walmart, etc. If they have been hacked, your personal identifiable information has been exposed.

If you need to use your county email to sign up for county business, NEVER use the same password that you use to login to your work computer. If you do, you have exposed not only yourself but the entire county. The county has protections for our computers and servers with anti-virus/anti-malware software as well as a firewall. Sometimes emails come through that have a link or an attachment that contain a virus. If you click on those links, you might think that nothing happened but behind the scenes you have downloaded Ransomware or have released a program to capture personal identifiable information.

Don't forget STOP, LOOK, and THINK before you click on a link or open an attachment.

Thanks again to everyone who uses the PhishAlert button on suspicious emails. Because you send me those alerts, we quickly jumped on our phishing email at the end of September.

Paula Nedza  
IT Director

## Human Resources Upcoming Events

# Flu Shots and CCG Retirement Appointments

- A flu shot clinic will be held on Tuesday, Oct 12, at 1 p.m. in the Grand Jury Room
- CCG retirement appointments with Greg Gease will be available on 10/28 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Grand Jury Room

# 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!

Zac Churchill	10/06
Monica Davis	10/06
Kelle Ashley	10/09
Justin Kirouac	10/11
Tiffany Mize	10/11
Peyton Massey	10/13
Patricia McLaughlin	10/13
C.J. Worden	10/14
Fabian Huizar	10/14
Charity Bell	10/16
Lisa Park	10/19
Candice Polson	10/19
Cassie Swisher	10/19
David Burchett	10/21
Michelle Coker	10/22
Lee Hiland	10/23
Holly Stephenson	10/23
Joann Hubert	10/24
Jody Woodall	10/25
Susan Tidwell	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



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