



Notes from IT

Beware of QR Code Scams



Just when you thought that QR codes (those funny-looking images that store a lot of information on items) were safe....

Well, now the bad guys have figured out a way to steal your identity. QR codes were intended to be the safe alternative for “no contact” ordering, payment, and delivery, but some are just a scam. You may have noticed restaurants using them for their menus, and these uses are more than likely safe.

In Texas, however, there have been fraudulent QR codes placed on parking meters used as pay stations. These QR codes send the user of the device to a website that asks for their personal

information like their bank account and then uses this information for the gain of cyber criminals.

The FBI has issued a PSA on malicious QR codes. It suggests several tips on protecting yourself from these cyber crimes, including avoiding payment on any site linked to a QR code: <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2022/PSA220118>.

Paula Nedza
IT Director

Welcome!

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

Superior Court

Marcy Jolles

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

Kayla McAllister	02/13/2017
Jessica Burnley	02/16/2017

Board of Elections

Rebecca Anglin	02/02/2016
Teresa Wallace	02/02/2016

Civic Center

Danny Cottar	02/25/2015
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Clerk of Courts

Lesia Weaber	02/15/2000
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E911/Communications

Deanna Smith	02/18/2008
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Finance

Donna Norton	02/15/1999
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Human Resources

Beth Armstrong	02/03/2020
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Jail

Candeda Ayers	02/18/2010
Lucas Peck	02/18/2013

Law Enforcement

James Hale	02/15/2000
Scott Underwood	02/18/2002
Bradley Vaughn	02/22/2017

Parks & Recreation

Andy Dunston	02/12/2018
Nico Carter	02/13/2019

Planning & Code Enforcement

Liz Smith	02/20/2013
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Public Works

Debbie Smith	02/08/1999
Jody Woodall	02/19/2019
Doc Hudson	02/25/2019
Ryan Osment	02/24/2020

Senior Center

Merry Howard	02/03/2014
Allison Burns	02/17/2015

Around the County

Administrative Building

Architectural plans are being finalized for the new Oconee County Administrative Building, which has an anticipated completion date of Spring/Summer 2023.

The 44,000-square-foot building will house the non-judicial government functions currently located in the Oconee County Courthouse and the Oconee County Annex. Consolidation of these departments and offices in one location will provide for increased efficiency and provide true one-stop shopping for customers. The site, located across from Fire Station 1, enjoys multiple road frontages that will be easily accessible by residents in all areas of the county.



Employee Intranet

Have you checked out the Employee Intranet on the county website? With your CivicPlus account, you can find county policies, health insurance & wellness info, useful forms, and photos from employee events. If you need access to the Employee Intranet, email oconeeconnects@oconee.ga.us, and we will get you set up ASAP!

Visit www.oconeecounty.com/intranet or find “Employee Intranet” under the “Departments” drop-down menu on the website. You must be logged in with an account that has employee permission to view this page. Check it out and let us know what you think!

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!

Miranda Barker	02/01
Nicole Williams	02/02
Andy Corbin	02/05
Alexus Hopkins	02/05
Derrell Mohorn	02/05
Danny Cottar	02/08
Robert Elder	02/08
Lucas Peck	02/10
Edwynna Arey	02/13
Andrew Henderson	02/13
Jonathan Sturm	02/13
Stacy Carson	02/14
Pat Sebring	02/14
Haley Whitehead	02/14
Alexis Gainer	02/16
Matthew Lariscy	02/16
Amanda Mauldin	02/19
Golden Sanders	02/20
Kim Mitchell	02/21
Linda Patterson	02/21
Donna Norton	02/22
Tyler Hartzog	02/23
John Ogle	02/24
Diane Baggett	02/26
Deanna Smith	02/28



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