



Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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Notes from IT: Physical Security

Most people focus on phishing emails and software vulnerabilities when they think about cybersecurity. However, physically accessing someone's workstation is a simple way to infiltrate a network.

Consider the following when evaluating your workstation security efforts:

Unlocked Desktops

Lock your computer when you step away from your work area. Leaving it unlocked and unattended gives others the potential to access your work computer without your knowledge, potentially taking what they want without your consent.

Sticky Notes

Never leave confidential information, such as passwords or other sensitive information, on sticky notes in your work area. Such information is easily visible to anyone who walks past or looks over your shoulder.

Flash Drives

If you come across an unfamiliar flash drive, do not use it. Hackers may leave malware-ridden USB drives at places of business. These devices may look innocent and harmless, so you may be tempted to pick them up. Do not use them, as they can have devastating effects when inserted into a computer.

By following these guidelines, you can reduce the risk of a hacker exploiting your workstation.

-Justin Milligan, IT Manager



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

Tracye Bailey 08/10/1998

Board of Elections & Registration

Jennifer Stone 08/29/2016

Civic Center

Paul Helphenstine 08/20/2012

Clerk of Courts

Angie Elder-Johnson 08/31/1987

Jessica Hart 08/14/2002

Marti Hardigree 08/06/2007

Communications

Diane Baggett 08/13/2018

Human Resources

Jill Faulkner 08/10/2016

Information Technology

Patrick Magana 08/07/2007

Jail

Joshua Morgan 08/15/2016

Law Enforcement

Kandy Marchman 08/06/2001

Quinton NeSmith 08/05/2013

Joshua Dudley 08/16/2016

Operations - Facilities/Maintenance

Cristy Prince 08/08/2016

Parks & Recreation

Whitney Sperlik 08/03/2003

Ramad Hunter 08/20/2003

Lofton Tidwell 08/06/2021

Jillian Scelsi 08/16/2021

Patrick Whitehead 08/16/2021

Planning/Code Enforcement

Grace Tuschak 08/27/2018

Property Appraisal

Amanda Shelton 08/04/2014

Public Safety

Bruce Thaxton 08/11/1997

Russ Henson 08/31/2004

Robert Elder 08/01/2005

C.J. Worden 08/31/2017

Public Works

Michael Wayne Weathers 08/09/1993

Richard White 08/31/2009

Charlotte Connell 08/04/2014

Nicholas Belcher 08/29/2016

Superior Court

Walker McNiff 08/01/2016

Tax Commissioner

Amanda Mauldin 08/15/2016

Water Resources

Russell Baker 08/03/2020

Chad Wolhert 08/10/2020

Welcome!

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

Facilities

Michael Hensley

Jail

Gregory Harrison

Senior Center

Peggy Walker

IT

Justin Milligan

Parks & Recreation

Candice Polson
Sydney Lawrence
Jonah Doyle

Tax Commissioner

Marissa Rice

IT Manager Justin Milligan

Meet Oconee County's new Information Technology Manager Justin Milligan!

Justin holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from the University of Georgia and previously served the City of Monroe as a Senior Network Engineer.

We are thrilled to have Justin on the team. Drop by and say hello, or reach out to Justin at jmilligan@oconee.ga.us or 706-310-3510.



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!

Stephen Guest	08/01	Russell Ruggieri	08/26
Clifton Ivy	08/02	William McCarthy	08/29
Mark Von Kutzleben	08/05	Erin Carlton	08/30
Todd Gabriel	08/06	Matthew Pilcher	08/31
Shelly Hale	08/06		
Sheletha Pope	08/07		
Neang Smith	08/07		
Liz Smith	08/08		
Shawn Corbin	08/09		
Bobby Reno	08/09		
Chris Shook	08/09		
Nick Hensley	08/10		
Robert Thompson	08/10		
Mike Compton	08/11		
Rolland Ebright	08/16		
Ramad Hunter	08/16		
Whitney Sperlik	08/16		
Jennifer Stone	08/16		
Kelli Bardner	08/17		
Blake Hadley	08/17		
Brian Meadows	08/17		
Daniel Clark	08/19		
Deanna Ruark	08/20		
Sidney Bell	08/22		
Joseph Tice	08/22		
Jillian Scelsi	08/23		
Marla Brown	08/25		
Andy Dunston	08/26		
Kari Giddens	08/26		



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