



Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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A photograph of the Oconee County Courthouse, a brick building with a prominent tower and the words "OCONEE COUNTY COURT HOUSE" on the side.

March for Meals at the Oconee Senior Center

Looking for a quick lunch idea that supports a great cause? Come on out to the Senior Center on Friday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m., for a Fresh Air BBQ sandwich plate.

The cost is \$10 and proceeds will benefit the Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program.

To reserve your lunch and make your payment, call 706-769-3979.

Meal pickup will be at the Senior Center dining room.

March for Meals

March 24th

11:30 am



Fresh Air BBQ sandwich plate TO GO

Includes chips, beans, coleslaw, dessert and drink

\$10 per plate

Call for Reservations and Payment 706-769-3979

Pick-up at Oconee County Senior Center Dining Room

All proceeds support the Meals on Wheels program
in our community.

*Donations are welcome.

If you would like to purchase a meal for a MOW volunteer
or recipient of MOW please make note when ordering.



Spring into Wellness

The Oconee County Library and Parks and Recreation will host “Spring into Wellness” on Saturday, March 4, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Wire Park.

Spring Into Wellness is a free event that showcases some of the exciting options available in Oconee County to be active.

This family-friendly event will feature live music, food, archery, sword fighting, crafts, toddler area, prizes, and much more!

You can sign a waiver in advance by going to www.athenslibrary.org/oconee or you can sign up the day of the event.

Activities include:

- Oconee Parks Football Toss Challenge
- Foam Sword Making
- Captain Underpants Three Legged Race
- Mountain Biking Club Demos
- Sparks Martial Arts will have Board Decorating and Breaking
- Megalodon Gym will be doing a Capoeira demonstration
- Oconee Gymnastics will have a mat, balance beam, and trampoline for kids
- WildRice Adventures will offer Archery
- Oconee Fit will lead some mini community workouts
- Athens School of Arms will be giving sword fighting demonstrations using historical fencing techniques
- Best Level Basketball will have Pop up Basketball
- Piedmont and Sunshine Bicycles will be drawing for a helmets and a new bike
- Other participants include St. Mary's, Jazercise Watkinsville Fitness Center, Summer Hill Recreation Group, Tennis for Life, and more



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!

Clerk of Courts

Crystal Brank 03/23/2020

Extension

Carsen Dean 03/01/2022

Finance

Jessica Ellis 03/23/2020

Law Enforcement

Tammy Gilstrap 03/11/1991

Lee Weems 03/01/2009

Marla Brown 03/07/2011

Travis Wooster 03/17/2014

Operations - Facilities/Maintenance

Dwayne Collins 03/26/1997

David Compton 03/19/2018

Public Safety

David Burchett 03/14/2005

Kyliegh Carrera 03/09/2022

Senior Center

Becky White 03/07/2022

Water Resources

Sandy Maxwell 03/31/2008

Mark Von Kutzleben 03/10/2014

David Dockins 03/09/2020

Welcome!

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

Finance

Teresa Dickson

Parks & Rerc

Kaitlyn Rainey

James Schuster

Daniel Tamburo

Sheriff

Steven Heckler

Kloe Adriance

William Reynolds

Notes from IT

New IT HelpDesk System

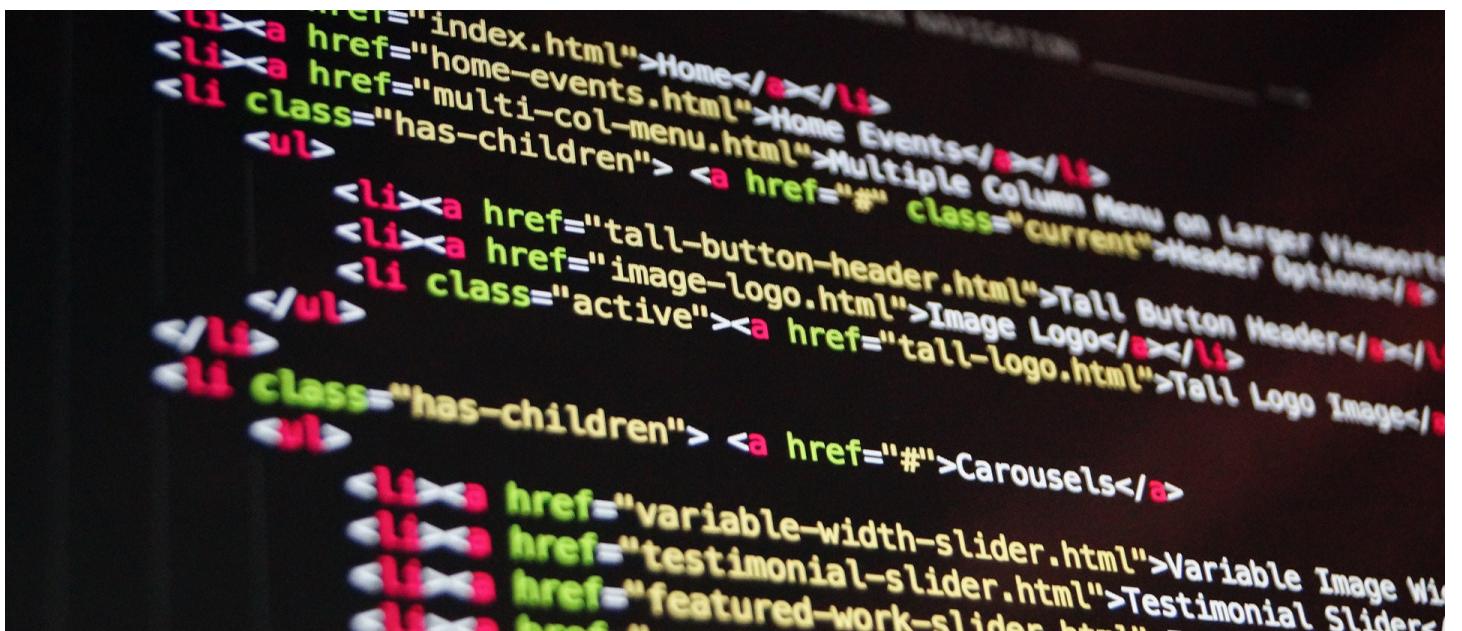
We are pleased to announce the launch of our new IT helpdesk system. As you know, the IT department is here to support you in your daily work and ensure that all systems and technologies are running smoothly. In order to make it easier for you to report any IT issues, we have set up a dedicated helpdesk email address that you can use to contact us.

From now on, for any IT problems or requests, you can simply email ochelpdesk@oconee.ga.us. The IT department will receive your message and work to resolve the issue as soon as possible.

When you send an email to ochelpdesk@oconee.ga.us, it generates a support ticket in our system. This allows us to track and manage all requests more efficiently, ensuring that we are able to provide timely updates and resolution to your issues. You can communicate back and forth with the IT team by replying to ticket emails, which helps us to keep all information related to your request in one place.

We understand that IT issues can be frustrating and can impact your ability to perform your work effectively. That is why we are committed to providing you with the best possible support. Our helpdesk system allows us to manage requests more efficiently, ensuring that we are able to address your needs in a timely manner.

We encourage you to take advantage of this new system and email ochelpdesk@oconee.ga.us whenever you have any IT issues or requests.



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!

Tracye Bailey	03/02
Eddie Fouché	03/02
Kandy Marchman	03/02
Vic Green	03/03
Holly Bales	03/05
Tracy Metcalf	03/05
Will Parks	03/06
Angie Elder-Johnson	03/07
Brittany Anderson	03/08
Mark Saxon	03/08
Sharon Gregg	03/09
Chris Higginbotham	03/11
Michael Fitzpatrick	03/14
Lee Hicks	03/14
Patrick Whitehead	03/17
Christina Lee	03/20
Chris Cotton	03/21
Mark Thomas	03/21
David Dockins	03/22
James Hale	03/25
Carol McGrath	03/26
Angela Bryan	03/27
Hunter Rainey	03/27
Candeda Ayers	03/29
Baylee Silvey	03/29



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