



Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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A photograph of a white building with a long porch, identified as Oconee Heritage Park.

Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest Results

And, the winners are . . . in First Place - GIS with Sesame Street View, and Runner-Up - Planning & Code with The Office Gremlin!!!! Congrats!!!!

Thank you to everyone who participated - this year's entries were amazing and fabulously creative!!



Invasive Plant Removal at Heritage Park

INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL HERITAGE PARK

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Athens Land Trust

2023 | 2024

WORK DAYS

706-769-3965



Help with removing an invasive
species from Heritage Park

OCT
24

NOV
7 & 21

DEC
5 & 19

JAN
2, 16, & 30

FEB
13 & 27

9A-1P | Heritage Park

Volunteering at a work day is an
excellent opportunity to get outside,
learn more about forest health and
meet new people.

Autumn Olive, though beautiful,
is crowding out native species
causing ecological harm to
our forest and its
inhabitants.

No training or experience is required;
each volunteer will be trained in
identification and removal.

Do Something Beautiful!

Looking to enjoy the fall
weather while having a
positive impact in the
community? Keep Oconee
County Beautiful and Parks
& Recreation invite you to
take part in Invasive Species
Removal Work Days at
Heritage Park.

Volunteer as an individual
or team up with your
department to spend a few
hours volunteering in this
beautiful park and add some
steps to your daily count as a
bonus!

No experience is necessary for these volunteer
work days, and all tools are provided.

Take a break from your usual work routine and
join us!



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!

Cooperative Extension

Pat McLaughlin 11/18/2019

Elections

Kenneth Davis 11/05/2019
Shami Jones 11/01/2022

Jail

Joan White 11/13/2006
Susie Carlton-Gordon 11/15/2021
Krista Dorsey 11/29/2021

Law Enforcement

Vic Green 11/19/2007
Robert Perrin 11/01/2021
Dustin Mines 11/29/2021

Parks & Recreation

Cindy Hardigree 11/28/2005
Ethan Barnhart 11/15/2022

Property Appraisal

Brian Bray 11/14/2011

Public Safety

Lee Hiland 11/06/2006
Lisa Park 11/16/2020

Public Works

Robert Thompson 11/18/2019
James Hollars 11/01/2021
John Green 11/21/2022
Jamie Howie 11/30/2022

Superior Court

Delores Russell 11/01/1991
Lawton Stephens 11/01/1991

Tax Commissioner

Kendra Freeman 11/15/2021

Water Resources

Ginger Thrasher 11/22/2004
Tracy Metcalf 11/24/2014
Tim Rice 11/02/2020



Welcome!

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

**Welcome
to the
Team!**

Civic Center

Brian Wilson

Finance

Joy Chambers

Jail

Jillian Cook
John Young

Parks & Rec

Samuel Koppenhaver
Madeline Neal
Haven Newbold

Sheriff

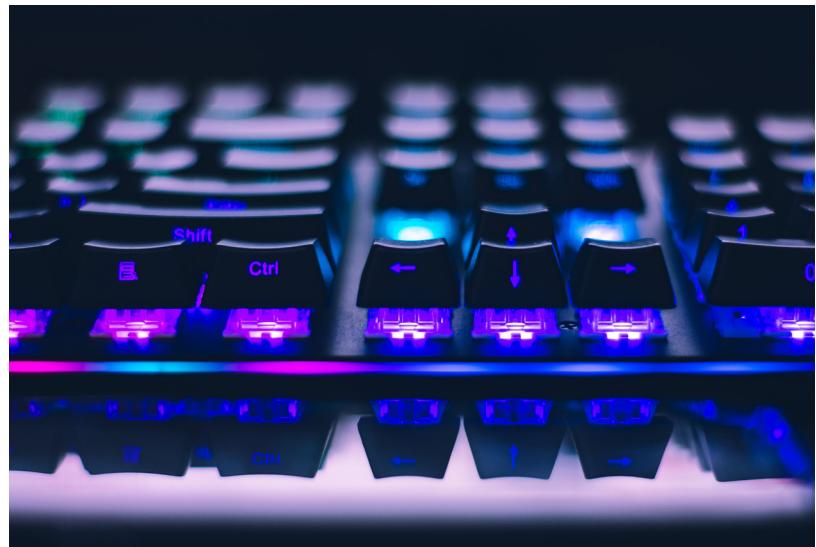
Seth McCart

IT Work Orders

Sarah Baird will be the new point person for following up on all of your IT Work Orders! Have a question or need to follow up on the request you submitted to ochelpdesk@oconee.ga.us?

Reach out to Sarah, and she will be happy to help provide status updates and other help with getting your IT needs met!

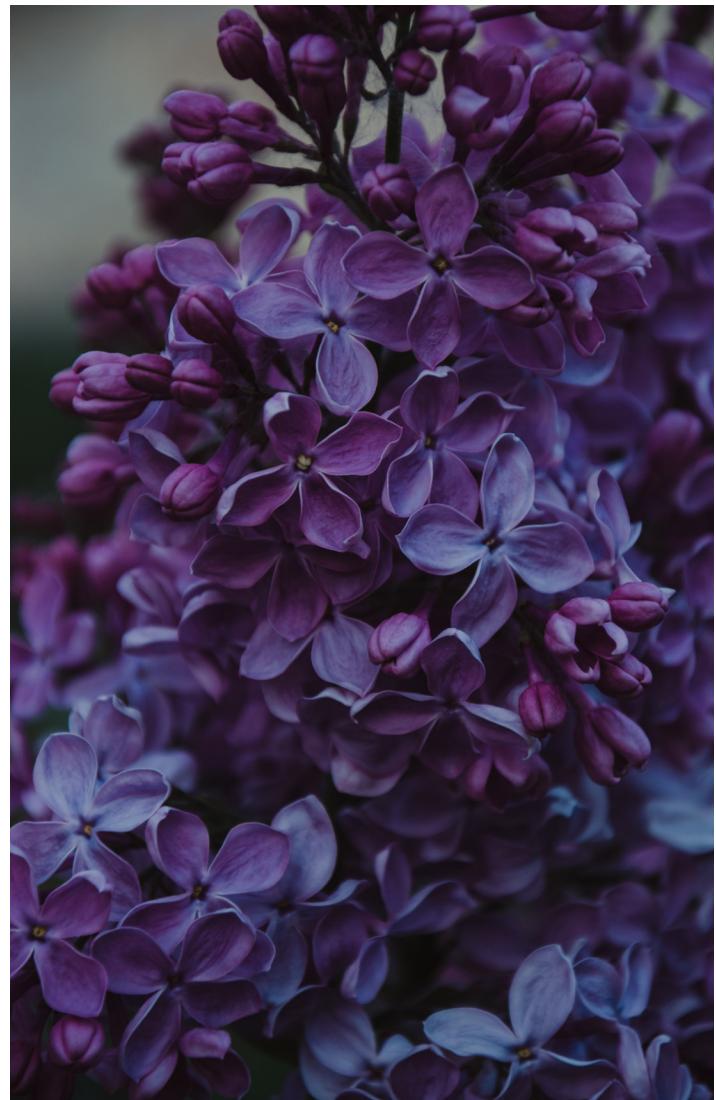
Sarah can be reached at sbaird@oconee.ga.us or extension x3599.



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!

Jean Saint-Preux	11/01
Caleb Howe	11/02
Cindy Hardigree	11/03
Laynie Baer	11/04
Lee Weems	11/04
Christopher Haag	11/05
William Threlkeld	11/05
Lisa Davol	11/06
Annessa Martin	11/07
Rachel Smith	11/07
Allen Hawkins	11/08
Sam Smith	11/08
Madeline Neal	11/09
Jon Holden	11/10
Johnny Richards	11/10
James Rogers	11/11
Kirk Shook	11/12
Nicole Gueth	11/13
Lawton Stephens	11/14
Kayla Houseman	11/15
Victor Hudson	11/15
Shami Jones	11/15
Guillaume Fielteau	11/16
Lynn Hanna	11/16
Susan Vizurraga	11/18
Deborah Self	11/19
Noah Webb	11/23
Ed Carson	11/27
Shelby Gabriel	11/28



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