



# Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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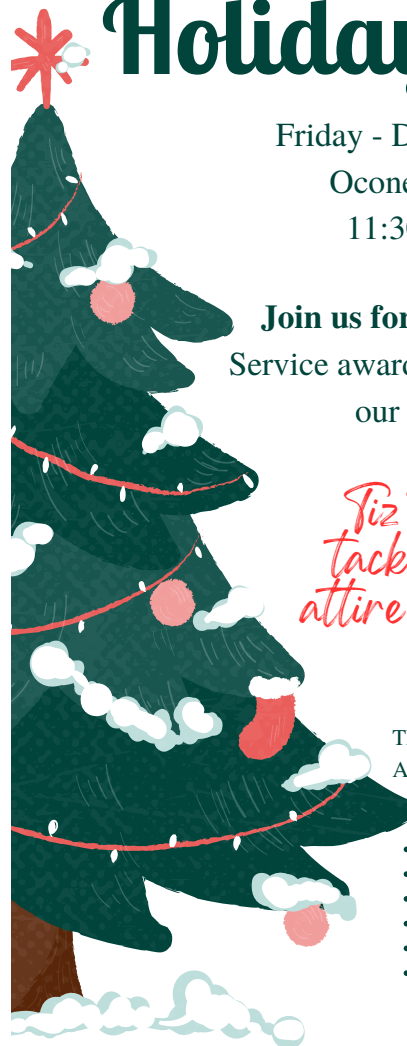
December 2023

## Employee Holiday Luncheon

It's that time of year! The annual Employee Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 8, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Oconee County Civic Center.

Wear your tackiest sweater, and bring a donation for our Animal Services Department to help take care of all of our fur friends over the holidays!

We are looking forward to seeing you there, and we hope you have a very merry and bright holiday season!!



## Annual Oconee County Employee Holiday Luncheon

Friday - December 8th, 2023

Oconee Civic Center

11:30am - 1:30pm

**Join us for lunch catered by Jim'N Nicks**

Service awards will be presented along with our 2023 retiree recognitions.

*Piz the season to rock your tacky sweaters! The tackiest attire will win an equally tacky trophy!*

This year we will be accepting donations for our Animal Services Office:

- Dog Training Treats
- Dog Hard/Tough Chew Toys
- Kitty Litter (scoopable)
- Fleece Blankets
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Dog leashes/harnesses/collars md/lg
- Dog Food - Wet
- Wash Cloths
- Kitten Powder Formula
- Bleach & Antibacterial Cleaners
- Clear Storage Bins (18+ gallon)
- Kitten Food - Wet (any brand), Dry (Ideal Brands: Purina, Royal Canin, Iams, Authority-Petsmart Brand)

# Parks & Rec Honored at Annual Banquet

## Congrats to Our Amazing Parks & Rec Team!!

Oconee County Parks and Recreation received several awards from the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association District 7 this year:

- GRPA District 7 Agency of the Year (population 30,001-80,000)
- GRPA D7 Volunteer of the Year – Jon Harvey
- GRPA D7 Student of the Year – Hunter Rainey
- GRPA D7 Programmer of the Year – Jake Thornton
- GRPA D7 Professional Administrator of the Year – Zach Churchill



In addition to the district awards, OCPRD was also recognized at the Georgia Recreation & Parks Association State banquet on Wednesday, November 8 in Athens for the following:



- GRPA State Agency of the Year (population 20,001-50,000)
- State Volunteer of the Year Awards – Jon Harvey

OCPRD has an amazing TEAM of recreation professionals that is grateful to serve in a community that supports Parks and Recreation.

# Notes from HR

## Upcoming Holiday Schedule

Oconee County Government offices will be closed the following days and times:

- December 8 from 11:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m. for the Employee Holiday Luncheon
- December 25 & 26 in observance of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- January 1 in observance of New Year's Day



## Welcome!

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



### Planning

David Webb

### Public Works

Zachary Anglin  
Samuel Hammond

### Sheriff

Kyle Gallagher

### Water

Cody Lee  
Johnnie Williams

### Senior Center

Stephen Baker

# 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!

## Finance

Susan Tidwell 12/30/2019

## Jail

Julio Soto 12/20/2004

## Law Enforcement

Paul Maxey 12/11/1989

Dylan Pulliam 12/18/2016

Collin Worsham 12/17/2018

Joshua Warren 12/19/2022

## Operations-Facilities/Maintenance

Alexus Hopkins 12/13/2021

## Public Safety

Shawn Corbin 12/05/2005

## Tax Commissioner

Carol McGrath 12/28/2020

## Parks & Recreation

Chris Cotton 12/10/2007

Hunter Rainey 12/09/2021

## Water Resources

Adam Layfield 12/08/2014



# 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!

Lofton Tidwell	12/01
David Gueth	12/03
Sunny Wallace-Burchett	12/06
Tammy Gilstrap	12/08
John Mobley	12/12
Joan Postero	12/12
Gregory Harrison	12/13
Evelyn King	12/15
Pamela Morris	12/16
Jeff Riddle	12/16
Scott Hollars	12/17
Taylor Howell	12/19
Lesia Weaber	12/19
Cheryl Newell	12/21
Shayne Stone	12/22
Merry Howard	12/24
Mike Hunsinger	12/27
Travis Wooster	12/29
Julio Soto	12/30
Mandi Ellis	12/31



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