



Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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Happy New Year!!

Notes from HR

Add these dates to your 2024 calendar!

Holidays

New Year's Day
January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 15

Memorial Day
May 27

Independence Day
July 4

Labor Day
September 2

Thanksgiving
November 28 & 29

Christmas Eve & Day
December 24 & 25

JANUARY 2024						
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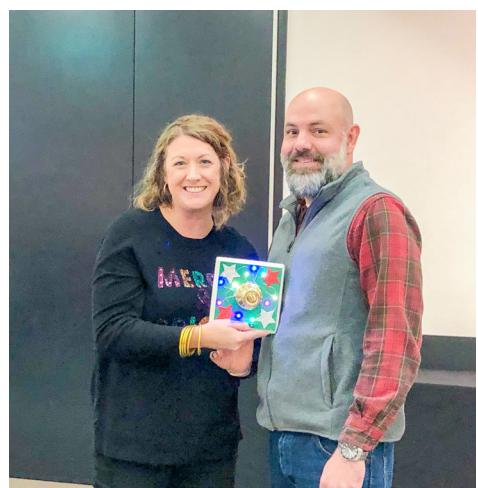
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Dates in **GREEN** are paydays. Dates in **BLUE** are County observed holidays.

Annual Holiday Luncheon

The end of the year brought another festive holiday gathering - thank you to everyone who could join us and thank you to the amazing committee that made it all happen!



Customer Service Superstar Kim Cramer

Congratulations to Kim Cramer in Finance, our newest Customer Service Superstar! Kim was nominated for always going above and beyond in her job duties and for constantly being helpful and kind. Thank you, Kim, for all you do for Oconee County! It is a pleasure to work with you!!



Welcome!

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

Civic Center
Timothy Lee

Parks & Recreation
Ella Barkdoll
Leslie Lewallen
Emma Lohri

Sheriff
Ryan Buzzard



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

Angela Elder-Johnson	01/01/2001
Jenna Pulliam	01/24/2022

Coroner

Ed Carson	01/01/2009
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E-911

Yashica West	01/19/2016
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Facilities/Operations

Jeremy Register	01/24/2022
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Jail

Todd Gabriel	01/11/2008
Matt Towe	01/13/2020

Law Enforcement

Mark Smith	01/25/2010
Kenji Dorsey	01/01/2017

Parks & Recreation

Kaitlyn Rainey	01/30/2023
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Property Appraisal

Chris Neal	01/14/2013
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Public Works

Michael Sutton	01/17/1995
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Senior Center

Shirley Finch	01/28/2013
Emily Deal	01/09/2023

Superior Court

Jennifer Parker	01/03/2017
Mandi Ellis	01/01/2019
Kelli Bardner	01/01/2019

Tax Commissioner

Jennifer Riddle	01/01/2006
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Tourism & Visitors Bureau

Joann Hubert	01/21/2020
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Notes from IT

Navigating Suspicious Links and Attachments

It's a scenario that can happen to the best of us: clicking on a suspicious link or attachment. Despite our best efforts, it's essential to know what to do if you find yourself in this situation. Let's explore a step-by-step guide on handling this potential cybersecurity risk.

1. Stay Calm and Disconnect:

If you suspect you've clicked on a malicious link or attachment, the first step is to stay calm. Avoid panicking, and immediately disconnect from the internet by unplugging your network cable and turning off Wi-Fi. This swift action can help contain any potential threat and prevent further damage.

2. Report the Incident:

Notify your IT department about the incident as soon as possible. Provide details about the suspicious link or attachment, including any error messages or unusual behavior you observed. Reporting the incident promptly enables IT professionals to assess the situation, take preventive measures, and alert others if necessary.

3. Change Your Passwords:

If the suspicious link or attachment was related to an email or an account, change the password associated with that account immediately. This precautionary measure helps safeguard your sensitive information in case the suspicious activity was an attempt to compromise your credentials. If you need assistance with this step please contact IT.

4. Scan for Malware:

Run a comprehensive antivirus or anti-malware scan on your device. Most modern security software is equipped to detect and remove a wide range of threats. Ensure that your antivirus definitions are up to date before initiating the scan. If any malicious software is detected, follow the recommended actions to quarantine or remove it. To begin a scan, locate the Malwarebytes Nebula Agent icon on the lower right corner of your screen. You may have to click the up arrow to see the icon. Once located, right-click the icon and select 'Start Threat Scan.' (Note – Malwarebytes recently changed their name to Threatdown. It's possible that the name of the scanner will change to reflect this)

5. Monitor Your Accounts:

Keep a close eye on your financial, email, and other critical accounts for any unusual activity. If you notice unauthorized transactions, changes in account settings, or any other suspicious behavior, report it immediately. Prompt action can mitigate potential damages and enhance the chances of a swift resolution.

While we strive to practice vigilant cybersecurity, accidents can happen. Knowing how to respond when faced with a potential threat is key to minimizing risks and protecting Oconee County's data. Remember, the IT department is here to support you - If you ever find yourself in doubt or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your commitment to the security of Oconee County's network.

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 Wilson	01/02
DonL Bearden	01/06
Chris Neal	01/07
David Webb	01/08
Adam Layfield	01/09
Charles Arlt	01/10
Jackie Rowell	01/12
Robert Perrin	01/13
Dwayne Collins	01/14
Melissa Braswell	01/16
Ginger Thrasher	01/16
Bruce Thaxton	01/17
Krista Dorsey	01/19
Kristofor Robinson	01/21
Jordan Silvey	01/22
Stephen Stuchell	01/22
Stephen Baker	01/23
Julie Jackson	01/23
Noah Armstrong	01/24
Jeremy Wasdin	01/24
Migdai Marin	01/27
Chrystal Custis	01/28
Eric Norris	01/28
Jessica Ellis	01/30



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