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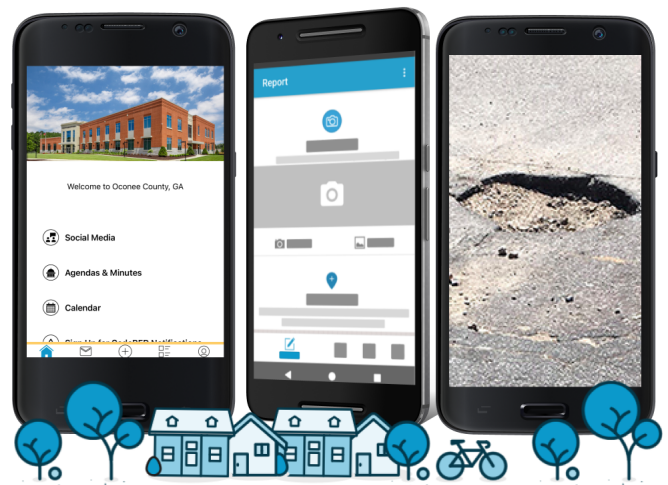
SeeClickFix Access Oconee GA

Did you know that Oconee County now has an app for residents and employees to report issues they see?

You can use Oconee County's SeeClickFix app to report issues like potholes directly to the department that can address it. Download the free Access Oconee GA app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Or, use our web portal available on our website under "Report an Concern"

If your department uses SeeClickFix to respond to resident requests and you have staff that needs additional training on managing requests with the system, or if your department is interested in finding out more about the app, contact the Communications Department at 706-310-3556 or email oconeeconnects@oconee.ga.us.

Download the
Access Oconee GA
App today!



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HR News



Save the Date

Plan ahead for your wellness points!

Physical Agility Test at Herman C. Michael Park on 3/29 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Sign up coming soon.

Wellness Points deadline is 5/31. Make sure you are earning your wellness points.

Biometrics will be measured in June. Dates and locations to be determined.

Welcome!

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

Administration

Tristen Thomas

Parks & Rec

Eleanor Dougherty

William Gable

Justin Saint-Xandre

Water Resources

Caylan Kettle



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

Fleet

Dwayne Collins 03/26/1997

Law Enforcement

Tammy Gilstrap 03/11/1991

Marla Brown 03/07/2011

Travis Wooster 03/17/2014

Facilities

David Compton 03/19/2018

Planning/Code Enforcement

Nhi Hylton 03/06/2023

Ethan Perry 03/06/2023

Public Safety

David Burchett 03/14/2005

Kyliegh Carrera 03/08/2022

Public Works

Don Bradshaw 03/13/2023

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



Notes from IT

Cybersecurity Tips for Tax Season

During tax season, it's important to emphasize the importance of cybersecurity. The increase in online tax submissions has been matched by a rise in cyber threats. Below are essential cybersecurity tips to ensure your tax submission process is secure and your personal information is protected.

Use Trusted Tax Preparation Services

Ensure you're using a reputable tax preparation service. Look for services that offer strong security measures, such as two-factor authentication (2FA). Services endorsed by the IRS through the Free File Alliance are typically reliable.

Secure Your Internet Connection

When submitting your taxes, use a secure, private internet connection. Public Wi-Fi networks can be breeding grounds for cyber threats. If you must use public Wi-Fi, consider employing a Virtual Private Network (VPN) to encrypt your connection.

Protect Your Personal Information

Be cautious about sharing personal information. Tax season is a golden opportunity for phishing attempts. Remember, the IRS will not contact you via email, text, or social media for personal or financial information. Any such communication should be considered a red flag.

Regularly Update Your Software

Ensure your computer's operating system and any tax-related software are up to date. Cyber attackers frequently exploit vulnerabilities in software, and updates are crucial for patching security holes.

Use Strong Passwords and Enable 2FA

Create strong, unique passwords for each of your accounts, especially those related to tax filing and financial information. Enabling two-factor authentication adds an extra layer of security.

Monitor Your Accounts

Regularly check your financial accounts and credit report for any unusual activity. Early detection of fraud can significantly minimize damage.

Securely Store or Dispose of Tax Documents

Digital tax documents should be stored in a secure location, such as an encrypted folder. Physical documents should be kept in a safe place. If you need to dispose of any tax documents, make sure to shred them thoroughly.

Know How to Report Identity Theft

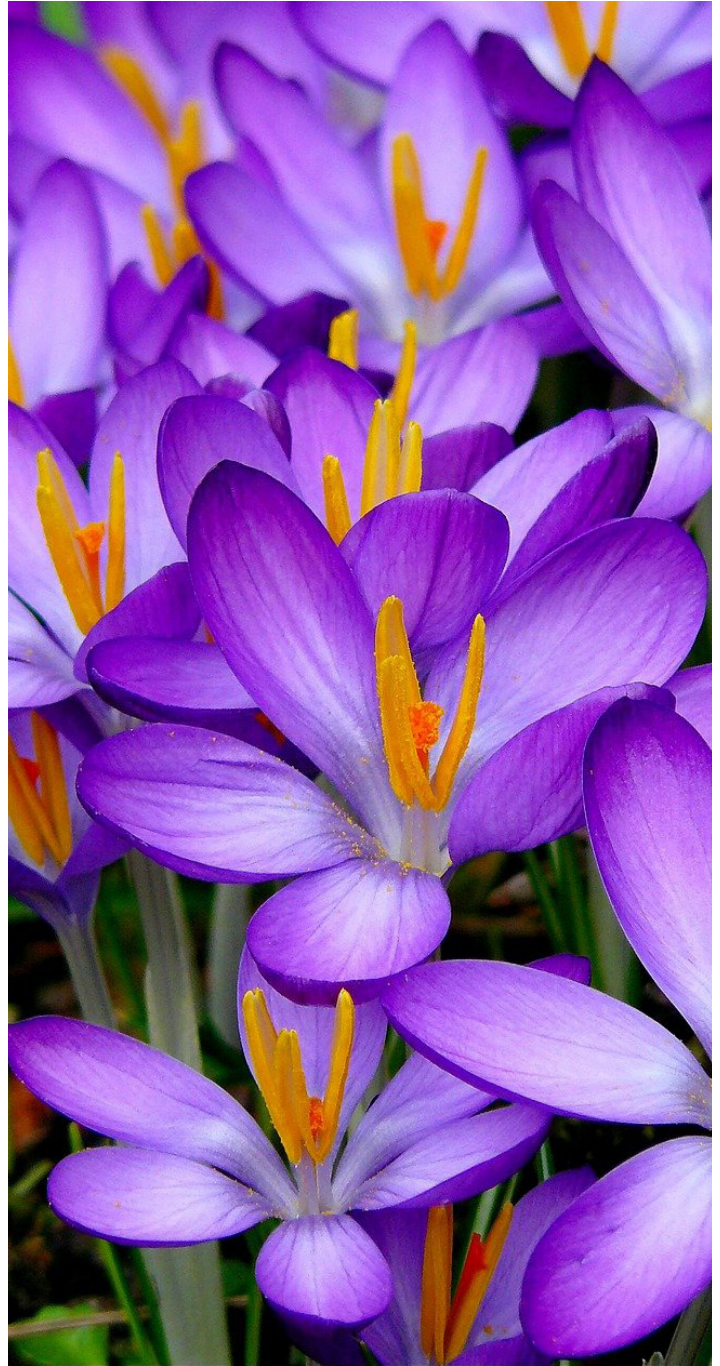
If you suspect you've been a victim of tax-related identity theft, respond immediately. Contact the IRS and file a report with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov).

While the digital age brings convenience to our tax submission process, it also requires us to be more vigilant about cybersecurity. By following these tips, you can protect yourself from becoming a victim of cybercrime this tax season.

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 Fouche	03/02
Kandy Marchman	03/02
Vic Green	03/03
Eleanor Dougherty	03/04
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
Hallie Adams	03/11
Chris Higginbotham	03/11
Lee Hicks	03/14
Timothy Lee	03/14
Patrick Whitehead	03/17
Ethan Perry	03/18
Christina Lee	03/20
Chris Cotton	03/21
Mark Thomas	03/21
David Dockins	03/22
Samuel Koppenhaver	03/23
James Hale	03/25
Carol McGrath	03/26
Angela Bryan	03/27
Hunter Rainey	03/27
Candeda Ayers	03/29
Baylee Silvey	03/29
Caylan Kettle	03/31



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