



Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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Annual Employee Picnic

Another great summer event is in the books! Thanks to everyone who pitched in to plan, shop, and help out with lunch, and a special thanks goes out to the grill masters who cooked us all lunch in the extreme heat!!

It was great to spend some time with our colleagues across departments and offices in the county - check out more pics inside!

Notes from IT

KnowBe4 Cybersecurity Notice

In this month's "Notes from IT," we take a look at upcoming changes to our KnowBe4 training. These changes will kick off on July 8th. This initiative is all about boosting our cybersecurity know-how to keep our data and systems secure.

What's Happening

On July 8th, all employees with a county email will receive an invitation to start this year's KnowBe4 training.

When you get the email, please click on the link provided to access your training. We expect that the course should take around 45 minutes or less to complete. In order to track progress, we ask that all employees with a county email complete this training by August 8th. If you need help accessing the training, please feel free to submit a ticket by emailing ochelpdesk@oconee.ga.us.

Shortly after the training campaign has concluded, we will resume the phishing tests you know and love. If someone falls for one of our phishing tests, they will get an invitation to complete additional training. This training is only 15 minutes long and is meant to reinforce the principles you learned from the initial training. We ask that those who receive this training make time to complete it within 3 weeks of failing a phishing test.



Why It Matters

Cybersecurity is everyone's responsibility. Your participation in this campaign is crucial to strengthening our defenses against online threats. If you have any questions about any of this, please feel free to reach out.

Let's work together to strengthen our cybersecurity practices!

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Welcome!

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

Parks & Recreation

Addison Baer
Clay Dunagan
Jacob Payne
Chad Skelton

Sheriff

Tyson Stewart
Sophie Warmath

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!

Administration

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| Justin Kirouac | 07/31/2017 |
| Sarah Baird | 07/10/2023 |

Clerk of Courts

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| Neang Smith | 07/27/1998 |
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Finance

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| Kim Cramer | 07/30/2018 |
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Fleet Maintenance

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| Brandy Ervin | 07/16/2001 |
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IT

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| Justin Milligan | 07/11/2022 |
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Jail

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| Sheletha Pope | 07/04/2016 |
| Steve Allen | 07/17/2017 |
| William McCarthy | 07/31/2017 |
| Scotty Bodie | 07/12/2021 |

Law Enforcement

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|-------------------|------------|
| Andrew Henderson | 07/14/2014 |
| Wade Higginbotham | 07/21/2014 |
| Matthew Pilcher | 07/05/2016 |
| Christopher Haag | 07/12/2021 |
| Johnny Richards | 07/27/2022 |

Parks & Recreation

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|-----------------|------------|
| Tyler Hartzog | 07/17/2017 |
| Bailey Wingrove | 07/18/2022 |
| Trevor Rakosnik | 07/11/2023 |

Planning/Code Enforcement

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| Gaby Bryan | 07/10/2000 |
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Probate

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| Kayla Houseman | 07/27/2015 |
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Property Appraisal

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|--------------------|------------|
| Diane Horvath | 07/10/2000 |
| Guillaume Fielteau | 07/31/2023 |

Public Works

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| George Kull | 07/02/2007 |
| Allen Hawkins | 07/18/2011 |
| Charles Arlt | 07/09/2018 |
| Justin Dunaway | 07/11/2022 |
| Jeffrey Riddle | 07/10/2023 |
| Stephen Stuchell | 07/10/2023 |
| Jacob McCoy | 07/17/2023 |

Superior Court

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| Migdai Marin | 07/06/2009 |
| Stephen Wilson | 07/23/2012 |
| Michael Fitzpatrick | 07/25/2022 |
| Ansley Whiten | 07/17/2023 |
| Warren Stanford | 07/31/2023 |

Tax Commissioner

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| Marissa Rice | 07/11/2022 |
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Water Resources

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| Lance Raines | 07/03/2000 |
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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!

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| Samuel Hammond | 07/01 |
| David Knowles Jr. | 07/01 |
| Leon Ogletree | 07/02 |
| Delores Russell | 07/03 |
| Jake Thornton | 07/08 |
| Shawn Wheeler | 07/08 |
| Tommy Hewell | 07/12 |
| Charles Lee | 07/12 |
| Kendra Freeman | 07/13 |
| Mark Smith | 07/13 |
| Jennifer Parker | 07/14 |
| Tim Rice | 07/15 |
| John Young | 07/17 |
| Daniel Ellis | 07/21 |
| Stan Swisher | 07/23 |
| Amrey Harden | 07/26 |
| Dustin Mines | 07/26 |
| Russell Baker | 07/29 |
| Michael Hensley | 07/29 |
| Samuel Masters | 07/29 |
| Parker Middlebrooks | 07/30 |
| Gaybritsha Goodman | 07/31 |



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