



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.

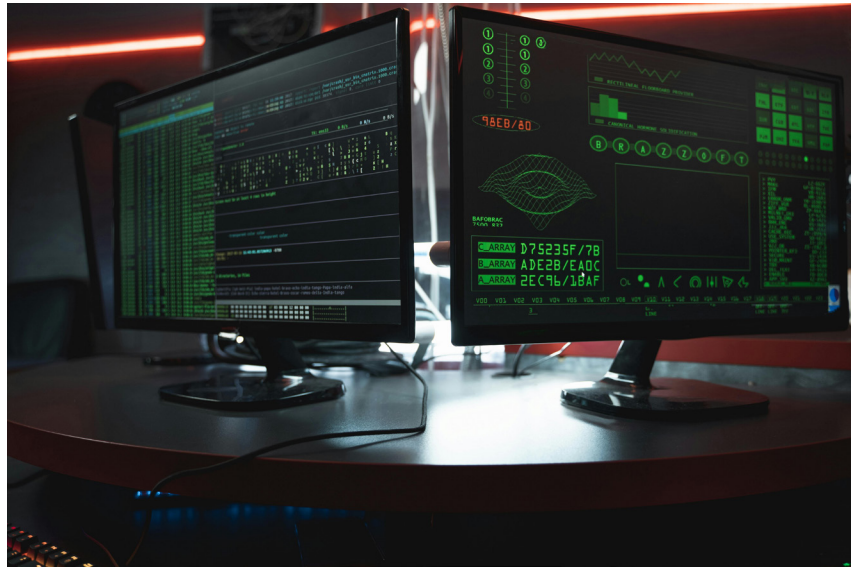
When you get the email, please click on the link provided to access your training. We expect that the course should take around 45 minutes or less to complete. In order to track progress, we ask that all employees with a county email complete this training by August 8th. If you need help accessing the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

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

Clerk of Courts

Neang Smith	07/27/1998
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Finance

Kim Cramer	07/30/2018
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Fleet Maintenance

Brandy Ervin	07/16/2001
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IT

Justin Milligan	07/11/2022
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Jail

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

Law Enforcement

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

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

Planning/Code Enforcement

Gaby Bryan	07/10/2000
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Probate

Kayla Houseman	07/27/2015
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Property Appraisal

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

Public Works

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

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

Marissa Rice	07/11/2022
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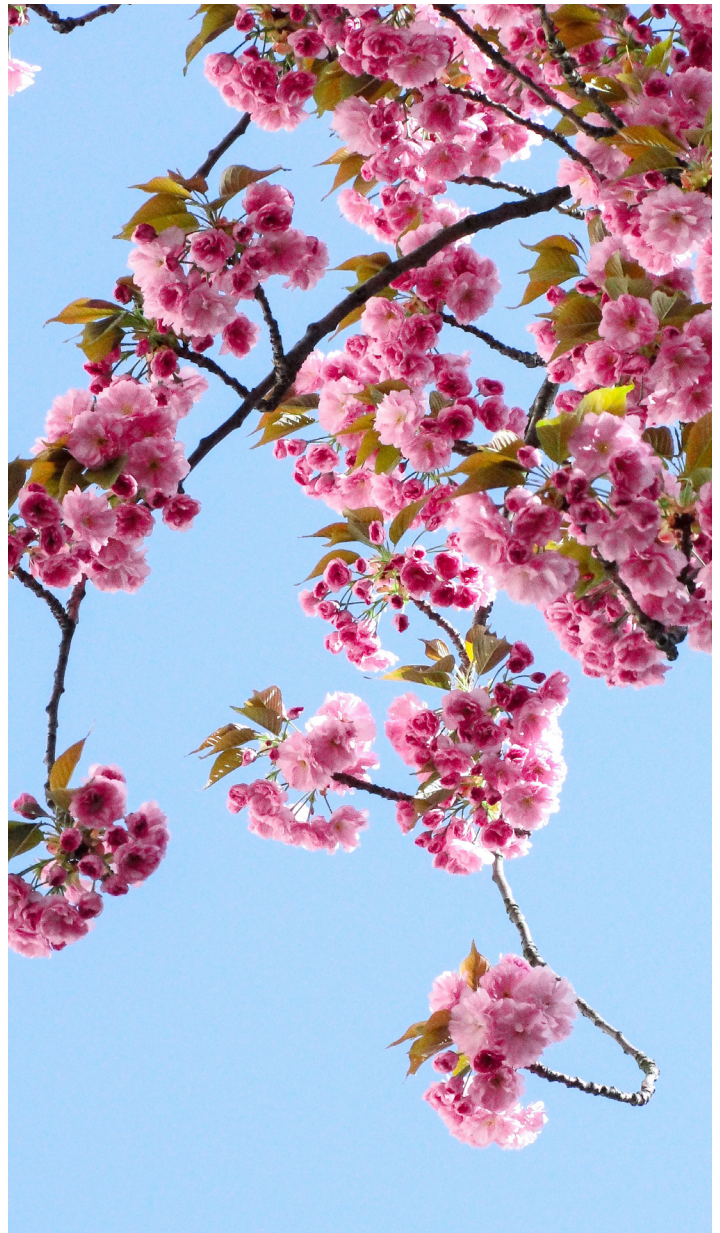
Water Resources

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!

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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