



Oconee County Connections Employee Newsletter

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Notes from IT - Stay Safe During Summer Trips

Summer is here, and many of us are planning trips to unwind and recharge. While traveling can be a fantastic experience, it's essential to stay vigilant about your digital security. Here are some tips to help you prevent identify theft and protect your credentials while on the go:

- Secure Your Devices** - Make sure all of your electronic devices are secured with strong passwords. Enable multi-factor authentication on your accounts for an extra layer of security. Also, keep your devices' software up to date to protect against vulnerabilities.
- Be Careful Using Public Wi-Fi** - Public wi-fi like the kind you find in hotels, restaurants, and airports can make your devices vulnerable to hackers. Avoid accessing sensitive information, such as your email or banking accounts, over public wi-fi. If you must use public wi-fi, consider using a VPN to encrypt your internet traffic.
- Avoid Oversharing on Social Media** - While it's tempting to share your vacation moments in real-time, it's safer to wait until you return home. Broadcasting your location can make you an easy target for thieves who know you're away from home.
- Monitor Your Accounts** - Regularly check your bank and credit card statements for any suspicious activity. Setting up alerts for your accounts can help you quickly detect and respond to unauthorized transactions.
- Be Wary of Public Charging Stations** - Public charging stations can be compromised to steal data. Bring your own charger and use an outlet instead – or consider using a portable power bank.
- Backup Your Data** - Because there is always a chance that your device will be lost or stolen during your trip, be sure to back up your important data. For example, make sure your iPhone has a recent backup to iCloud.



By taking these precautions, you can enjoy your summer trip knowing that you've taken the necessary steps to secure your devices. If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to reach out to the IT department. We're here to help!

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!

<u>Animal Services</u>			
Abbey Ivy	08/21/2023	Quinton NeSmith	08/05/2013
		Douglas Mattocks Jr.	08/08/2022
		Boris Argueta	08/10/2013
<u>Board of Elections & Registration</u>		<u>Parks & Recreation</u>	
Jennifer Stone	08/29/2016	Whitney Sperlik	08/03/2003
		Ramad Hunter	08/20/2003
<u>Civic Center</u>	08/19/2022	Lofton Tidwell	08/06/2021
Calvin Ranker		Patrick Whitehead	08/16/2021
<u>Clerk of Courts</u>		Joshua Johnson	08/08/2022
Angie Elder-Johnson	08/31/1987	Natalie Aguirre	08/24/2023
Jessica Hart	08/14/2002	Laynie Baer	08/28/2023
Marti Hardigree	08/06/2007	Jayne Duerr	08/21/2023
		William Threlkeld	08/08/2023
<u>Communications</u>		<u>Property Appraisal</u>	
Diane Baggett	08/13/2018	Amanda Shelton	08/04/2014
<u>EMA</u>		<u>Public Safety</u>	
C.J. Worden	08/31/2017	Robert Elder	08/01/2005
		Taylor Howell	08/22/2022
<u>Facilities</u>		<u>Public Works</u>	
Tracye Bailey	08/10/1998	Michael Wayne Weathers	08/09/1993
Christi Prince	08/08/2016	Charlotte Connell	08/04/2014
		James Rogers	08/25/2023
<u>Fire</u>		<u>Senior Center</u>	
Bruce Thaxton	08/11/1997	Mary Mitchell	08/08/2022
Russ Henson	08/31/2004	Christi Bittle	08/23/2023
<u>GIS</u>		<u>Superior Court</u>	
Shawna Benson	08/08/2022	Walker McNiff	08/01/2016
<u>Human Resources</u>		<u>Tax Commissioner</u>	
Jill Faulkner	08/10/2016	Amanda Mauldin	08/15/2016
<u>Jail</u>		<u>Water Resouces</u>	
Joshua Morgan	08/15/2016	Russell Baker	08/03/2020
<u>Law Enforcement</u>		Chad Wolhert	08/10/2020
Kandy Marchman	08/06/2001		

Welcome!

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

Facilities

James Smith

Senior Center

Lakeysha Norman

Sheriff

Timothy Paramore

Water Resources

Joshua Johnson

Outdoor Water Use Schedule

When Can I Water?

- Odd-numbered addresses on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays; no watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- Even-numbered addresses on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays; no watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.**
- Drip irrigation, hand watering, and the watering of food gardens are all allowed on any day and at any time**



The following schedule for outdoor water use in our county is in effect year round during non-drought conditions.

Watering is permitted according to the following schedule:

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- Even-numbered addresses - Outdoor water use is allowed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays; no watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
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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!

Stephen Guest	08/01	William McCarthy	08/29
Nicholas Chavis	08/04	Erin Carlton	08/30
Sophie Warmath	08/04	Chris Glick	08/31
Mark Von Kutzleben	08/05	Matthew Pilcher	08/31
Todd Gabriel	08/06		
John Hanley	08/06		
Sheletha Pope	08/07		
Neang Smith	08/07		
Liz Smith	08/08		
Emma Smith	08/08		
Shawn Corbin	08/09		
Gabriel Fairbanks	08/09		
Bobby Reno	08/09		
Chris Shook	08/09		
Robert Thompson	08/10		
Rolland Ebright	08/16		
Ramad Hunter	08/16		
Whitney Sperlik	08/16		
Jennifer Stone	08/16		
Kelli Bardner	08/17		
John Green	08/19		
Sidney Bell	08/22		
Jack Cain	08/23		
Kenneth Davis	08/23		
Marla Brown	08/25		
Sarah Cumuze	08/25		
Andy Dunston	08/26		
Kari Giddens	08/26		
Russell Ruggieri	08/26		
Kloe Adriance	08/27		



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