



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 identity 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!

Animal Services

Abbey Ivy 08/21/2023

Quinton NeSmith 08/05/2013
Douglas Mattocks Jr. 08/08/2022
Boris Argueta 08/10/2013

Board of Elections & Registration

Jennifer Stone 08/29/2016

Parks & Recreation

Whitney Sperlik 08/03/2003
Ramad Hunter 08/20/2003
Lofton Tidwell 08/06/2021
Patrick Whitehead 08/16/2021
Joshua Johnson 08/08/2022
Natalie Aguirre 08/24/2023
Laynie Baer 08/28/2023
Jayne Duerr 08/21/2023
William Threlkeld 08/08/2023

Civic Center

Calvin Ranker 08/19/2022

Clerk of Courts

Angie Elder-Johnson 08/31/1987
Jessica Hart 08/14/2002
Marti Hardigree 08/06/2007

Communications

Diane Baggett 08/13/2018

Property Appraisal

Amanda Shelton 08/04/2014

EMA

C.J. Worden 08/31/2017

Public Safety

Robert Elder 08/01/2005
Taylor Howell 08/22/2022

Facilities

Tracye Bailey 08/10/1998
Christi Prince 08/08/2016

Public Works

Michael Wayne Weathers 08/09/1993
Charlotte Connell 08/04/2014
James Rogers 08/25/2023

Fire

Bruce Thaxton 08/11/1997
Russ Henson 08/31/2004

Senior Center

Mary Mitchell 08/08/2022
Christi Bittle 08/23/2023

GIS

Shawna Benson 08/08/2022

Human Resources

Jill Faulkner 08/10/2016

Superior Court

Walker McNiff 08/01/2016

Jail

Joshua Morgan 08/15/2016

Tax Commissioner

Amanda Mauldin 08/15/2016

Law Enforcement

Kandy Marchman 08/06/2001

Water Resources

Russell Baker 08/03/2020
Chad Wolhert 08/10/2020

Welcome!

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

Facilities

James Smith

Sheriff

Timothy Paramore

Senior Center

Lakeysha Norman

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:

- Odd-numbered addresses - Outdoor water use is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays; no watering between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- 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
Nicholas Chavis	08/04
Sophie Warmath	08/04
Mark Von Kutzleben	08/05
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

William McCarthy	08/29
Erin Carlton	08/30
Chris Glick	08/31
Matthew Pilcher	08/31



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