

Talk to the Town

City of Rincon Newsletter to our Citizens and Visitors



October 2009

Welcome to the City of Rincon's Newsletter

We are hopeful to begin providing information on a monthly basis about news, information, and other things happening in Rincon. We believe this information will be of interest to the citizens of Rincon, and to visitors to our community. We plan to provide a newsletter at the beginning of each month on the City website, so that you will have dates for your planning calendar about upcoming events. We will try to follow-up with e-mailing the newsletter to those clubs and individuals who request being added on to the e-mail address list.

October's Featured Business

Featured businesses will be chosen for some unique happening in the immediate future or recent past, or at random from the community if there are no special events planned that we are aware of. If you wish to have your business acknowledged, please provide us with some information and perhaps a photo (staff, business front, etc.)

City Going's On

This section is about your City government; and it is your government. We will try to share information that you will be interested in.

City Council is currently reviewing requests for budget items and funding for Fiscal Year 2010. Since the City does not have a Property Tax, funding for City services is covered through Impact and User Fees and through SPLOST funding and capital projects. Balancing the budget for a growing community like Rincon is all the more important to the City Council.

The City is looking at renovating the Old Post Office and putting it in a location where citizens and the public can appreciate the history of Rincon. Any assistance would be appreciated.

Rincon City Council is very interested in the potential to develop a "recycling" program in Rincon. More to come. In the meantime, the Habitat Re-Store takes aluminum cans, and the Lion's Club container at Wal-Mart takes paper, and Wal-Mart and several other local grocery stores take plastic bags.

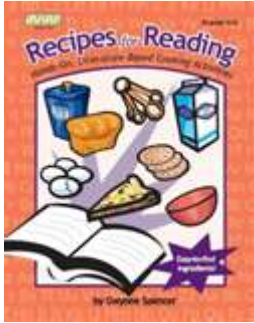


The City of Rincon has a lease purchase arrangement for the Lion's Club building and property on Lexington Avenue, to expand the Recreation services being provided through the Recreation Department and Macomber Park, which completely surrounds the Lion's Club property. This will allow providing for new services to community groups and various age groups in the community. More in weeks to come.

Community Groups and What You Should Know

The United Way of Effingham office is located at 711 Zitterour Road in Rincon (826-5300) and is open on Wednesdays. Force Food Pantries are located in Rincon at the Manna House, 1210 Patriot Park Drive (826-2037), Monday 12:00pm – 3:00pm, Thursday 2:00pm – 5:00pm, and Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm; and at Rincon First Christian, 5835 Hwy 21S (826-2224), Monday thru Friday from 9:00am – 1:00pm.

Good Food & Recipes for Reading



Dump Cake Recipe by Peggy Trowbridge
This recipe is designed for kids to bake. It's incredibly easy with no mixing involved. Canned fruits are dumped into a baking pan, topped with cake mix, butter, and nuts, then baked. The result is something in between a cake and a cobbler, and amazingly delicious. Adults will also love this recipe.



Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 (20 ounces) can crushed pineapple, undrained
- 1 (21 ounces) can prepared more fruit cherry pie filling
- 1 (18.25 ounces) box yellow cake mix
- 2 sticks of butter or margarine, each cut into 12 slices
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts (your choice - optional)

Preparation: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (325 for glass baking dish). Have a 9 by 13-inch baking pan ready. Dump undrained pineapple baking dish or pan and spread it out evenly. Using a spoon, dump globs of cherry pie filling evenly on top of the pineapple. Sprinkle the cake mix evenly over the cherry and pineapple layers. Cut butter into slices with a butter knife and place slices evenly over cake mix. Sprinkle nuts on top if you're using them. Bake for one hour. Use heavy oven mitts to remove the dump cake from oven or let your older helper do it. To serve, scoop cake out with a large spoon like a cobbler, and dump it on a nice plate. A scoop of vanilla ice cream is delicious with dump cake. Serve warm or cold. Yield: about 10 to 12 servings

Old South Charm

The name for the Seventh Street/Atlantic Park has been changed to Peter J. Giles Jr. Community Park. A new park sign is being worked up and should be installed soon. City staff are working on putting in additional parking and preparing to move some of the ball field equipment to make it more strategic and more efficient for use. The charcoal grills have been moved; and a "Jumbo" Checker set and benches have been added to the park. Several other improvements are in the planning stages.

Peter J. Giles Jr. Community Park. Why the new name? The City of Rincon believes in recognizing local citizens who have had significant and positive impact on the community and the City of Rincon. Peter J. Giles Jr. is one of those important people in our community, and the Rincon City Council felt that renaming the Seventh Street/Atlantic Park in his honor was a way to show how much they respect what he has accomplished for the community, and to let others know about an "achiever".

The new sign will read, "This park is named in honor of Peter Giles, Jr., a highly respected and well-known community organizer throughout Rincon and Effingham County. Peter Giles, Jr. served in this community as a member of the Sons of Allen, a member of NAACP, the first black to work at a county voting poll, he served on the Rincon Planning Board, he served on the organizing committee of the Effingham County Athletic Department, and he was honored as the Grand Marshall for the 2008 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. parade. He was also instrumental in getting easements donated to pave Giles, Stokes, and Jaudon Avenues, as well as both Seventh and Howard Streets. Peter Giles, Jr. worked at NCR as the shipping and receiving clerk for thirty-seven and one half years. Mr. Giles also served in the United States Navy during World War II. He married Inez Sanders Giles and he fathered two sons, Alphonso and Elliot Giles. He has three grand children and six great-grandchildren".

Do you have a story to tell about Rincon? Perhaps some history that others might not know. Tell us about it.

Did You Know?



October is Fire Prevention Month. Please change out your smoke detector batteries. Your family's lives may depend upon it. (Photo – The Learning Treehouse)



Halloween Safety Tips:

- Travel in groups on well lit streets
- Wear light reflectors, carry a flashlight, and watch out for cars
- Parents check and throw away strange candy
- Notify the Rincon Police if anything unusual happens

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 2:00am when the clocks shift back to 1:00am (Spring Forward, Fall Back).

Rincon Building Codes – Things you might want or need to know

1. Maintain your yard by keeping the grass cut, shrubs trimmed, and the yard free of refuse and debris.
 2. Keep your residence “looking good” by having it routinely cleaned, painted, and in good repair.
- Thank you, from Building and Zoning.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Monday, October 12 – 7:00pm – City Council Meeting, 17th Street Council Chambers

Monday, October 26 – 7:00pm – City Council Meeting, 17th Street Council Chambers

Saturday, October 31 – Halloween

New Comers to Rincon

Permit or no permit? That is the question.

Planning a project? Call 826-5996 to see if you need a building permit! Building permits are required to ensure that the structure is not only safe, but complies with the high wind load requirements for our area. Permits are required to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure. A permit is also required to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system (International Residential Code).

While many structures (houses, buildings, decks, etc.) require a permit; many structures such as single story tool sheds and play houses that do not exceed 120 square feet, sidewalks, fences that do not exceed 6 feet, do not. See www.dca.state.ga.us/development/constructioncodes/programs/codes2.asp for a complete list of the required construction codes adopted by the State of Georgia, or call us.

National Guard Send-off



We encourage you to e-mail the Rincon City Manager (RinconCityMgr@cityofrincon.com) with ideas for improving the newsletter, information, questions, comments, and upcoming events, etc. The City Manager will answer and include items wherever appropriate and newsworthy to the community. Please share this with your friends and neighbors.

If you wish to sign-on to our e-mail list to receive the Talk to the Town Newsletter, just send an e-mail to RinconCityMgr@cityofrincon.com.

This Month's Friendship Theme:
"The City of Rincon, neighbors, not just residents."

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