

Talk to the Town

City of Rincon Newsletter to our Citizens, Friends and Visitors

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Welcome to the City of Rincon's Newsletter

We will place the Newsletters in the City Hall lobby, on the City's website, and also share it with interested persons and businesses via e-mail. Please contact us if you want to be added to the E-mail address list, or if you have some information to share that our readers might be interested in.

April's Featured Business

Randy's and Rhonda's Automotive Service Center

We are located at 102 Weisenbaker Road, at the corner of GA 21, across from City Hall. Randy and Rhonda's Automotive Service Center has been in business since 1996, and is locally owned and operated. Randy is ASE Certified, and has been in the automotive repair industry for over 30 years.

Here at Randy and Rhonda's, we offer complete preventive maintenance as well as major and minor repairs. We work on all makes and models, including Diesels, Imports, and Domestic. We also repair RVs, utility trailers, and medium duty trucks. Some of our specialties include air conditioning, electrical, exhaust, brakes and drivability repairs. Randy and Rhonda's strive for customer



satisfaction, and we treat their customers as we would all like to be treated. We would like to extend a special thanks to all of our customers and welcome new ones. We look forward to serving our Community and our Customers. Please visit our website at www.RandyandRhondas.com.

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 about the business and perhaps a photo (staff, business front, etc.)

City Going's On

This section is about your City government and things that should be of particular interest to you.

The City of Rincon is participating with the National League of Cities in a program called the Prescription Drug Discount Card program. These cards are available at local Rincon pharmacies, thrift stores, Rincon City Hall, and the Rincon Library. There is no cost to the individual; and there is no information to fill out. If your prescription is covered by Insurance, the card will not help; but if the prescription (even animal prescriptions) is not covered by insurance, then the card may save you as much as 20% of the prescription cost at local pharmacies. In February 2010, 20 of 29 prescriptions resulted in card savings. Since December 1st, 43 Rincon Prescription Discount Card users have saved a total of \$734. That is an average savings of just under \$11 on each prescription that qualified. Ask the pharmacist for the card, pick up one of the cards today, and put it in your pocket.

There is free mulch at Macomber Park. Many City projects result in wood, limbs, and leaves that can be used for yard-scaping. Please call the Recreation Department at 826-0238 to confirm the location of the mulch and to confirm your intent to pick up some of it.

Diane G. Kessler Memorial Park
on East 9th Street, donated for a Nature Trail

Wild birds, turkey, and deer are known to be in the area. Armadillos and possums are likely. The City is looking at the wetlands in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, to plan for an exercise, educational, and nature trail with bird nests, animal feeders, and information on plants and animals; and with flowers and trees that will blossom at different times of the year, to maximize the use of the property by our residents and tourism visitors. The trail would likely be part on land and part on short bridges because of the wetlands, and use and development restrictions. A pond may be considered. Benches will be needed for “convenient” resting, and perhaps a covered-deck spot in the woods for special weddings, or class discussions about the trail, animals, and protecting the environment. Grants may be available, and will be checked, to help with the funding for the trail and the whole project. The project is in the conceptual stage, but your interest, participation, and ideas are encouraged.



Friendly Reminder:

Pull off the road to the shoulder to take or make cell phone calls. Inattention can be disastrous. When changing lanes or turning off the road, use your turn signals. It’s not just nice, it’s the law.

Community Groups and What You Should Know

The Red Hatters of Rincon is a group of “young” ladies who recently held one of their meetings at the Lost Plantation Grille. This is a group of women that are intended to be noticed – in purple outfits and red hats and regalia. They are out to have “fun”,



and generally do a good job of accomplishing that. The group of about 15, led by Red Hatter Mary Anne Whatley, move into the Lost Plantation Grille last week and enjoyed lunches of chicken and tuna salad, club sandwiches, *new* Angus hamburgers, and Philly cheese steak sandwiches, along with fries,

chips, tea and other items. The staff provided a special fruit cup for the ladies, which we hope will

become a standard on the Lost Plantation Grille menu. So, if you want to have a good time, the Lost Plantation Grille might be a good place for weekday lunch or business meetings; and if you are still young-at-heart, the Red Hatters of Rincon can probably show you how to be “noticed” and have a great time with good friends.

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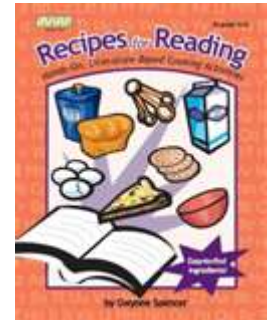
Good Food & Recipes for Reading

Breakfast Casserole

Ingredients:

1 pound of sausage (uncooked) 2 cups of milk
2 cups of hash browns (uncooked) 6 eggs
1 teaspoon of salt (or Crazy Mixed Up Salt)
1 cup of grated cheese (We like American Cheese)

Brown sausage and drain.
Beat eggs, milk, and salt together.
Layer hash browns, sausage, and cheese in a 9x12 inch glass dish.
Pour egg mixture over top.
Cover and refrigerate overnight.
Bake the next morning at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.
Ready to serve (good anytime).



Do you have a simple recipe to share ? Send it to us.

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Did You Know?

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday, City of Rincon Holiday, City Hall Closed

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday

Wednesday, April 14 – Planned Georgia Power Outage for up to 8 hours for City Hall, City Hall will likely be closed that day (Watch for which day your home or business will be affected by an all day power outage)

Friday, April 16, 7:00pm to 10:00pm – Saturday, April 17, 10:00am to 5:00pm – Olde Effingham Days, around the old Courthouse in Springfield

Thursday, April 22, 2010 – Earth Day events

Friday, April 30, 2010 – Arbor Day events

A dripping faucet at ¼ gallon per minute will lose 10,800 gallons per month. A leaky toilet at ½ gallon per minute will lose 21,800 gallons per month. 1 bath requires 42 gallons / 1 shower requires 17 gallons. 1 wash load of clothes requires 45 gallons. 1 flush of an old style toilet requires 3 gallons and 900 gallons per month at 15 flushes per day. Rainwater harvesting from your roof downspout, to feed your flowers, can save you money. Outdoor water use can account up to 50% of total water use for a home during the summer months. The average rainfall in Georgia is 54 inches per year. Water is a limited resource that needs to be used wisely. Make water conservation behavior a part of our Georgia culture. Other handouts and information are available from City Hall.

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2010 Census Info: Georgia is the 9th largest state by population.

Old South Charm

Information has been passed on by Shannon S. Scott, of Jones Street Productions, that there are four slave shanties on the NeSmith property, outside of Springfield, on Eugene Gnann Road, that date between 1810 and 1822, and these special places are being managed and protected by the property owners for historical and other reasons. The City of Rincon thinks it is important to keep and develop opportunities for our history to be preserved and appreciated by others, and by our next generations of Rincon citizens. The City of Rincon is working on preserving the Old Post Office, rehabilitating it, and putting it on display so that the public and visitors can appreciate our pieces of history. There are still several historic homes in Rincon that are of significance. We are hopeful of finding an old picture of the Old Railroad Depot in Rincon, and working on that idea. "The growth ceiling is really unlimited" as noted by Ms. Scott; and the City of Rincon agrees. There are literally hundreds of ideas to promote tourism and the arts in Rincon and in Effingham County. But we need to be open-minded about what those opportunities are. We don't have a covered bridge; why can't we build one, and then we will have one. It would be a great place for picnics and weddings. We are always afraid of the long-term cost; but in many cases there may only be some up front expenses and short preparation times to put these ideas on the table for consideration, and in place for actual existence. Fundraising can come from a number of different sources, all of whom would be good for the community. Rincon could develop some "new" events and festivals, and soon we would be as well known as the Vidalia Onions and the Claxton Fruit Cakes and Rattlesnake Roundup, etc. The tour buses in Savannah might find it worthwhile to give us a second look and be driving up in this direction to see statuary of Billy Currington, or metal sculptures on a street corner, or a recycled aluminum can tree, or the Second Annual Photograph and Painted Arts Show in the Lions Club building. We could route visitors all around the City, help them spend their money in our restaurants and shops, develop new jobs for residents in crafts and artwork, and identify places throughout Effingham County that visitors might also want to check out. Why not? Sounds like a win-win for the citizens, businesses, Rincon, and for Effingham County. Yes, and we can talk slow and Southern, too.

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

New Comers to Rincon

Please check out our website www.cityofrincon.com. It should have answers for many of your questions. E-mail the Rincon City Manager with ideas for improving the newsletter, information, questions, comments, and upcoming events, etc. at RinconCityMgr@cityofrincon.com The City Manager will answer and include items wherever appropriate and newsworthy to the community. Please share this Newsletter with your friends and neighbors. Photos for the Newsletter are welcome, and may be used as needed and as appropriate. Some e-mail addresses are limited in the "size" of an e-mail accepted to stop "spam" and "viruses", so, some of you may receive this Newsletter in two parts. If you wish to sign-on to our e-mail list to receive the Talk to the Town Newsletter, just send us an e-mail.

This Month's Friendship Theme:

"Don't let the past hold you back; you're missing the good stuff."

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Mail in your Census 2010 info. It **IS** important, more than you may realize.