

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.

August's Featured Business

Uncle Marco's Pizza Buffet

Uncle Marco's Pizza Buffet opened in December 2008 as a non-franchise, locally-owned and operated restaurant. Our goal was (and still is) to provide a safe, family-friendly dining environment. We offer a pizza, salad, and dessert buffet, Monday – Friday from 11:30 am 'til 9:00 pm, and Sunday from 11:30 am 'til 3:00 pm. Our lunch price is \$5.29 which includes an all-you-can-eat pizza, salad, and dessert buffet (drink and tax extra). Our dinner price is \$5.99 which includes all of the above. Our kid's price is \$3.99 which includes the above noted buffet items. However, the kid's price on Wednesday nights is \$2.99, which includes the drink. Carry-out orders are available, as well, anytime. We have a game room for kids to enjoy as well as three flat screen TV's for both kids and adults. The restaurant seats 130 people and is great for groups, ball parties, and birthday parties.

Uncle Marco's is located at 907 Lisa Street, behind the Krystal on GA 21. Pizzas, pizzas, and more pizzas – taste the difference at Uncle Marco's.

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.



We have been told that the both the Rincon 4th of July Festival and Parade drew good crowds who seemed to be having fun. Because the 4th of July was on a Sunday, it was decided to back up the Parade to Saturday, and to do something different with the Festival on Friday evening at the Lowes parking lot, with the cooperation of Lowes and various community groups. The 4th of July, in 2011, will be on Monday, so it is likely that the Parade and Festival will be held on the same day; but the City hopes you had a good time over this special 4th of

July weekend, whether you were in Rincon or visiting family elsewhere. This was a special time to be with family and friends; and a good opportunity for fun and good food, and for getting to know your neighbors again. Rincon is a family place. It is our home. Let us not forget what was given up, by our fathers and forefathers, to make it safe for us, and to give us the rights and privileges that sometimes we take for granted. God Bless America.

P.S. That's Rachel Bass. She won the Pie Eating Contest in her age group.



The Rincon Recreation Department (826-0238) holds Senior BINGO each Monday at 8:30am to the Vernon C. Hinley Community Center. Come and win, and have a good time with friendly people.

Senior Movie Day meets is each Thursday at 9:30am at the Anderson Recreation Building (Old Lions Club) on Lexington Avenue. All are welcome.

FYI; There is a one hundred dollar non-refundable rental fee, plus a fifty dollar refundable cleaning and damage deposit, for use of the Hinley Community Center. Grand Re-opening, August 3, 12:00 noon.

FYI: There is a three hundred dollar per day non-refundable fee for renting of the Lions Club Building, with a six hundred dollar per weekend rental fee (which includes Friday set-up). This fee is applicable to all persons and groups applying for use of the facility. There is also a \$100.00 refundable cleaning and damage deposit. The building will accommodate large groups. Ask to see it.

Friendly Reminder: The law has changed. According to the Georgia State Patrol, starting in July, 2010, all pickup truck drivers and riders must wear a seat belt. The exception to this is for farmers, and they must be performing farm-related duties at that time, on the farm. Click-it or Ticket.

Community Groups and What You Should Know

The Department of Defense authorized “the Service Flag”, also known as the Blue Star Flag, as an official banner for display by families who have members serving in the Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities the United States may be engaged in, for the duration of such hostilities. The banner was designed in 1917. The Blue Star stands for “hope and pride”. There is significant information on the Internet about the Service Flag and Blue Star Mothers groups, which were founded as a Veterans Service Organization and

chartered by Congress in 1960. Some mothers do volunteer work, making ditty bags, and greeting service men and women and their families. The Service Flag may be displayed by any immediate members of the family of an Armed Forces person.

Each Blue Star denotes a member of the immediate family on active duty in the Armed Forces, and is usually displayed on the inside of the residence facing out, on a front window of the family member's home. Pins on clothes, stickers on vehicles, and other items have also been noted over the years. A Gold Star represents "sacrifice to the cause of liberty and freedom" and denotes that a service member has been killed in action or died in service. The stars are on a white field with a red border. The flags were not popular during the Vietnam War, but have come back into use during and after the September 11 and the Persian Gulf War. There are other star colors (Silver – wounded, etc.) and purposes, but these are a little less common.

Do you have a family member in the Armed Forces? Show your pride. Display the Service Flag.



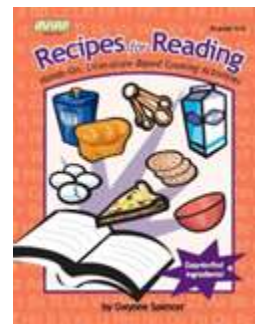
The ladies, and gentlemen, of the Rincon Garden Club are responsible for the care and providing of the plants and flowers at the door to City Hall and at the Library. Stop by, and take a look. They are doing a great job for Rincon, and not just at City Hall. If you have an interest in flowers and gardening, this may be the group that you need and want to be a part of.

Put it on your calendar. The Effingham County Chamber of Commerce is having an Oktoberfest at the corner of McCall Road and GA 21 on Friday and Saturday, September 24th and 25th. It should be a good time for all with new foods to try out.

Good Food & Recipes for Reading

Sweet Lemonade

Country Time Lemonade (4 scoops as noted)
½ gallon cold water (64 ounces)
1 cup sugar (not called for in their recipe)
Stir until mixed



Serve cold from the refrigerator, or on ice. Sweet, sweet taste. Better than a cola for a south Georgia afternoon. Currently being served in City Hall on those hot, sweltering days.

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

Did You Know?

Elections for various state and local positions will be coming up in a few months. You should vote; and you should vote for the person who will do the most good for your community and for your state. Vote for a leader, not a follower. Your vote is a precious power and decision maker in what happens in your community each day, for at least the new few years. Put Georgians back to work, Develop new jobs. Bring in new industries and new jobs. Get us back in that cycle of building and growing. Learn about the candidates, and vote for the one that you think will do the best job.

Recently, the Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives David Ralston, the Speaker Pro-Tem Jan Jones, and the Majority Leader Jerry Keen, made a visit to Savannah along with several members of the Georgia House of Representatives. A good crowd showed up and spoke with them; and the area was well represented with Ann Purcell and Jon Burns leading the group and opening discussion topics. It was not a visit to Rincon; but it was close enough for a number of our local officials to be able to stop by, shake hands with key State government officials, and share with them information about issues and concerns in Rincon and other local cities and areas. It is rare that the President of the United States comes to Savannah to eat in a local restaurant (which is now just about reservations only). It is rare that some of our other key government officials can take time out of their busy schedules to come to see us. We should always make them welcome, and remind them that Rincon is “just around the corner”. And we should share with them our ideas, hopes, interests, etc. for our community, and how we can improve it (and how they can help us).

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Do you know what an “active phase in the multidecadal cycle” is? It means we are more likely to have hurricanes than in previous years. There is information available from Savannah Now, from WTOC, from www.Onestorm.org, and from others throughout the county, including some on the shelf in the Rincon City Hall (free of charge). This year’s seasonal forecast is calling for 15 “named” storms instead of the previous average year’s total of 10. From Kris Posman of WSAV, “It’s a bad year if you are the one that gets hit.” Think about it. Plan for it. Keep your family safe.

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Did you know that Ron D. Henry is a retired Army Staff Sergeant originally from Baxley, Georgia; and he is one of the “4 Troops” singing group. They sing patriotic and faith music in support of our troops. If you haven’t heard them, you should try to get a listen on TV (GPB), or on the Internet, or in the music store. Not only is it worth your time, but it is worth your money; and a great way to honor our troops in uniform.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Monday, August 9, 7:00pm – Rincon City Council Meeting, Chambers on 17th Street

Monday, August 23, 7:00pm – Rincon City Council Meeting, Chambers on 17th Street

Monday, September 6 – Labor Day, City Hall Closed

Monday, September 13, 7:00pm – Rincon City Council Meeting, Chambers on 17th Street

Old South Charm

It bears repeating: On Saturday, June 26, a three-year-old toddler went into the pool at the Lost Plantation community pool. An alert, young, 10-year-old, Collin Patrick Rahn spotted the child at the bottom of the pool steps, alerted others, and pulled the toddler out, passing him off the Alan Engebretson, who moved the child quickly to nurse Katie Davis, who was nearby. The child was non-responsive. Katie performed CPR, ventilation, and drained out inhaled water, while the EMS and Police were called and arrived to assist. The 3-year-old was taken to the hospital in Savannah for further care. The combined efforts of these three people saved the life of the toddler.

(Doesn’t it make you choke up, and your eyes swell with tears, knowing that a life was saved, not out west somewhere in another state, but right here in Rincon. Even if ten-year-old Collin Patrick Rahn does not do anything else spectacular in his life, he has already earned the title of “A Great Man” in our eyes.)

On July 26th, at the Public Meeting of the Rincon City Council, the Rincon Mayor and City Council passed resolutions acknowledging the efforts of these three Rincon individuals (We are going to claim them all now). The news media are also telling the story of a life saved, and a future yet to be lived.

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Destiny is defined as “Fate. A predetermined course of events.” But destiny is the “opportunity”. It is being in the right place at the right time; or the wrong place at the wrong time. Truth and love is what you do with that opportunity. And it is likely a conscious decision that you will make. Recycling may, in some way, help your grandchildren 50 years from now. Donating to charity may help a mother get back on her feet for her family. Volunteering may help open the door for a future doctor or teacher. You may make a difference in someone else’s life that you may never know about.

The following is a true story: Several years ago a young man, in a local K-Mart, came up to a former sheriff’s deputy who had worked in the family court system. The young man asked if the deputy remembered him; but the deputy did not. The young man noted that the deputy had carried him “down the road” to a juvenile facility years before, and had spent several hours of the trip talking to the boy at that time, and telling him how to survive that process, and how to get his life back on track. And he listened. And there was that boy, now a man, with his wife and children, shopping in the K-mart, remembering someone who had made a difference in his life more than ten years before. Now, that is destiny, and it is the opportunities in our lives that we should all work for, and build upon. Maybe a decision we make results in our missing out on an important lesson; or maybe we, instead, would have heard an even more important lesson. Life is what you make it. Make it good.

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 feel free to share this Newsletter with your friends, neighbors, and family as you feel is appropriate. 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.

Think About It:

Synergy: Defined as the interaction or conditions such that the total effect is greater than the sum of the individual parts. Our families are synergistic; they work better together, as a whole, rather than as separate units. Local government, the church, the school, and community groups are the same. What single individuals can do is good, sometimes even great; but what the whole of the group(s) can do is outstanding, and often amazing.

This Month’s Friendship Theme:
“Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.
Don't walk behind me, I may not lead.
Just walk beside me and be my friend.- *Albert Camus.*”

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