

Talk to the Town

City of Rincon Newsletter to our Citizens and Visitors



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Welcome to the City of Rincon's Newsletter

We are in our fifth month of producing the newsletter. We hope you are finding items of interest to you. 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.

February's Featured Business

Habitat RESTORE

Have you driven by the large green and brown building on Highway 21 north of the railroad overpass and wondered "what is that building" and "what do they do?" The Habitat for Humanity RESTORE is located at 3605 Highway 21 South at the Rincon City limits. The RESTORE is a retail outlet store where the public is welcome to come in and purchase good, used, and surplus merchandise at a fraction of retail price. We offer a good selection of used and new furniture, home accessories, building materials, and appliances. We recently added a complete line of "all-wood" kitchen and bath cabinets. Business hours are 9am-2pm on Tuesday, 9am-5pm Wednesday-Friday, 8am-2pm on Saturday. The RESTORE is closed on Sunday and Monday. Merchandise sold by the RESTORE is donated from building supply stores, contractors, and individuals like you who wish to show their support for Habitat for Humanity. Proceeds from our sales are used to build Habitat houses for families in Effingham County.



The RESTORE is interested in providing a responsible way to recycle and keep materials out of the landfills. We accept donations of furniture, appliances and building materials in good condition. We also blend and recycle old latex paint. We carry a good selection of blended acrylic interior paint in 4-gallon containers. Can't figure out what to do with that metal washing machine that does not work, and what about those aluminum cans that have been stacking up in your garage? Please consider bringing these items to the RESTORE for recycling. Check out of web site at EffinghamHabitat.org/RESTORE.asp or call us to pick-up your donation at 826-1476.

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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.

Thinking about some place to go for lunch? The City of Rincon would like to invite you to visit and eat a light lunch with your friends at the Lost Plantation Golf Course Clubhouse located at #1 Clubhouse Drive in the Lost Plantation Community off Fort Howard Road (the second entrance from GA 21, just past the Chimney on the right). The Grille Restaurant has had a number of recent improvements. It has a small side room which can be available for small group meetings to give your club meetings variety and a different taste of food. Recommendations for lunch include menu items like the Tuna Salad Plate, Chicken Salad Plate, Chef Salad, Philly Steak Sandwich, Chili Cheeseburger, Hot Dog, BLT, Grilled Cheese, Chili-Cheese Fries, Chicken Tenders, Hot Wings, and so much more. Soft drinks, tea, and other beverages are available. Other new menu items are being considered. The open deck to the view of the golf course is available when our south Georgia weather is at its best. P.S. Breakfast is served until 11:30am (Southern style).

The Public Works Department, in clearing public properties, sometimes ends up with useable wood for fireplaces and heating stoves. The Public Works Department has set aside an area inside the gate on the left at West 4th Street and North Georgia Avenue for this firewood. It will be available to the general public at no charge. If you need it, you may pick it up there at your convenience. For your own safety, please remember that treated wood cannot be burned, as burning it breaks down chemicals in the wood and gives off toxic fumes; and that pine trees have a significant amount of sap that causes "popping" and could start a fire.

The National League of Cities has approved the City of Rincon, as an NLC member, for their Prescription Drug Discount Card Program. The cards can be used at seven (7) local pharmacies in Rincon (Wal-Mart, CVS, Carters, Walgreen, Towne, Kroger, Quick RX4), and at many additional pharmacies in the general area. Cards have been delivered to and should be available at the above listed pharmacies. Nine out of ten pharmacies nationwide participate in the program. The cards are available at City Hall, the Rincon Police Department, and at other locations throughout the City.

The program is not insurance, it is a prescription discount program. The card cannot be used to supplement insurance benefits. The card can be used anytime for prescriptions not covered by an insurance plan. Your pharmacist will help you in deciding whether to use the card or some other pharmacy discount program, for better cost savings to you. While individual savings may vary, the average savings when using the card is 20%, sometimes higher, sometimes lower. The pharmacies save money by building customer loyalty and increasing store traffic.

There is free enrollment, no membership fee, no forms to fill out, and it includes all members of your household in Rincon. There are no age requirements, and no income requirements, and no limit on how many times you use the card. Your privacy is protected, and no personal information is shared. Neither the NLC nor the City of Rincon receives any revenue or funds from the Prescription Drug

Discount Card program; and there is no cost to the City or City residents. Caremark has been administering these programs since 1992.

Community Groups and What You Should Know

The Book Club in Rincon (Sorry I am not sure exactly what it is called) has been reading “The Road” during February. The City Manager’s wife has been reading parts of the book to him, and it seems like a pretty good book, strange but good. For those of you who are readers, you might want to look into Book Clubs through the Library. It is a chance to meet people from the community and read a good book and discuss it with friends.

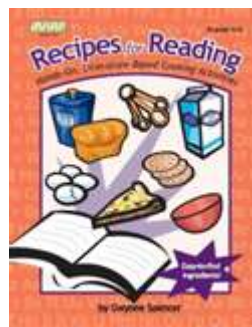
The Rincon Garden Club has been asked to look into ideas for the Diane Kessler Memorial Park on East Ninth Street for seasonal plants that will bloom at different times of the year, and for educational signs and information about trees, shrubs and flowers that can be put in the park for local interest and for educational visits by children from the school. If you have ideas for a nature trail, and things that could be added, please share them with the City Manager at RinconCityMgr@cityofrincon.com. Benches and rest stops would be good, bridges over wetlands areas, and a half mile nature trail for those of us who can’t hustle around the ball field (We need an occasional bench for a rest stop). It might even make a nice place for a wedding. Birding and bird house, squirrel, possum, armadillo feeders?

Good Food & Recipes for Reading

Mike’s Corn Bread and Corn Bread Muffins

Ingredients:

- 2 cups of corn meal mix
- 1 tablespoon of sugar
- 1 stick of margarine
- 1 cup of milk
- 1 egg



Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Generously grease round pan or muffin pan with shortening. Melt margarine in microwave in cereal bowl for 1 minute. In large bowl, combine corn meal, sugar, milk, egg, and melted margarine. Stir. If necessary, add a little milk or water if too thick. Pour into pan. Bake for 20 minutes or until brown. Good for cornbread and milk, soup, or just good eating.

Do you have a simple recipe to share ? Send it to us so we can share it with others.

Old South Charm

Take a look at the City’s website (www.cityofrincon.com). There is a lot of good and interesting information there. Some new stuff !

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

Did You Know?

Are You Computer Savvy ?

Murphy's Law states something to the effect that "Anything that can go wrong will go wrong." Computers and hard drives will go down. Data will be lost. You should have "Restore" disks for your main software programs, and you should "back-up" your saved data that is currently in My Documents, My Pictures, etc. Be mindful that all of your data may not be in a single location. Pictures are often stored in a special location (photo gallery) within the Photo software program, music in My Music or somewhere else, etc., so you will have to check to see where your computer stores these different items. It is recommended that you "back-up" your system every two weeks, or at least every month. A good way to keep things handy is a "Thumb Drive", which allows you to transport information from place to place, and computer to computer. It is recommended that you get one as large as you can afford (up to 32 Gigabytes), which can back-up your special files, photos, etc. An External Hard Drive may be your best bet if you have lots of pictures music, and videos that will require "space" to store them.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Monday, February 8 – 7:00pm – City Council Meeting

Monday, February 15 – Presidents Day Holiday, City Hall Closed

Monday, February 22 – 7:00pm – City Council Meeting

New Comers to Rincon

Please check out our website www.cityofrincon.com which will probably have answers for many of your questions.

Some of our newcomers are military personnel from Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Air Field. Make them welcome.

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 Newsletter with your friends and neighbors. Photos for the Newsletter are welcome, and may be used as needed and as appropriate. 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:
"However much time there is, there is never time enough."

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