

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.

July's Featured Business

Dakotas

Dakotas has moved into the former T-Bones location on 336 S. Carolina Avenue at Edwards Drive. It has taken on several names – Sports Bar, Grill & Spirits, and Restaurant. It is a full service restaurant with steaks, seafood, and burgers, all at a reasonable price, and all with a great flavor. The recent customers have been families, professionals, and local people who are looking for a good meal at a good price. Dakotas is open in the evening, and serves alcoholic beverages. As well as the bar, there are high patio tables, small tables for a quiet meal, and extra large tables for groups. It is an open and interesting atmosphere. Large screen TVs help keep up with recent sports and results; and the surrounding walls have been decorated with southwest mural scenes that dress up and add style to the restaurant. On Friday and Sunday there is karaoke, and on Saturday there is a live local band. Everyone is welcome, and everyone will enjoy the experience.

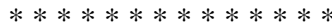
Featured businesses will be chosen for some unique happening in the immediate future or recent past, or at random from the community if there are no special events planned that we are aware of. If you wish to have your business acknowledged, please provide us with some information about the business 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 assisted in a blood donation program with Blood Alliance on Thursday, June 17th at City Hall. For those of you who stopped by and donated, you may well have saved a life. If you didn't have a chance to stop and donate, there will be other opportunities in the future at other places; and you will see things that you can do to help serve the special needs of your friends and neighbors.



Field of Dreams – Build it and they will come. If you want to see some tourism potentials for Rincon, come by the City Manager's office and ask. You might find something that you had not thought about before, and that you could help with. Antiques are 25 years old; and good stuff doesn't even have to be that old. We are looking for someone who can paint a mural, someone who can torch-cut a thick piece of sheet metal, and someone who does bicycle repairs in his back yard. If you know someone like this, have them contact the City Manager at 826-5437. If you would be willing to donate a few hours to develop some tourism ideas, it would be most appreciated; especially if you have some skills with photography software (fixing up pictures).



Liberty Mutual “Bring Back the 4th” Contest Winner. Look At What YOU Did ! A few weeks ago, people throughout the Effingham area sent out e-mails to their friends noting the potential for something good to come out of the contest that would be significant for all of us. Well, something good did come out of it. Our efforts with the Liberty Mutual “Bring Back the 4th” history quiz and contest were successful. Springfield won a \$10,000 grant toward the 4th of July Fireworks and Celebration. Now, go out to the celebration, and the fireworks, and have a good time; you earned it. And you earned it for all of us. Thank you for helping.



Liberty Mutual Announces Bring Back the 4th™ Contest Winners

In May 2010, leading U.S. insurer Liberty Mutual launched Bring Back the 4th™, a contest encouraging people across America to rally together and earn \$10,000 grants to help continue their cities' and towns' official Fourth of July celebrations. The response was overwhelming; tens of thousands of Americans took our Responsible Moments in U.S. History quiz at www.BringBackThe4th.com to earn credits for their local Independence Day traditions. We at Liberty Mutual would like to thank everyone who took the time to participate, in an inspiring display of community teamwork and patriotism. And without further ado, we are proud to announce the 10 U.S. cities and towns that earned enough quiz credits to win \$10,000 Bring Back the 4th grants for their Fourth of July celebrations:

Small Town Category:

Steamboat Springs, Colorado
Belmond, Iowa

Springfield, Georgia
Winslow, Maine

Medium Town Category:

Wilmington, Massachusetts
Bowling Green, Ohio

Montclair, New Jersey

Large Town Category:

Springfield, Illinois
Vancouver, Washington

Cincinnati, Ohio

Congratulations to our 10 winning cities and towns and thanks to everyone who participated in the Bring Back the 4th contest. On behalf of Liberty Mutual, we wish you and your families a safe and happy Independence Day.

Rules and Guidelines for Winning Cities and Towns:

1. Liberty Mutual's Bring Back the 4th™ grants can be used for official city and town organized Fourth of July events, such as:
 - o Community fireworks celebrations
 - o Celebrations in municipal park
 - o Festive parades in town square
 - o Ceremonies honoring veterans
2. Funding must go to a city or a town administrator for the purpose of using Bring Back the 4th™ grants for Fourth of July events organized by your city or town.
3. Liberty Mutual is the sole sponsor of the "Liberty Mutual Bring Back the 4th™" contest. Bring Back the 4th is not affiliated with any other entity, event, contest or sponsor, and grants to towns and cities provided by Liberty Mutual's Bring Back the 4th contest are not contingent upon any other entity's contribution or participation.

Annexation. Are you within five "road miles" from the nearest Fire Station in your district? If not, your ISO rating could change as your property is checked annually by your insurance agent for the property insurance premium. With the expected change in Fire Districts by the County, this may affect you as a resident. The City of Rincon will be working on lowering the ISO rating for properties in Rincon to a "4", and maybe lower. This could mean a significant savings to you in property insurance premiums each year. The City will be promoting annexation. Are you afraid of "Annexation"? The City of Rincon does not have a Property Tax. It has User Fees to cover its costs. If you use a particular service, then you pay for it; if you do not use that service, then you do not pay for it. It is not free, but it is fair. If you live in the county, but close to the edge of the City, Police service, patrols, and other City services may be very important to you. You should seriously think about annexation and what it might mean to you.

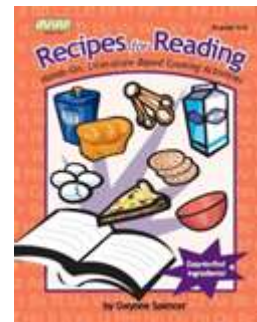
The City of Rincon has been participating with the National League of Cities since December 2009 in a Prescription Drug Discount Card Program. The cards are available free-of-charge at all local pharmacies. There is no registration, no personal information to give up, and no cost to the customer; but you must have a City of Rincon address. In the last six months, this program has saved local residents over \$2,500.00. This amounts to about \$9.00 on each prescription that was approved, which was about 50% of those that were requested. The number of prescription requests has increased each month as more local people pick up and use the discount card. This savings was about 20% of the total prescription cost in each case. If you don't have a card, go by your pharmacy and ask for one; then ask them to consider it the next time you get a prescription filled. It is not insurance, and it cannot be used with insurance, but if you do not have prescription coverage, you might find it worth your time. P.S. It is actually acceptable for "animal" prescriptions, as well.

Good Food & Recipes for Reading

Banana Pudding

Ingredients:

- o 3/4 cup of sugar (1/2 and 1/4)
- o 1/3 cup flour
- o Dash of salt
- o 3 eggs, separated
- o 2 cups of milk
- o 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla
- o 45 Nilla wafers (33 and 12)
- o 5 medium ripe bananas, sliced (about 3½ cups)



Preparation time is 30 minutes / Bake time is 20 minutes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix 1/2 cup of the sugar, four, and salt in the top of a double boiler. Blend 3 egg yolks and milk. Cook, uncovered, over boiling water for 10–12 minutes, or until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.

Reserve 12 Nilla wafers for garnish. Spread small amount of custard on bottom of 1½ quart baking dish. Cover with layers of 1/3 each of the remaining wafers and sliced bananas. Pour 1/3 of the remaining custard over the bananas. Continue to layer Nilla wafers, bananas, and custard to make a total of three layers of each, ending with the custard.

Beat egg whites on high with electric mixer until soft peaks form. Gradually add remaining 1/4 cup of sugar, beating until stiff peaks form. Spoon over custard. Spread evenly to cover entire surface of custard and sealing well to the edge.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool slightly. Top with reserved 12 Nilla wafers, just before serving, to keep them crisp. Eat and be happy.

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

Did You Know?

It is **Hurricane Season**, and they are calling for a greater than normal number of hurricanes at greater than normal strengths. The Rincon City Manager was the County Emergency Management Director in a South Carolina county for over eight years. One of the very best “Planning for Hurricanes” sites that is available is on the Internet at www.onestorm.org. It has answers to every question that you can think of; it has follow-ups to other pages; and you can print them out to build your own Home Hurricane Planning Document. If you have a family or if you are by yourself, if you have plans to go or plans to stay, if you think you know what to do or if you are not sure, this is the website that you should check out. The City will be making copies of this information as Emergency Planning to share with employees who will have to be on-station during a hurricane.

Friendly Reminder: We want you to be safe in your home and business. If you suspect someone is trying to “scam” you with an offer that is “too good to be true”, contact the City Police or County Sheriff’s office and let them check into it for you. If it is an honest business and a fair offer, they won’t have a problem explaining it.

This bears repeating: Trees are good for you, good for your business, and good for the community. A little extra shade in your parking lot keeps the cars cooler for your customers. A tree in the right location in your yard keeps your home cooler during the morning of these hot south Georgia summers. It also makes a great place for a yard swing to sit out in the evening and be thankful as the day starts cooling off. An evergreen tree protects you year-round. A tree with leaves falling off in the Fall and Winter allows your house to absorb the daytime heat during cold days. And the recycled leaves and other items can make a good compost for your shrubs and flowers.

Old South Charm

The City of Rincon 4th of July Festival will be in the Lowes parking lot on Friday evening, July 2nd, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. Bring the family. There will be lots to do (including a chance to drop the Chief of Police Mike Bohannon into the Dunking Tank). Local Community Groups will also have information booths on site.

On Saturday, July 3rd, the 4th of July Parade will start at 10:00am, on its regular route starting from Macomber Park, south on Lexington, west on 4th Street, south on GA 21, east on 6th Street, and then north on Lexington back to Macomber Park. Come early, bring your folding chairs and the ice chest, and have a great time.

Monday, July 5th, City Hall will be closed for the 4th of July Holiday.

Us older folks; we’re just “Recycled Teenagers”.

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. Printed copies are available in City Hall.

This Month's Friendship Theme:
"The best antiques are old friends"

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