

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.

November'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 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.

Recycling. The City of Rincon and the City Council are very interested in developing a recycling program for the community; and they are continuing to work forward on a variety ideas and alternatives. But be mindful that there are issues, costs, relationships, etc. Our current garbage contractor (currently once a week) can do an additional twice a month, single stream (all in one container) curbside pickup for an extra \$4.50 per household per month. A Drop-off Point in the City would have to be located convenient for drivers, purchased, cleared and set up, and potentially manned for maintenance and cleanup. The cost of renting the containers and regular pickup, at a minimum, would be an extra \$30,000 per year, plus the other noted expenses. Savannah has a drop-off point, as does Pooler. There is currently an incinerator operation at the landfill in Savannah through which waste is burned to produce steam in a turbine which produces power, which can then be sold back to the utilities. This is productive, even though it may not be the best use of materials. The other issue is who will buy the recyclables? The Lions Club sells paper and cardboard, and the Habitat ReStore sells aluminum cans and metals. Plastics can be sold in Types 1 and 2 (Milk jugs), but there are also 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7, and glass that have no purchase value or vendor in this area. There are many other potential recyclables, but again, with no vendors in this area to purchase them. Statesboro started a regional program through a State grant, but that is pretty far to travel with recyclables and trucking costs and a driver's time. In the meantime, support Habitat and the Lions Club at WalMart; and the City of Rincon will continue to consider options that will promote recycling.

First Annual Scarecrow Show-Off Results: There have recently been noted 98 Scarecrows in the community for the 1st Annual Scarecrow Show-Off. Everyone should be congratulated for their efforts and their creativity; and we encourage you to leave them up a little longer, perhaps until mid-November, for the benefit of Halloween fun and the Fall Festivals in early November, and for the folks who have not yet had time to drive up and see them. A list of scarecrow sites and locations is available at the Rincon City Hall, so that the family and kids can find and enjoy them. Have you noticed how many people are out there taking pictures of the scarecrows? Perhaps next year we can spread them all around the County from Goshen to Guyton to Egypt to Kildaire to Clio and Springfield. We could develop a month long annual festival for visitors to come to Effingham, in conjunction with our other local events (Oktoberfest, Guyton's Fall Festival, Historic Effingham, etc.). "The Scarecrows in Effingham" picture gallery on www.SavannahNow.com has had over 17,000 hits so far. I think that qualifies as a success for the community. Scarecrows were noted and photographed from all over the area, not just inside Rincon. Winners of special categories will be acknowledged, and several Honorable Mentions will receive certificates also. Thanks, everyone, for your special effort.

The City of Rincon Monthly Newsletter is being changed slightly (but you should not notice any difference). In preparing it and sending it out by e-mail we have been using a Word document in the computer. With pictures, this takes up a lot of space in an e-mail, and is not accepted by some e-mail addresses, due to its large size. We have copied into what is called a "pdf" document, which should allow it to be accepted by reducing the computer file size of the newsletter. Anyway, we think this is going to work, and we are trying it out this month. If you have any problems, please call and let us know.



Did you hear? The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) for 52 years has been promoting the Mayor's Christmas Motorcade; and the City of Rincon and Mayor Ken Lee are supporting this effort. It is intended to bring the joy of the holiday season to several thousand Georgia citizens who are patients at Georgia's seven regional mental health and retardation hospitals. Many of these patients have lived there most of their lives and have little, if any support from their families. We encourage civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and local residents to drop off useful gifts at City Hall, which will then be forwarded to these local hospitals in our area, for persons who have no families and are in the hospitals for long periods, and need to be recognized at Christmas gift-giving time. Those special and thoughtful gifts will likely make someone's day. We may not always know what wonderment results from the small things that we do each day in our lives. Please remind us to make a photo for next month's newsletter. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. A collection box is in City Hall for your convenience. God bless those who need our care and attention.

Checks may be made out to "Georgia Regional Hospital-Savannah" and dropped off at Rincon City Hall. The Hospital will send a tax donation form to the check writer. Thank you for your generosity.

FYI: The City Council of Rincon started a National League of Cities - Prescription Discount Card Program in December 2009, at no cost to the citizens of Rincon. The cards are available free at local pharmacies, City Hall, and other locations; and no special information needs to be filled out to activate them; you just present the card to the Pharmacist when you get a prescription. If you have insurance, the insurance will be checked first; if you do not have insurance coverage for prescriptions, then that card can sometimes be used. What makes it especially noteworthy is that 11 local people, with 22 prescriptions, used the card in December 2009 and saved about \$10 each for a total of \$181. In September 2010, 101 people used one of the cards, still saving about \$10 each. The grand total for savings in Rincon since December of 2009 is \$11,146 saved by our citizens in the program. It's not a guarantee, but it might be an opportunity to look into.

Friendly Reminder: The City Manager could use your input. It would be nice to promote Rincon (and Effingham) through local tourism efforts (things to see-and-do). To be most effective, they need to be reasonably in-expensive, with only up-front costs, and minimal year-to-year maintenance; and yet be something that visitors would want to come here to see. Statuary pieces are good, but there are only a few significant celebrities from Rincon; although there are a fair number from throughout the State of Georgia. One of the local businesses is helping to put an idea together that should promote the community along that line (more later). There are discussions with a local metalworking artist about a large "interactive" piece that should be

outstanding, and more. Murals are always a good draw, and they most often have a story to tell. The back side of Continental Storage on Carolina Avenue would make a good place for a “Car Show” because of its wall height and length; and the owner is considering this. The far end of the Badcock Furniture Building is currently open, large, and easy for visitors to access. These and others would be a good draw into the community. And there may be other locations where a mural (or statuary) would be appropriate, easy to get to and view, etc. Your ideas for locations for murals or other artwork, and mural and art subjects and stories would be appreciated; and your ideas about possible other visitor attractions and art work would also be appreciated. Please think about it; your ideas could open a lot of doors in the future for Rincon and Effingham. E-mail RinconCityMgr@cityofrincon.com. P.S. Drawings and pictures would be thought provoking, and helpful; but not necessary.

Community Groups and What You Should Know

We are looking for your news about special events in Rincon.

Good Food & Recipes for Reading

From “Past & Present” Recipe Book by Rincon United Methodist Church
Senator Russell’s Sweet Potato Souffle (from Norma Cave)

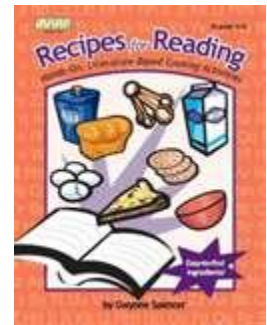
Handwritten note says “Very Good!”

Ingredients:

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| 3 cups of Sweet Potatoes | 1 teaspoon Vanilla |
| 1 cup Sugar | ½ cup Butter |
| ½ cup Evaporated Milk | 2 Eggs |

Topping:

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| 1 cup light brown Sugar | 1/3 cup Flour |
| 1 cup Pecans, chopped | |



Mix together the first six ingredients, and place into a greased baking dish. Mix the three topping ingredients and put on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

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

Did You Know?

The Effingham Theatre group is putting on another fund raiser “Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Norwood Builder” on November 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th at Kelly’s Tavern in Springfield. Doors open at 6:30pm, with the show starting at 7:00pm. Admission is \$10.00, and a special meal and soft drinks can also be provided for an additional \$10.00. You may call Jonathan Thompson at (912) 433-3314 for reservations.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 7 – Daylight Savings Time Ends (spring forward, fall back)

Thursday, November 11 – Veteran’s Day

Saturday, November 20 – 10:00am – Rincon Lion’s Club Christmas Parade

Saturday, November 20 – Rincon First Baptist Church Craft Festival

Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26, Thanksgiving Holidays, City Hall Closed

Tuesday, December 7th – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Old South Charm

Do you have a story to tell about Rincon? Perhaps some piece of 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.

This Month’s Friendship Theme:

“Reputation is what you are in the light; Character is what you are in the dark.”

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