

# 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.

## September's Featured Business

### Teach Right

Teach Right is located at 586 S. Columbia Avenue in the shopping center behind Sonic, and is open Monday through Friday from 10am – 6pm, Saturdays from 10am – 4pm, and closed on Sundays. The phone number is (912) 826-1681, and the website is [www.teachrightstore.com](http://www.teachrightstore.com). Teach Right, a locally owned business, specializes in educational resources for students in Preschool through Grade 12. We offer quality materials to teachers, parents, grandparents, churches, daycares, and anyone else vested in the educational development of our children.

We carry professional books, trade books, arts and crafts materials, and unique toys, such as puppets, puzzles, and games that enhance learning. We print invitations, announcements, and stationery on site for quick delivery. If you are searching for the perfect gift for a child or adult, we have that, too. Teach Right also provides professional development opportunities, children's activities, and a prep center for making educational materials. We accept school purchase orders, and are happy to ship to you. Visit our online catalog, but remember, the catalog lists only a portion of what we can supply. Come in and ask about special items.

*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.*

Back in December, the City of Rincon joined with the National League of Cities in a effort called the Prescription Drug Discount Card Program. During the first month, December 2009, 22 prescriptions were offered for consideration and 11 were approved for the program, at an average savings of \$8.25, and a total savings of \$181.55 for all 11 prescriptions. During July of 2010, 208 prescriptions were offered for consideration, and 88 were approved for the program, at an average savings of \$11.95, and a total savings of \$2,484 to the community and citizens of Rincon. Overall, 291 citizens of Rincon have saved on their prescriptions through this program. That is pretty good, isn't it?

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The City of Rincon has various brochures, handouts and newsletters available in City Hall that are free. They include information on Water Conservation, Hurricane Planning information, extra copies of recent newsletters, and other items of local interest. There is information on the City website about City jobs that are available or taking applications on an on-going basis, and other information that you might find interesting.

[www.cityofrincon.com](http://www.cityofrincon.com)

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FYI: The City of Rincon is trying to develop ideas for new festivals, events, programs, activities, etc. that will draw tourists and other folks into our community for a day, where they can enjoy a good time along with us, and spend their money in our shops and restaurants. The City Manager is working on a number of ideas that would promote good family gathering opportunities. These will be shared with Council as they are developed to some point

of details and information. If you have an idea, please feel free to share it. With the availability of the Lions Club Building, the City can promote events during the cooler weather with larger crowds such as an Annual Arts & Crafts Show (painted pictures, B&W and Color photos, glass-wood-ceramic-sewing crafts, etc.). Another idea is a Hobbies and Collectibles Show during the winter months (Let's face it, there are no winter months in south Georgia). But the Lions Club Building would be a nice place to put on an all-day in-door show like that, at minimal cost. If you have hobbies and/or collectibles that you might like to exhibit on a table for the day, let the City Manager know, by phone, or at the e-mail address in the newsletter (buttons, badges, shoulder patches, model cars, salt & pepper shakers, teapots, hats, and on, and on). This would not be a Flea Market or Swap Meet, but there still might be an opportunity for exhibitors to sell a few collectibles for a table fee. You can be the start of our contact list. We will begin to develop a list of rules, application forms, etc. which we can make available in the near future (after Council is comfortable with the idea).

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Friendly Reminder: Do you like where you live? Do you feel comfortable with the people in the community? Do you know how you can make it even better? Even safer for your family? Getting to know your neighbors is one way. Another is to “wave” at your neighbors when you see them; and wave at those people who are not your neighbors. They may be family members of your neighbors. They may be the workmen who will be at your house next week to fix the cable. Make them feel good about this community. Wave at them. Watch the road, but wave when you safely can. Wouldn't you want someone waving in a friendly way to you? Then you may have to be the one who starts it, and see how many others will pick it up and do it too.

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### **Community Groups and What You Should Know**

“We Are One – Effingham County” 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Effingham County Appreciation Days, Saturday, September 11, 10:00am to 5:00pm, 434 Weisenbaker Road in Rincon, Last year, approximately 3,000 people attended this event. For vendor or other information, contact [cothhministries@msn.com](mailto:cothhministries@msn.com) or call (912) 429-3005. Free Games, free food and drinks, free entertainment, fun, inflatables for the kids, and family enjoyment; sponsored by businesses and churches of Effingham County. Host – Chase of 94.1 The Beau and Special Guest Samuel Jenkins, jazz musician.

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We believe there are a couple of “KGB” (Keep Georgia Beautiful) cells operating in Rincon. Their purpose seems to be to keep their communities and roads clean of trash and litter. If they find it, often they pick it up, put it in the trash, and take care of it themselves. If it is a big problem pile, they will call City Hall at 826-5745, and we will send out a special squad to take care of it. Be on the watch. You may want to join this group.

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The Effingham Chamber of Commerce will be holding its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Oktoberfest starting at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, and at 9am until 11pm on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be arts and crafts, music, children's activities, fun contests, and food vendors as part of the festival, which will be in front of the McCall Plaza off GA 21 and McCall Road in Goshen. Other information should be available at

[www.effinghamcounty.org](http://www.effinghamcounty.org) or from Rick Lott, 754-3301, at the Chamber. Not only is this something for the family to do, but it is also something that Rincon businesses might want to support, since it is so close to Rincon, and should draw tourists and visitors into Rincon and Rincon businesses where they can eat in our restaurants, buy gifts in our shops, and get picnic fixin's in our grocery stores. An information handout in your store window might be a good way to show your support for the Chamber, Oktoberfest, and other events in the community.

**But you can do something now.** Let's not wait until next year. Let's extend the Oktoberfest into Rincon and extend the time for several weeks. How? Easy. If the businesses and homes in Rincon would "build" a "Scarecrow", and put it in place out front of your business or in your front yard by Thursday evening on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we could have our first "Scarecrow Show-off", hopefully to be followed next year with another one. And while tourists and visitors are in Effingham and Goshen for the Oktoberfest, they can continue on up the road to Rincon to check out our scarecrows on display throughout the City. The local media should pick this up if we do a good job, and it would be a great experience for all of us. This year, there may be 50; next year there may be 150, and so on. Get to work on finding the pieces for your scarecrow and putting them together. Let's leave them up until Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, so we can "show-off" for our friends and neighbors for several weeks, in case they miss the first day or two of Oktoberfest. City Hall will have one, will you? Call 826-5437, and tell us where your scarecrow is, so that we can visit around the 11<sup>th</sup> and take pictures, and perhaps recognize a winner in a few categories, such as: Most Original, Military Spirit, Most Unique, Sports Model, etc. You may even help us establish some new categories to consider. Your neighbors will love it, you will have a good time, and the community of Rincon will benefit from what effort you put into it. You can be a part of a new "happening" in Rincon. Let's see what you can do. Share this with your friends and neighbors. We will put copies of a handout in City Hall with ideas.

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The Guyton United Methodist Church is holding a Harvest Festival (an Arts and Crafts Show) at the church on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 7pm; and on Saturday, October 30, from 9am to 7pm. The church is at the corner of Church and Fourth Street in Guyton. If you would like more information or would like to be considered as a vendor, call 856-2386.

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## Good Food & Recipes for Reading

### Grandma Owens Sweet Potato Souffle (Sheri-Lyn Owens)

From "Past & Present" Recipe Book by Rincon United Methodist Church

#### Ingredients:

3 cups Mashed Sweet Potatoes	1/3 stick Butter
1 cup Sugar	1/2 cup Sweet Milk
1/2 teaspoon Salt	1 teaspoon Vanilla
2 Eggs	

Mix all ingredients together and pour into a greased baking dish.

#### Topping:

1 cup Brown Sugar	1/3 stick Butter, melted
1/3 cup Flour	1 cup Chopped Pecans

Mix topping ingredients – brown sugar, flour & pecans, add melted butter. Sprinkle over soufflé. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes.

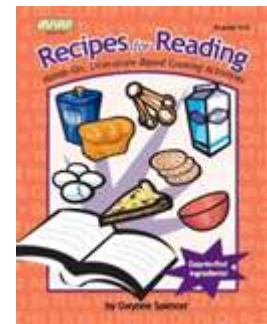
Do you have a simple recipe to share? Send it to us.

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## Did You Know?

The Primary Elections are now past, and candidates have been chosen for several races that identify political parties. Other races are non-partisan, and may have several candidates running. You are encouraged to get to know the candidates and where they stand on various issues, as they will represent your vote on these issues for the next few years at the County, State, and Federal levels. Your vote counts.

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How Did They Do That? The “Calendar”, as we know it, is a “Gregorian” calendar introduced by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, and is the internationally accepted civil calendar, and the predominant standard today. The calendar uses the numbering system A.D. (Anno Domini – years from the traditional Incarnation of Christ) and B.C. (Before Christ). The Gregorian solar calendar is an arithmetical calendar, which is hard to imagine the preciseness of mathematical scholars in 1582 A.D. There was no 0 A.D.; A.D. 1 immediately follows 1 B.C. The actual length of the year is 365.24 days (365 days, 5 hours, 49 minutes, and 12 seconds), which results in a Leap Year day (February 29<sup>th</sup>) being added every four years. The calendar is actually off ½ day every 3300 years, but I guess we can live with that, especially since it was developed over 400 years ago (without the aid of a calculator or computer).

Traditional mnemonic verse for memorization:

“Thirty days hath September, April, June, and November, All the rest have thirty-one, Excepting February alone, which hath twenty-eight days clear, And twenty-nine in each leap year.”

The Origins of English naming of the months used by the calendar:

January – Janus (Roman god of gates, doorways, beginnings and endings)

February – Februus (Etruscan god of death) and Februarius (Latin for “month of purification (rituals)”)

March – Mars (Roman god of war)

April – Modern scholars associate the name with an ancient root meaning “other”

May – Maia Maiestas (Roman goddess)

June – Juno (Roman goddess, wife of Jupiter)

July – Julius Caesar (Roman dictator)

August – Augustus (first Roman emperor)

September – septem (Latin for seven, the seventh month of Romulus)

October – octo (Latin for eight, the eighth month of Romulus)

November – novem (Latin for nine, the ninth month of Romulus)

December – decem (Latin for ten, the tenth month of Romulus)

(Information from Wikipedia.com)

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Monday, September 6 – Labor Day, City Hall Closed

Saturday, September 11 – 10am-5pm - We Are One - Effingham County Appreciation Days, 434 Weisenbaker Road

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

Friday and Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – Oktoberfest with the Chamber of Commerce at McCall Road and GA 21

Monday, September 27, 7:00pm – Rincon City Council Meeting, Chambers on 17<sup>th</sup> Street

## **Old South Charm**

*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](http://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](mailto: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:**

This Month’s Friendship Theme:  
“Only your real friends will tell you when your face is dirty. - Sicilian Proverb”

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Website: [www.cityofrincon.com](http://www.cityofrincon.com)

Hinely Community Center Grand Re-Opening at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and GA 21

