

Talk to the Town

City of Rincon Newsletter to our Citizens and Visitors



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Welcome to the City of Rincon's Monthly Newsletter

We are now in our second year of producing the newsletter. We hope you are finding items of interest. 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.

April's Featured Business

VERIZON WIRELESS OPENS NEW RINCON GEORGIA RETAIL STORE

Rincon, GA – To better serve its area customers, Verizon Wireless has moved its Rincon retail location to a new state-of-the-art location at 5442 S. Columbia Ave. This Verizon Wireless store offers consumers a more high-tech, hands-on experience, providing them with the latest and most innovative products and services.

In honor of the grand opening of the Rincon store, Verizon Wireless will present a \$500 HopeLineSM grant to the Hope House. Hope House is a supportive family home for single mothers and children in crisis. HopeLine is Verizon Wireless' exclusive nationwide phone recycling program that distributes previously owned wireless phones to victims of domestic violence, supports non-profit domestic violence advocacy groups and provides an environmentally safe method for recycling phones.

The 4,300-square-foot Verizon store showcases a highly interactive retail concept, and its design integrates a number of systems and operational enhancements devised to streamline the sales process and increase customer satisfaction. Among the new store's features are:

More than 50 working models of handsets, air cards and other devices for customers to handle and test. A Greeter Kiosk that enables customers to check in electronically before browsing the store and then talk with a representative who will already have their account background and reason for visiting the store keyed up on the customer-service computer. A Bill Payment Kiosk that enables customers to pay



their bills quickly and easily using checks, cash or credit/debit cards. Customer Service and Technical Support departments will make it easy for customers to get account information and service and address technical issues from the trained in-store staff.

The Rincon Verizon Wireless store is open Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday Noon – 6:00 p.m. The telephone number is 770-304-1111. Verizon Wireless Communications Stores offer a premier line of digital wireless phones and tablets in all price ranges, data services and accessories. For more information, visit www.verizonwireless.com.

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.)

The **Rusty Pig BBQ** is open in Rincon. Located at #360 South Columbia Avenue, on the right, about a block north of Fort Howard Road. Open Tuesday thru Saturday, 10:30am to 10:00pm, phone 826-4233. Also carry-out and catering. Check out the prices: BBQ Pork Sandwich - \$3.99, 12oz. Bowl of Brunswick Stew - \$4.49, Sad Cake - \$1.49. Y'all Come.



Stop in and take a look !

Badcock Home Furniture

has refurbished their store in Rincon.

Verizon, The Rusty Pig, Badcock Home Furniture, all are examples of Rincon's strong economy in this area.

City Going's On

This section is about your City government and things that should be of particular interest to you.

Chloramines in Drinking Water

The City of Rincon will begin disinfecting the drinking water, with Chloramines, beginning on April 15, 2011, at midnight. Utility systems have used Chloramines for decades because of their lack of taste and odor, their ability to last in the distribution system, and their excellent disinfection properties. Chloramines are highly effective in reducing disease-carrying organisms that can be carried in drinking water. Water disinfected with Chloramines is safe for bathing, drinking, cooking, and all everyday uses.

Please note that Chloramines cannot be used in aquariums or in kidney dialysis machines. Chloramines, like Chlorine, must be removed from the water that goes into kidney dialysis machines or fish tanks. Those utilizing dialysis machines should contact their medical professional for further information. Pet stores can provide aquarium owners with a de-chlorinating chemical or a granular activated carbon filter to remove Chloramines effectively from fish tanks.

A Public Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 31st, at 7:00pm, to answer questions regarding this process. The meeting will be held at 107 West 17th Street in the Rincon Council Chambers. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Hall at (912) 826-5745.

Looking Out For You. The City prides itself in trying to help solve problems for our citizens.

Do Not Flush. Even with gravity sewer lines and grinder pumps, there can be serious problems that you can avoid. Is the quick disposal of something, that could just as easily go in the trash, worth the

possibility that it will clog the sewer line or block the grinder pump, and back up sewer water into your house? Don't take that chance. Put them in the trash!

What Not To Flush: Diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons, chemicals, cleaners, plastic bags/wrappings, band-aids, cleaning wipes, baby wipes, facial tissues, toilet bowl scrub pads, coffee grounds, cigarette butts, fats/oils/greases, hair, kitty litter, oils or antifreeze, paper towels, rags or cloths, condoms, cotton balls, paints, polish remover, and garbage in general. In the bathroom, think trash can, NOT toilet. Cooking grease and fatty oils will congeal and build up to plug pipes causing backups. It may not be tomorrow; but then again, it might be. Wipes may be "flushable", but may not be bio-degradable; and they may not grind up in the grinder pump mechanism. Just because an item is "disposable" doesn't mean it is safe to flush. Also, try to limit your garbage disposal use; consider composting your food waste and leaves into fertilizer for the plants and yard.

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Community Groups Information

Do It Now ! The Bomber Girls are collecting toiletries and personal items to send to our soldiers, men and women overseas in April and to Veterans with special needs in this area. Rincon City Hall would like to help in this project and be a collection point. Please drop off anything that you think is appropriate at Rincon City Hall, as soon as possible, so they can get it ready to ship and deliver.

Rincon City Hall is accepting canned goods for delivery to the local food banks. Drop them off anytime, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

Someone you know, and care about, may be a victim of Domestic Abuse. Donate your old cell phone and used batteries and accessories to Hopeline through the Verizon Store on South Columbia Avenue in Rincon. Phones are accepted in any condition. Phones will be recycled and refurbished to help victims of domestic violence in the community. Funds from recycled phones are used for cash grants to local shelters and non-profits that focus on domestic violence and prevention. You can make a difference.

Cell Phones for Soldiers. This is a campaign by EMC Engineering Services, who are the engineering providers for the City of Rincon. Cell phones may be donated at Rincon City Hall. Donated cell phones are sent to ReCellular. Some are forwarded to soldiers; funds from others are used to purchase prepaid calling cards which are sent to the troops. For more information, there is information on a website at www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

Help your Library: The Library sells un-needed books on a table at the front door for only a few dollars. You are welcome to bring in books that you no longer want, give them to the library, and let them sell them to someone else who would like to read and use the books. This may only be a few dollars gained; but a few dollars here, and a few dollars there, may make the difference on what days and what hours that the Library is open for you and for the children of this community. Thank you for your help.

Are you a Rotarian? If you are a businessman or woman, or a professional in Rincon or Effingham County, you probably should be. It is a good way to be involved in the community, in promoting service to the community, and in getting to know your peers. Look into it.

Habitat for Humanity is planning a Huge Yard Sale on April 30th at the Lowe's parking lot. Don't wait. If you have things that it is time to get rid of, take them to the Habitat ReStore on the north side of Rincon, and drop them off. What you don't need could be helpful to someone else, and the funds will go to improve our community, and help people in need. P.S. Shop the store; they have some good stuff.

Benefit for Mars Theatre. River-to-River Bicycle Ride. Saturday, April 30, 2011, Starting at the Mars Theatre. Contact Gussie Nease for details – 658-5053.

American Red Cross, Savannah Chapter www.savannahredcross.org Phone (912) 651-5300.



After 50 years, I can still see the face of a young boy named Ronnie who went to my elementary school as a child. He had Polio, and used crutches to drag his legs behind him to play ball, and to go from place to place. What a privilege it is for me to be able to say that I lived during the time that Polio was cured.

What an honor it would be for each of us to be able to say that we lived during the time when Cancer was cured. This isn't a self-help group, or an animal cruelty group. These are people's lives, people that you and I know, who are dying from a disease that we should be able to find a cure for. Donate and support a cure for Cancer.

Third Annual Garage Series Theatre on the Driveway – Shakespeare, zombies, talking cows, Jerry Springer look-a-like. Low budget – Free to the public. Bring a chair or blanket. Start at 3PM, run about an hour, you may need sunscreen, limited space. Some refreshments will be available.

April 2nd, Beulah House – 401 Church Street, Guyton

April 3rd - 1204 Little McCall Road, Guyton

April 9th, Springfield City Hall, 130 S. Laurel Street, Springfield

April 10th, Springfield City Hall, 130 S. Laurel Street, Springfield

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Old South Charm

Things That Make Me Cry – Coming Home a new show on Lifetime TV Network

Have you seen this ?

Bakers Pond County Recreation Park
On Courthouse Road, near GA 21
The other sign says “No Animals Allowed”;
I wonder why.
But the geese don't seem to mind.

How About This ?

School Bus Stop
1927 Courthouse Road

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



Good Food & Recipes for Reading

Fruit Salad

by Caroline Zeigler

Recipe is courtesy of "Past and Present" Cookbook by Rincon United Methodist Church

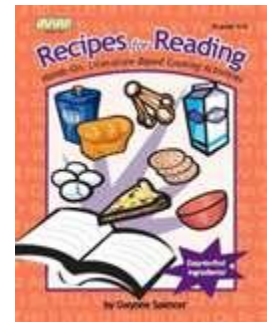
Ingredients:

1-16 oz. can of Pineapple chunks
Lemon Juice
Marischino Cherries

1 large can of Lite Fruit
2 Bananas
1 small Vanilla Instant Pudding

Mixing:

Drain the fruit and save the juices. Use Lemon Juice on sliced Bananas. Mix juices with dry pudding. Mix fruit and pudding together. Other fruit may be substituted. Chill.



Meatloaf

by Ray Causey

Recipe is courtesy of "Past and Present" Cookbook by Rincon United Methodist Church

Ingredients:

2 lbs. of Ground Beef
1 cup of Corn Flakes, crushed
2 teaspoons of Pepper

2 eggs
1 Onion, chopped
2 tablespoons of parsley, minced

Sauce:

½ cup of Ketchup
2 tablespoons of Cider Vinegar
½ teaspoon of Ground Nutmeg

1/3 cup of Brown Sugar, packed
1½ teaspoon of Brown Mustard

Mixing:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare sauce in a bowl and set aside. Combine meatloaf ingredients with hands until evenly mixed. Work in half of the sauce and place in a loaf pan. Shape it and pour the remaining sauce on top. Bake for 50 minutes or until center is no longer pink.

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

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings:

Monday, April 11 – 7:00pm – City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Police Department,
17th Street

Monday, April 25 – 7:00pm - City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Police Department,
17th Street

Special Attention:

Friday, April 1 – April Fools Day

Thursday & Friday, April 15 & 16 – Olde Effingham Days, Springfield Courthouse Complex

Friday, April 22 – Earth Day

Friday, April 22 – Good Friday

Sunday, April 24 – Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 30 – River to River Bicycle Ride

New Comers to Rincon

Please check out our City website www.cityofrincon.com which will probably have answers for many of your questions. And if you are a golfer, or like really good food (from the Grille), check out www.lostplantationgolfclub.com.

This Month's Friendship Theme:

“Don't let the past hold you back, you're missing the good stuff.”

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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.