

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.

August's Featured Business

The Huddle House - Rincon



Huddle House – Rincon.

Now Re-Opened.

Bigger and Better to Serve You.

The Huddle House in Rincon has been closed for remodeling and renovation, but is now re-opened and ready to serve you that coffee and comfort food that makes the day go better. The building has been expanded to provide for more seating, and less waiting. New equipment has been installed for more efficiency, and new items have been added to the menu. Come and take a look, and say "Hello".

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.

Employee of the Month: We apologize. We inadvertently missed one of the leaders who helped spearhead the Alabama and Georgia Tornado Relief efforts in Rincon – Corporal Jose Ramirez of the Rincon Police Department. His comment was that he didn't do it for the recognition; he did it because "he cares". And to all of the other officers and employees who helped, and all those people in the community who participated and donated goods and materials to this blessing, we say "Thank You".

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We would also like to acknowledge the recent recipients of the City of Rincon's

Humanitarian Awards:

Mayor's Choice	Roger Macomber
Community Service	Bernard Martin
Military Service	Valdee Exley
Public Safety	Jose' Ramirez

4th of July Parade Floats:

First Place	Shining Stars
Second Place	Effingham Theatre Group
Third Place	Effingham Christian School

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The Effingham County Convention Visitors Bureau is looking for local people who have knowledge about Rincon and Effingham County history, and who would be willing to share that information with a special visitors group from the Georgia Department of Economic Development, to help with local tourism planning. If you feel you are knowledgeable, or know someone who is, please contact Betty Renfro at the Effingham Historical Society at 754-2170.

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The 2nd Annual Effingham County Scarecrow Show-Off, county-wide in Effingham County. Time is beginning to run out. Pick a theme for your scarecrow. Find the materials at the local thrift stores (good pricing, buying local, and helping people in need in the community). Let's get started; don't let your neighbor out-do you. Rincon and Effingham County got a lot of notice last year in the media, on the Internet, from visitors, and from our own local people. We had over 100 scarecrows up on display in the Rincon area. Brunswick has been doing it for five years, and they had 100 up. This year, we should have 200-250 on display county-wide. Send us a "Name" for your scarecrow (so we won't have 247 named "Scarecrow") to Rincon City Hall, c/o the City Manager (the e-mail address is on the Newsletter, or just drop a note off at Rincon City Hall). A phone number would be helpful just in case we can't find it. Also, include your street address so that people can find it (or like most men will have to do, look it up on the GPS, Garmin, Smart Phone Apps, etc., or the new Effingham County Chamber of Commerce map. You should get one). We will develop a "search list" for visitors to pick up from the City Hall Lobby and use to look for the scarecrows.

Plan to put your scarecrow up by September 15th, to help draw the crowds around the time of the Chamber of Commerce's Oktoberfest; and plan for your scarecrow to stay up until November 28th, after the family has been here for the Thanksgiving holidays. It will be great to take them out and show them the "sights". You know they will have to take photos of Grandma or Aunt Essie standing beside the "Pretty Boy" or the "Six Babies". This will allow plenty of time for the word to get out, and lots of people to come to see what is "Just around the Corner" in Rincon and Effingham County. You can bet that Photo Galleries will pop up all over the websites on the Internet. Twitter will be "tweeting" and Facebook will be full of our face. They could be looking at our scarecrows in Spokane and D.C. and Orlando, and thinking about what they are missing out on by not visiting or living here. We will photograph as many as possible to recognize what a great tourism event this will be. Don't forget to let the kids help. They may have better ideas than us old folks; and they will get a memory of Family Time that you can't buy with money. We will pick several categories for consideration after the names and photos come in, so as not to stifle your creativeness. We will recognize creative ideas with certificates. Good Luck.

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There are new Georgia Tourism brochures available in the City Hall Lobby, provided free by the Georgia Visitors Information Center. Please feel free to stop by and check them out, and take one.

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Community Groups Information

Recycling. We hope to have some special information available to you by the next Newsletter. In the meantime, "Recycling at its best" is when something can be used over, and over, and over. This is the case with Aluminum cans, which can be squashed, melted, re-shaped and re-used over, and over. This is also true about things in your house, such as old clothes, pots and pans, quilts, decorative items, and so on. When you are ready to pass them on, think about Habitat, Goodwill, Acts III, Manna House, and Grace. There is probably someone who can still get some good use from your cast-offs. Thanks.

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Good Food & Recipes for Reading

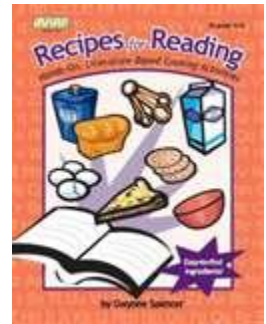
Chili Cheese Dip

by Emily Durden

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

Ingredients:

- ½ cup of Chunky Salsa
- 1 – 16oz can of Chili Beans, drained
- 1 – 8oz package of Cream Cheese, softened
- 1 medium-sized Tomato, diced
- 2 cups of Mild Cheddar Cheese, shredded and divided
- Tortilla Chips and Assorted Crackers



Mixing:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine the salsa and cream cheese. Spread in the bottom of a greased 9" deep-dish pie plate. Sprinkle with 1 cup of the cheese. Spread the chili beans over the cheese. Top with remaining cheese and diced tomato. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips and/or crackers.

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

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Old South Charm

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

There is a "chaos theory" called The Butterfly Effect. It is an interesting idea, perhaps a stretch of the imagination, and perhaps not. The idea is that a butterfly flapping its wings in South America could be the cause of a hurricane in the United States. The point is that things done, or not done, have a cause and effect relationship on things and people around them, and those impacts cause changes further out. What if you had bought a house in a different neighborhood, gone to a different school, waited and taken a different job, or married a different spouse. The changes may have been small, or quite large, in your life, the life of your family, extended family, etc. The importance to such an idea is that things done, or not done, in Rincon, can impact not only our community, but Effingham County, the Coastal Region, and the State of Georgia. Sometimes doing a small thing, like picking up a piece of litter or helping a neighbor with a backyard project, or taking time to help with a school project, can have a far-reaching impact on others. It might be worth testing out? Would that make you a "Butterfly"?

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If you have any documents that talk about the History of Rincon, would you please share them with us. We would like to get as complete of information as possible in preparation for putting some information with the Old Post Office when it gets refurbished. Drop them by City Hall, we will copy them immediately, and get them back to you. Thanks.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings:

Monday, August 8 – 7:00pm – City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Police Department, 17th Street

Monday, August 22 – 7:00pm - City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Police Department, 17th Street

Special Attention:

Monday, September 5 – Labor Day Holiday, City Hall Closed

Thursday, September 15 – Start of the 2nd Annual Effingham County Scarecrow Show-Off

Clean Jokes: “Two antennas got married. The Ceremony was okay, but the Reception was fantastic.”

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.

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:

“The truth is so naïve, it does not need embellishing. It is already enough. *Unknown* ”

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