

# Talk to the Town

City of Rincon Newsletter to our Citizens and Visitors



June 2011

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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.

### June'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.*

Please Be Reminded: The State of Georgia has adopted a "watering schedule" to encourage water conservation and to support the water resources available to the various communities, so as not to excessively use water and resources that may be in need by other communities. Even-numbered houses can water outside on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Odd-numbered houses, and houses with no address, can water outside on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. No outside watering is allowed on Fridays. Violations will result in penalties and fines and water disconnects by the City and by the Municipal Court. P.S. Special Irrigation Sprinkler Meters are available for installation at a cost to the customer.

Speaking of Addresses: Periodically, we like to stick in a "refresh my memory" item. You should have your street address number on the front of your business (and home) in LARGE numbers that can be easily seen from the street by emergency responders. It helps your customers locate your business by looking at other address numbers on the street, on other businesses; and it helps your customers locate other businesses by looking at the number on your business. Be a good friend to your customers, and to your neighbors. It also helps 9-1-1 Emergency Responders (Police, Fire, EMS), day or night, to find the correct address, without losing vital time. You should also have your House number, in large numbers, boldly in view on the house and at the street end of a long driveway. Numbers on a mailbox may not tell the responders which house they are looking for, especially if those numbers have partially fallen off, or color has been bleached out by the sunlight. Time lost making call-backs and getting to the correct house, day or night, could cost someone their life. Don't put this off. Don't think this is important? Ask your children.

Employee of the Month: Joe (Joey) Pilat recently received a letter from a citizen of Rincon, acknowledging and commending him for actions beyond the normal scope of a City employee and a member of the Public Works Department. He reached out to a local family during the time of their loss of a beloved family pet. His thoughtfulness and assistance was deeply appreciated by the family. His kindness and sincerity towards their loss was comforting and very touching and showed what a sense of community is really all about. We too often see the wrong in situations; let's look for the good.

Businesses in Rincon: We would like to have your business e-mail address so that we can provide information directly to you about business licenses, changes in ordinances, etc. If you would please send an e-mail to the City Manager at [RinconCityMgr@cityofrincon.com](mailto:RinconCityMgr@cityofrincon.com) and note the business name and that this is a business e-mail address that is being provided. Thanks.

The City of Rincon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Festival “Freedom Rings In” will be celebrated with the festival events starting at 6:00pm to 10:00pm on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>; and the parade at 10:00am on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. A number of activities are planned for Friday evening for folks of all ages in the Lowes parking lot. Be mindful at the parade that we do not want children or spectators chasing candy into the busy streets; it is intended that candy or other items are to be handed out at streetside.

Respect for the Flag: If you have an American flag that is tattered and worn, needs to be honorably disposed of, you may drop it off at the Rincon City Hall. It will be forwarded to the local Scout Troop for proper burning.

Start Thinking About it: Next month we will be putting up information to start your thinking on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Effingham County Scarecrow Show-Off, and deciding on some dates. It was very successful for Rincon last year with over 100 scarecrows on display. That is the number last year in Brunswick, after a five-year effort. Going county-wide will draw people into the community so that they can see our homes and our personal attention to what is going on in Effingham County and the City of Rincon. Their tourism \$’s will also be appreciated by our businesses. You saw what a great time we had last year; let’s do even better this year.

Rincon Police Department takes Donations to Alabama Tornado Victims:



Watch for it. Next month. Information about the Animal Shelter, and what you can do. What you can do NOW.

This is news, but it is good news. Governor Deal announced May 19, 2011, that Effingham County has been certified as a Work Ready Community of Excellence. This notes that the County has a skilled workforce, ready to meet the needs of business demands, and prepared to drive economic growth with new jobs and new businesses, as well as the educational foundation to build a pipeline of workers ready to create ongoing business success. This speaks well of our community in a less than desirable economy; and it speaks well of our citizens and residents who stepped up for these courses and testing. Say thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Development Authority and the School District for helping to attain this recognition, with 1,285 Work Ready Certificates earned (190% more than the goal), and a high school graduation rate increased from 74.2% to 81.7%.

Mulch is available free through Public Works. Contact City Hall at 826-5745 for information.

Even at City Hall, we get “Spam”, and not the edible kind. We get information from Nigeria about helping save the bank funds for the “royal” family, and notes that we have won thousands of dollars in a “sweepstakes” that we don’t know anything about, and warnings that our E-bay account is in jeopardy and we need to send them our “passwords” and bank account numbers to verify. We also get e-mails that look logical, but sometimes have scary themes or photos attached. We often get e-mails requesting that they be forwarded to our friends. Do they have “viruses” or “worms” in them? We don’t know; but we have to be very careful what we send out to others. These e-mails sometimes can, unknowing to you, steal your Contact/Address List, and use that list to forward their questionable e-mails. These e-mails can shut down your computer or internet system, or parts of your system. If you get something you are not sure of, do not open the blue-colored “link”, and do not forward it. DELETE it. Be safe for you and for others. Thanks for listening.

We are working on something special. Donate anything golf related, large or small, at City Hall.

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## **Community Groups Information**

The Blood Alliance at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah is located at 4700 Waters Avenue (912) 350-5643. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call (904) 854-9965, Mon – 10am to 6pm, Tues – Fri, 9am to 5pm, and Sat – 10am to 2pm. A blood donation opportunity (United We Care) is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 11am to 6pm at the Oglethorpe Mall, 7804 Abercorn Street in Savannah. Everyone who registers to donate will receive a commemorative t-shirt while supplies last, plus be entered into random drawings for prizes from mall merchants.

Think Effingham ROTARY.

The Effingham County Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in St. Luke’s Episcopal Church at 155 Goshen Road, Rincon. This group is open to family caregivers; and provides education and support. The meetings usually run about 1 hour in length. No reservations are needed. For more information regarding Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, please call the local Alzheimer’s Association office at 1-800-272-3900. For information about the Effingham County meetings, contact Jenny House at [jenny.house@alz.org](mailto:jenny.house@alz.org) or call (912) 920-2231.

The Effingham Theatre Company is planning several summer drama camps for young people at the Hinely Center in Rincon. The basics include design, set, and costumes; and end with rehearsals and a show by the young people, which is free to the public. Camp rates are \$65 for children ages 5-10 years, and camp is scheduled for June 6-16. Camp rates are \$75 for children ages 11-16 years, and camp is scheduled for July 11-22. Funds raised are used to pay for equipment, etc. The camp offers an alternative to other programs for those who wish something different. The camp runs from 10am-5pm, Monday through Friday for two weeks. If you want more information, contact Jonathan Thompson at (912) 433-3314 or 657-1120.

Effingham Arts Council held their 2011 Annual Photography Contest recently. Participants were allowed to put up photos for consideration in several different categories. Rick Lott, Executive Director of the Chamber, and Randy Shearouse, President of the Chamber, identified the winners at an evening reception at the Chamber. The photos are on view at the Chamber of Commerce offices on the GA 21 Springfield Bypass, and will be available for use by the Arts Council in future marketing items.



Great for Traveling: Summer is almost here, and many of us will be traveling to visit relatives and going on vacations. Sometime those trips are long, and require evening or night travel. A good way to stay awake and alert is with a good “book” from the Library. The Library has books on tape and CD for you to listen to. A current good one is The Christmas Promise by Donna VanLiere. It is 4 hours long on CD. There are also mysteries and many others to choose from. It helps make the travel time pass faster.

The Effingham County Chamber of Commerce is encouraging you to join as a member of the Chamber if you have a business in Effingham County, or do business in Effingham County. This provides a venue for you to have input in Chamber opportunities that might help support your business, free event promotion, and exposure in the Chamber Chat newsletter. Contact the Chamber at (912) 754-3301, ask for Rick Lott or Tracy Wells, Fax (912) 754-1236, or try [tracywells@effinghamcounty.com](mailto:tracywells@effinghamcounty.com). Mailing – P. O. Box 1078, Springfield, GA 31329 and Street Address – 520 West Third Street on the Springfield GA 21 Bypass, website – [www.effinghamcounty.com](http://www.effinghamcounty.com). It is well worth your time to look into this, and to participate.

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## **Old South Charm**

Paul Lindsay is a “kinetic sculpture artist” at 204 North Laurel Street in Springfield. He is currently working on an idea for a “Motion Machine” of gears, rods, pulleys, and cranks that could become not only a piece of artwork, but also a tourism draw for our community. It is intended to be a simple, interactive machine for adults and children that will draw the attention of passersby, and is intended to make them want to stop, find out more, and spend more time and money in our community. He has several smaller examples to check out in his shop. On a small scale, we would call this a “whirligig”; on a large scale, we would call this “amazing”.

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

Looking For: A Welder or Plumber with some “artistic” talent who can work with 1½ inch copper pipe. Contact Mike Phillips, Rincon City Manager, at (912) 826-5437.

## Good Food & Recipes for Reading

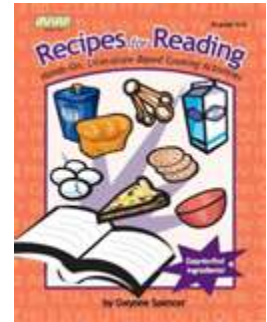
### Taco Soup

by Mary Phillips

Great for winter time, good for anytime

#### Ingredients:

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| 1 can of Whole Kernel Corn                               | 1 can of Black Beans                       |
| 1 can of Diced Tomatoes                                  | 1 small Onion, chopped                     |
| ½ jar of Salsa   | ½ package of Taco Mix                      |
|  | (if you like it hot, use the Hot Taco Mix) |
| 1 pound of cooked Chicken or Ground Hamburger (optional) |  |



#### Mixing:

Mix all ingredients in pot or slow cooker, and cook on the stove for 30 - 40 minutes on medium heat (can do crock pot on warm all day). It is better if you cook it very slow and longer, and even serve it the next day. Add Sour Cream and Shredded Cheese (optional) to each bowl. Enough for about six servings.

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

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## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

### City Council Meetings:

Monday, June 13 – 7:00pm – City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Police Department,  
17<sup>th</sup> Street

Monday, June 27 – 7:00pm - City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Police Department,  
17<sup>th</sup> Street

### Special Attention:

Tuesday, June 14 – Flag Day

Sunday, June 19 – Father’s Day

Tuesday, June 21 – First Day of Summer

## **New Comers to Rincon**

Please check out our City website [www.cityofrincon.com](http://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](http://www.lostplantationgolfclub.com).

We encourage you to e-mail the Rincon City Manager ([RinconCityMgr@cityofrincon.com](mailto: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:

“What are you doing for others? *Martin Luther King*”

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