

Talk to the Town

City of Rincon Newsletter to our Citizens and Visitors



March 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.

March's Featured Business

Badcock Home Furnishings Center

Badcock has been renovated and refurbished. #321 South Columbia Avenue. If you haven't stopped in to see the changes and the new store, you should. It is really looking good; and has some new things that you will want to check out.

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.)

Opening Soon ! The **Verizon** store has moved to Rincon, #5442 Highway 21 South (South Columbia Avenue), beside the Walgreens, in front of the Lowes and across from the WalMart. Check out the bigger store and new phone "stuff".

Watch For It ! The **Rusty Pig BBQ** is coming to Rincon about the middle of March. Located at #360 South Columbia Avenue, on the right, about a block north of Fort Howard Road.

City Going's On

Looking Out For You. The City prides itself in trying to solve problems for our citizens. We can't always do it, and we can't always do it today; but we try. Recently there have been complaints about cars pulling out of the CVS parking lot onto Fort Howard Road and mistakenly turning into the outbound lane of Fort Howard Road because there were no markers and the orange lane separators had almost disappeared due to wear. Public Works arranged for these orange lane separators to be replaced, to make clear which lanes are headed to the intersection, and which are headed away. Also, straight line arrows have been added to the outbound lanes at both entrances to the shopping center, to show which lanes are inbound and which are outbound. A raised curb has also been added at the CVS entry point to discourage traffic from turning left into the wrong lane. Other signage may be added later if needed. This should help cars avoid meeting each other in the same lane at the intersection, and it should encourage safer entry and exit to CVS and the other stores in the shopping center. (P.S. If you know of another problem somewhere, let us hear from you.)

Waste Management is the contract garbage pick-up for the City of Rincon. They constantly monitor their routes for efficiency, and plan to change the following streets from Wednesday pick-up to Friday pick-up, starting March 2nd:

Weisenbaker Road	Weisenbaker Place	Willowpeg Lane
Redgate Trailer Park	Mallard Court	Willowpeg Way
Magnolia Drive	Lakeside Drive	Myrtle Street
Mitchell Drive	Pineland Street	Christian Court
Woodbury Lane	Lauren Way	Oxford Circle
Walnut Way	Amber Drive	Hickory Road
Abby Lane	Willowpeg Village	

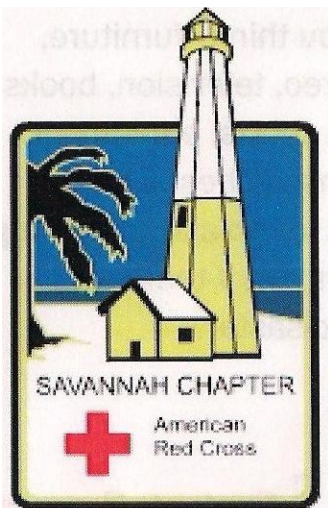
This section is about your City government and things that should be of particular interest to you.

Friendly Reminder: Georgia DOT spends \$14 Million each year to clean up litter. Local governments spend at least that much more on local roads. 2/3 of litter in Georgia is from negligent sources like uncovered trucks (pickup trucks?). Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a computer for 3 hours. 1/3 of all plastic beverage containers recycled in North America are made into new carpet right here in Georgia.

Community Groups Information

Effingham County Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group will meet at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 155 Goshen Road in Rincon, on the second Tuesday of each month, at 6:30pm. The program is free and open to the public. The group provides education and support; and meetings usually run about 1 hour in length. All are welcome. Call (912) 920-2231 if you have questions. The next meeting will be March 8th.

Coming Soon: Information about the Bomber Girls collecting toiletries and personal items to send to our soldiers overseas in April. Rincon City Hall would like to help in this project and be a collection point.

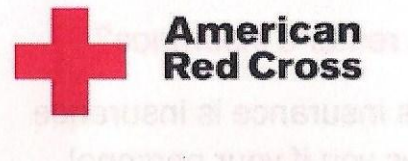


Rincon City Hall is accepting canned goods for delivery to the local food banks. Drop them off anytime, Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

American Red Cross, Savannah Chapter www.savannahredcross.org Phone (912) 651-5300. For safety information about fires, winter storms, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, and other hazards, contact your local American Red Cross Chapter in Savannah.

Renter’s Insurance is insurance that pays you if your personal property is damaged or stolen. Renter’s Insurance can cover fire and smoke damage, theft, vandalism, damage from windstorms and hail, damage from explosions, water damage from plumbing problems, and many other hazards. It also protects you from liability if an accident happens in your home and may pay your temporary living expenses if an emergency forces you to leave your

home. Your landlord's insurance does not protect your personal property. You probably own a great deal more than you think – furniture, clothing, stereo, television, books, toys, jewelry, sports equipment, pots and pans, dishes, etc. Some policies cover more than others. The deductible (an amount you pay before the insurance starts to pay) and the limits may vary, and the cost for the same coverage may be different from company to company. The lower the deductible, the better the policy. Shop around for the policy that meets your needs at the best price. Can you afford to lose everything you own ?



Learn how to become a Peer Advocate and improve conditions for people with disabilities. Wednesday, March 9th, 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the United Way Building at 711 Zitterour Drive (off 4th Street) in Rincon. Call Mark Swift at (912) 920-2414 or (800) 924-4824 or e-mail at mswift@lifecil.com, if you have any questions. Living Independence For Everyone (LIFE).

Do you remember the movie “Pay It Forward” ? This is something that we all should consider, for our city, for our community, and for our family. It can be litter pick-up, or helping a neighbor by cutting down a dead tree, or whatever. We never know when it will come our turn to be in need; and when we would be most grateful to our neighbors for believing in us and helping us through a crisis. Many years ago, as a child, I remember our neighbors bringing us food for several days. I don't recall why they brought the food, but I do remember being overwhelmed by their kindness. The economy is not great right now; but we are so lucky to have friends who care about us. Does Rincon have a “Pay It Forward Club” Maybe we should start one !



American Cancer Society – Relay for Life Yard Sale – March 5, 7:30am to Noon, in the Effingham Herald parking lot behind the Sonic. Donate items for the sale at Teach Right on March 4th.



The Rincon Fire Department and volunteers from around the area held a Boot Drive on Saturday, February 26th, at the WalMart/Lowes intersection to raise funds for Firefighter John Wesley Hughey of

Springfield, due to a medical condition. Donations are welcome, and can be dropped off at Springfield City Hall and Rincon City Hall. John has been a firefighter with Springfield for 4 years. Donations may be mailed to Springfield Fire Department, P. O. Box 1, Springfield, GA 31329. This is a significant need in our community.



Good Food & Recipes for Reading

Scalloped Potatoes

by June Gardner

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

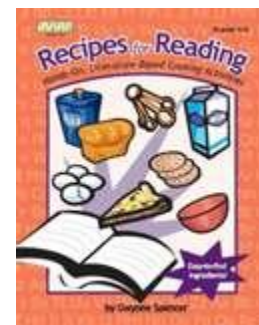
Ingredients:

3 tablespoons of Margarine
 1 teaspoon of Salt
 3 cups of Milk
 ½ cup of Onion, chopped

2 tablespoons of Flour
 ¼ teaspoon of Pepper
 6 medium potatoes, sliced thin

Mixing:

Make white sauce with the first five ingredients. In two-quart casserole dish, add potatoes and onions. Pour sauce over potatoes and onions. Cover and bake for one hour. Uncover and bake 10 minutes more. Bake at 325 degrees. Makes 4-6 servings.



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

Old South Charm

Things that make me cry – Funerals, particularly military ones

Something to check out – Internet, BING.com, Music - “You Raise Me Up” “Josh Groban”

Have you seen it? It is on Quacco Road, on the east side of Interstate 95. You can actually see it across the field to the right coming north on I-95, just before you get to the Quacco Road overpass, south of Pooler.



I would hate to have to put a letter in that box.



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

Calendar of Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings:

Monday, March 14 – 7:00pm – City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Police Department, 17th Street

Monday, March 28 – 7:00pm - City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Police Department, 17th Street

Special Attention:

Sunday, March 13 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

Thursday, March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day (Parade in Savannah)

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:

“A friend is one who knows us, but loves us anyway. *Father Jerome Cumming*”

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