

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.

Mays's Featured Business

Habitat for Humanity of Effingham County to hold Re-Grand Opening of Remodeled Store



Rincon, GA – Did you know that Habitat for Humanity of Effingham County has a retail store? If you have not been into the ReStore lately (on GA Highway 21 just past the railroad tracks headed north of Rincon), you're in for a big surprise! Just a few months ago, ReStore underwent major remodeling. The 10,000 square

foot store sells building items, furniture, appliances, and a variety of household items.

Check out ReStore. We have hundreds of items at really low prices! Next time you're starting a project around the house, come by ReStore to find a great deal! The inventory at ReStore is constantly changing; donations are received daily.

ReStore also has a free pickup service for household items. Call 826-1476 to request a pickup during store hours (Tues-Fri, 9:00 – 5:00 and Sat, 8:00 – 2:00). The ReStore truck will come and collect donations, and give you a tax-deductible receipt on-site. ReStore also collects various metals to raise money from recycling. If you have cans or other metal items you are no longer using, please bring them to ReStore.

The ReStore will be hosting a "Re-Grand Opening" event on Saturday, May 28th. Come out and enjoy some great food as you shop the new store! We look forward to seeing you!

Effingham's ReStore financially supports Habitat for Humanity of Effingham County, and is vital to the building of homes for those in need. Stop in or call the ReStore for a pickup today, and help build a better community through your donations and purchases. Habitat for Humanity is currently working on a new house to be built for local veteran Cristal Barry.



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.)

Don't forget.

Rusty Pig Bar-B-Q
is open.



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. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Hall at (912) 826-5745.

The recent storm damage resulted in clean-ups of several trees and large limbs in the community, that had been broken off by high winds. Public Works now has a considerable amount of mulch available to the residents, free of charge. Contact City Hall at 826-5745 to arrange to come by and pick up mulch.

WANTED ! Large, lightweight - gears, cogs, rods, and braces for extra-large motion machine. Donated items only. Call Rincon City Manager, 826-5437. P.S. Also, large things that turn (fan propellers, clock hands and face, rotating stands for metal sculpture, etc., and a big "crank" to help make it turn.

Looking Out For You. THEFT PREVENTION: Air Conditioning and Copper Tubing. A fence box is a good idea, but thieves come with bolt cutters at the ready, for the copper tubing. On the Internet, there is a welded cage that can't be cut like fence material with bolt cutters, and is secured with bolts to the cement base of the air conditioner. It can be removed for repairs and annual maintenance; but it will seriously slow down the thieves and make them go elsewhere for easier prey. (Motion Detectors with a flood lamp is also a good idea; and Freon pressure switches on the unit could set off the house alarm when the copper tubing is cut.)

Looking for a spare time job? This might be an easy start-up for someone in the community who can weld metal strips. And it would be a community service. Make up one cage for show-and-tell, and then make special-sized cages for individual homeowners.

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Community Groups Information

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.

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. P.S. The Library also have a Magazine Swap Box at the front door; drop off what you no longer want, and take out what you would like to read.

An American Dream for an American Hero. Habitat for Humanity is holding a fund-raiser to build a home for a local military veteran. It will include a Huge Yard Sale on April 30th starting at 6:00am in the vacant lot between Lowes and Enmark. 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. The event will include a yard sale, silent auction, food, games & rides, chili cook-off, plants, and more. Admission is Free. For more information, call George Groce at 661-0733.

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Good Food & Recipes for Reading

Peach Cobbler

by Donna Leach

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

Ingredients:

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| ¾ cup of Self-Rising Flour | ¾ cup of Milk |
| ¾ cup of Sugar | 2 teaspoons of Baking Powder |
| 1 stick of Butter, melted | 1 - 2½ lb. can of Sliced Peaches |

Mixing:

Pour all ingredients except peaches into baking dish and mix well. Add peaches, including the juice, evenly into mixture. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 minutes. The crust will rise to the top.

Million Dollar Pie

by Melody Bennett Moore

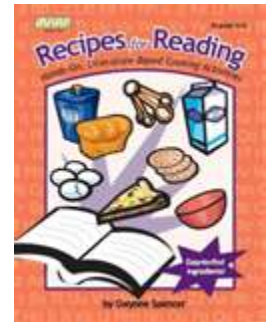
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Ingredients:

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| 1 - 9 oz. Cool Whip | 1 can of Condensed Milk |
| 1 large can of Crushed Pineapple, drained | 1 cup of Nuts, chopped |
| Juice of 2 lemons | 1 Pie Shell |

Mixing:

Mix together and pour into baked and cooled pie shell to jell for eight hours in refrigerator before serving.



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

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Old South Charm

Just a few of the new words in our language that we just “made up” over time, and things that have had impact on our lives and what we do: Quincy - Medical Examiner, NCIS, air conditioning, polyester suits, tennis shoes, 4 x 4’s (trucks), Kentucky Fried Chicken, station wagons, park - ‘n - ride, Rush Limbaugh, WiFi, couch potato, trekkie, tweet, ringtone, spyware, recycling, agritourism, drama queen, multitasking, BFF – Best Friends Forever, FYI – For Your Information, the web, Wikipedia, and so on.

Just a tidbit of information – Some of our best thoughts and ideas come to me in the middle of the night. I keep a lighted pad and pen beside my bed (It drives my wife crazy when I flick it on in the dark). I wish sometimes that I had written down that simple and inexpensive tool or invention that would have made me a millionaire the next day. My fellow employees can tell you about the stack of blank notes on my desk, ready for that moment of “eureka, light bulbs on, bells and whistles”, or about the pad and pen in my car waiting for the reminder that will start a new project in our community. Life is our inspiration, and a note in your pocket is the means to make it happen.

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, May 9 – 7:00pm – City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Police Department, 17th Street

Monday, May 23 – 7:00pm - City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Police Department, 17th Street

Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day, City Hall Closed

Special Attention:

Friday, May 5 – Cinco de Mayo

Sunday, May 8 – Mother’s Day

Saturday, May 21 – Armed Forces Day

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:

“No man is useless while he has a friend. *Robert Louis Stevenson*”

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