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The City of Rincon has purchased the Lions Club Building located on Lexington Avenue in Rincon, Georgia through a lease-purchase agreement with the Rincon Lions Club of Effingham County, GA, Inc. The purchase of the Lions Club Building will give the City the opportunity to expand its youth and indoor recreation programs, add additional baseball and softball fields and enable the City to accommodate more leagues in play and batting cages for day and evening use. The Lions Club purchase will also provide more opportunity for future growth such as a Summer Day Camp Recreation Program.

The Lions Club Building will be managed as a part of the Recreation Department and will provide more space for the daily operations of the Recreation staff. The facility will also be used as a training and meeting site for coaches, umpires, participants, parent meetings, sign-ups, and possibly as an indoor soccer court for a winter league. Rental of the larger indoor space will be available to the general public and a kitchen area is available. The City will begin a cleanup, paint-up, fix-up project at the Lion's Club Building within the next few weeks. The outside area of the property could be used behind the building for some yard-sized chess and checkers, and for shuffleboard for the different age groups; and other uses not so directly tied to the ball fields. The front of the property would also help to alleviate some parking congestion at the main parking lot. The use of the property will also alleviate some drainage and sewer system problems in the area.

The Lions Club Building is currently used by our local Boy Scout Troop for meetings and some other activities, and the Troop's use at the Lions Club Building will continue for some time; perhaps with the Boy Scout Troop relocating at some point to the Vernon C. Hinely Community Center Building on Columbia Avenue, which is more strategic for locating by guests and visitors, when improvements are completed at that location.

Those persons with interest in new Recreation programs and the use of the building are encouraged to contact Recreation Director David Wooten at 826-0238 or the Rincon City Manager by phone, e-mail, and by mail, and share any related questions or information.

The Rincon Lions Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00pm in a separate location. The club promotes a variety of community needs including collecting glasses, glass lenses, and contact lenses for re-distribution to persons in need. Contact Vernon Gordy, Larry Steese, or John Poythress for more information on the Rincon Lions Club.