

Peaches offer retreat from heat

As the mercury rises throughout the warm-weather months, many seek respite from the heat via cool dips in a swimming pool or indulgence in chilling summer treats.

Synonymous with summer, the succulent taste of fresh peaches can provide a much-needed refresher on even the hottest days.

Pair up the peach with its perfect partner-Reddi-wip real whipped cream to make invigorating fresh fruit treats. Try these two recipes from Reddi-wip®.

Peach Blossom Summer Sorbet

- Sorbet**
- 3 cups coarsely chopped, peeled peaches
 - 1/2 cup frozen pineapple juice concentrate, thawed
 - 1/3 cup amaretto liqueur (or 1/4 tsp. almond extract)

- Salsa**
- 1 cup finely chopped, peeled peaches
 - 2 Tbsp. frozen pineapple juice concentrate,

- thawed
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh mint (or 1 tsp. dried mint)
- Reddi-wip real whipped cream

In food processor bowl or blender container, combine 3 cups peaches, 1/2 cup pineapple juice concentrate, and amaretto liqueur or almond extract.

Cover and process or blend until smooth. Transfer to an 8"x4"x2" loaf pan. Cover and freeze about 4 hours or until firm. Break up frozen mixture and transfer to a chilled mixing bowl. Beat with an electric mixer until fluffy. Return to pan. Cover and freeze.

For salsa, stir together 1 cup peaches, 2 Tbsp. pineapple juice concentrate and mint. Cover and chill up to 2 hours. To serve, scoop sorbet into dessert dishes. Top with salsa and Reddi-wip real whipped cream. Makes 10 servings.

Peach Puffins

- Nonstick spray coating
- 2 cups thinly sliced, peeled peaches

- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 slightly beaten egg
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/3 cup cooking oil
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup blueberries
- Reddi-wip real whipped cream

Grease or spray bottoms of 12 3-inch jumbo muffin cups with nonstick coating. Divide peach slices among muffin cups. Sprinkle peaches with brown sugar; set aside.

In a medium mixing bowl, stir together flour, granulated sugar, baking powder and salt. Make a well in the center of the dry mixture; set aside. In a small bowl, combine egg, milk, oil and vanilla; add all at once to dry mixture. Stir just until moistened. Fold in blueberries. Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups on top of peach mixture, filling about half full.

Bake in a 375 degree F. oven about 20 minutes or until golden. Cool in pan on wire rack for

10 minutes. Loosen with a butter knife. With a large spoon, scoop out muffins and invert into serving dishes. Top generously with Reddi-wip real whipped cream. Makes 12 servings.

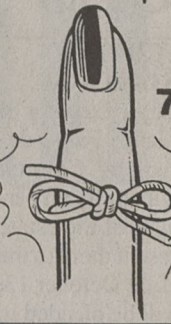
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City of Kings Mountain Public Announcement

Extra-Territorial Land Use Jurisdiction Information

As a follow-up to the July 25, 2000 City Council meeting this letter explaining some of the aspects of the proposed extra-territorial land use jurisdiction as proposed by the City of Kings Mountain is being published and mailed directly to those who signed up and spoke at the City Council meeting. The points are as follows:

- The City of Kings Mountain has recently sent out 2,300 letters to property owners of record letting them know that the City was considering an ordinance to establish an extra-territorial land use jurisdiction (ETJ) and that it would include their land in its area.
- City of Kings Mountain has had an ETJ since 1966.
- The purpose of an ETJ is to allow a city an ability to do planning in an area that is likely to experience urbanization. That planning includes use of development standards that foster economic development, community development and the extension of utilities in an efficient and economical manner.
- The extra-territorial land use jurisdiction (ETJ) will not increase your insurance rates.
- Zoning allows farming. The zoning ordinance has two zones in which farming can occur. The zones are Residential R-10 and Residential R-20.
- Zoning allows you to be eligible for deferred property taxes through the County's Land Use Assessment program for qualifying agricultural land uses.
- Zoning allows you to be eligible for federal crop, agriculture and conservation programs.
- An extra-territorial land use jurisdiction (EJT) makes it neither less difficult nor more difficult for annexation. The state laws for annexations and extraterritorial land use jurisdiction are not linked. An EJT is not a prerequisite for annexation. To annex an area certain urban density standards and service plans have to be met.
- An ETJ means that you will be able to keep using well water.
- The distance from the corporate limits to the edge of the ETJ is measured in a straight line and not along the road as driving distances. Also the distance is measured starting at the new July 1 city limits, which are now further south and west than before.
- The establishment of an ETJ neither increases nor reduces the tax revenues that the fire district's voluntary fire department receives.
- Cleveland County plans to zone the areas of the county that are not in an ETJ before the end of the year.
- The establishment of an ETJ does not mean that you no longer live in the country nor does it mean that you are now living in a city.
- The City of Kings Mountain received special legislation allowing it to create a two-mile ETJ in cooperation with the County Board of Commissioners.
- The County Board of Commissioners approved a two-mile ETJ originally in 1997 and most recently at its July 11, 2000 meeting.
- The establishment of an ETJ means that you are not annexed. The establishment of an ETJ means that you are not paying taxes to any city. It means that the city is not altering the fire district taxes, county taxes or school taxes you are currently paying.
- The city will be providing building code services.
- The city will be providing minimum housing code services.
- The city will be providing subdivision regulations.
- The city will be providing zoning regulations. The city will be providing planning and zoning board services.
- The city will be providing board of adjustment services.

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