



# The Quill

*The City of Fincastle Newsletter*



With summer rapidly approaching in the fine City of Fincastle, it is time for a bit of Spring cleaning! I would like to remind everyone of our annual city yard sale happening June 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. This is a great opportunity to set up in the driveway or garage and meet your fellow neighbors, find hidden treasures, and possibly make a bit of money on items that you no longer need or use. It should be a great time and I encourage everyone to participate.

Spring also gives us a time to beautify our yards and homes, get out for some exercise, and to enjoy the neighborhood. As many of our residents enjoy walking their dogs around the neighborhood I would like to take time to remind both residents and walkers to mind your manners. Cars parked across sidewalks are not any nicer than not cleaning up after your dog. Please remember to do your part so that everyone can enjoy the sidewalk and public areas. Also, please mind your bushes and trees along the sidewalks. If you cannot walk down the sidewalk in front of your house or have to go around bushes to get to your neighbors yard, please address your foilage. It is always more considerate and less costly to be a part of the solution than a part of the problem. I encourage you to walk around the neighborhood and meet someone new this month and if you haven't by June 18<sup>th</sup>, please take advantage of the yard sale to do so. Thank you for your cooperation, and as always, for the honor of being your Mayor and neighbor.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our City Council members. These volunteer residents have been very generous in donating their time to make the City of Fincastle a better place to live and continue to help me adjust as your new mayor. Thank you all for your support and commitment to our city.

I encourage you to become involved in the welfare and beauty of our city as well. I would love to meet you at our next monthly City meeting. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 in Hope Evangelical Church at the entrance of Shenandoah. Hope to see you there!

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## CITY WIDE YARD SALE

**JUNE 18, 2011 8 am-2pm** TIME to clean out the closets and under beds! Your unwanted stuff is someone else's treasure. The council will pay for the neighborhood signs... you provide the junk, er, treasurers!!

1. Space for summer daycare is filling fast contact Our Precious Gems daycare at 4140 Accomack Drive Louisville Ky for availability 425-2627.
2. After contacting Leroy Wilson of InsightBB it was verified that all InsightBB cable lines are to be buried no less than 12" as you get service ask to insure that it is buried correctly. If further assistance is needed in this matter contact Leroy Wilson 502-4302 (office) 614-6055 (cell) or [wilson\\_l@insightbb.com](mailto:wilson_l@insightbb.com). This contact info is for problems outside the home installation issues only all other issues will either be forwarded or you will be provided the correct department to call.
3. Octoberfest is coming soon we are in need of assistance with the event as well as input for activities. If you can face paint, blow balloons or have other skills please inform us. Meeting are the 2nd thursday of each month at Hope Luthuran Church 7:30 pm
4. Not coming to a complete stop at all stop signs can get you not only fines but possible points on your license. Watch for the children especially since summer is just around the corner.

Garbage collection, recycling, police patrols, lawn maintenance of common grounds, snow removal, street lights, OH MY!!!! The list is long of all the things that your city property provides for... the average tax bill in the city is approximately \$250. The property tax rate has not gone up in many, many years (unlike GAS!) and the city council is very conscious about how each tax dollar is spent. The 2011 property tax bills will be prepared by the PVA in the next 2 months. If you know that your mortgage is paid and is no longer coming out of an escrow account, please contact me to send the bill to the proper place. Contact Clerk, Jean Reid at 417-3591. Reminder letters will be sent soon to those delinquent on prior years taxes. Please remit payments to avoid tax liens and to keep enjoying the services that the tax dollars pay for!

## Homestead Exemption

For 2011 – 2012, the exemption amount is \$34,000.

Kentucky's Constitution allows property owners who are 65 or older to receive the Homestead Exemption. If you are eligible to receive the Homestead Exemption, the exemption amount is subtracted from your property's assessed value, saving you money on your Property Tax Bill. The exemption amount may be adjusted every two years to reflect a change in the cost of living index used by the United States Department of Labor.

Only one exemption (Homestead or Disability) is allowed per household. Those who currently receive the exemption need not reapply. You can receive the Homestead Exemption on residential or commercial property as long as you own and occupy the property. If you have an exemption and sell your property, please contact the PVA with the new property address; the exemption will then be taken off the old property and placed on your new property.

**Apply** – It's easy! Simply mail the completed Homestead Application, along with a copy of your valid driver's license or other ID (both issued by the Jefferson County Circuit Clerk) to:

Jefferson County PVA  
Attn: Homestead  
531 Court Place Suite 504  
Louisville, KY 40202-3393

## SEARCHING FOR A WEB-MASTER

The Fincastle council is searching for an individual experienced in website management for the upkeep of the established City of Fincastle website, [fincastleky.org](http://fincastleky.org). Please contact Commissioner Stacey Ricci with your qualifications, her address is listed in this newsletter.