

The Finksburg News

Finksburg Planning Area Council, Inc. Newsletter
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To Promote A Finksburg Community,
Whose Objective Is To Preserve The
Fundamental Quality Of Life Where Farms,
Families And Businesses
May Coexist In A Manner Beneficial To All

I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous - everyone hasn't met me yet.
- Rodney Dangerfield

IMPORTANT FPAC MEETING TO DISCUSS MtBE, PLANNING, AND COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Who: All residents of Finksburg and its environs are invited
What: To attend the Finksburg Planning Area Council, Inc. general membership meeting
When: Thursday February 24th at 7 p.m.
Where: Sandymount United Methodist Church
2101 Old Westminster Pike
Finksburg, MD 21048

CCPL Library Board Seeks Input on New Finksburg Branch:

Finksburg area residents are invited to attend an open meeting for the community to share ideas and concerns about the new Finksburg Branch Library on Thursday, February 17, at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at Sandymount United Methodist Church, 2101 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, MD.

MtBE UPDATE:

Mr. Jack Tevis, of Tevis Oil Company along with Mr. Brian Harmison, CEO. of phA-Environmental Restoration (www.pha-er.com), has agreed to meet with the general membership to discuss the MtBE problem and remediation efforts at the Jiffy Mart, Rt. 140 and Suffolk Road, and in the surrounding area. The Tevis Oil Company has voluntarily contracted with ph-A Environmental to handle the remediation process. Please be present to stay informed on this situation.

PLANNING TO PLAN:

Several newspaper articles have recently appeared suggesting to Carroll County Government how to kickoff the upcoming start of the County-wide Master Plan process. FPAC, Inc. wants to be part of the planning process and would like to hear your thoughts about how to make this Master Plan truly special through increased citizen participation.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

The Carroll County Council of Governments, of which Finksburg has a seat at the table along with the County's incorporated municipalities, met on February 10, 2005. Hear an update from FPAC President John Lopez on that meeting.

FPAC, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETREAT:

Your Board of Directors is planning a mini retreat on Saturday, February 26, 2005, to address issues for the upcoming year. Please provide us with your concerns for your organization, what we may have done well, what we didn't do well, and what direction you would like to see the FPAC take in the future.

FPAC, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS:

Our organization's bylaws require a nominating committee to be identified at the February general membership meeting. That committee is charged with recruiting nominees for all Board positions. Please consider stepping up to accept a nomination to the Board of Directors. Nominations are announced at the March meeting with an election to be held in April. Isn't it time you took that step forward for your community?

Membership Dues:

If you haven't already paid please pay your membership dues for 2005 at our next meeting or you may use the attached form and mail them in. Our community organization works hard to keep you up to date on what's happening in the community and we depend solely on membership dues. Thanks.

Be informed! Attend the Next Meeting!

FPAC Inc. Schedule:

2/24/2005- General Membership Meeting
3/2/2005 – Executive Board Meeting
3/24/2005- General Membership Meeting

- ✓ Mark Your Calendar: General Council meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month at the Sandymount United Methodist Church. Meetings begin at 7 PM. Board meetings are usually held on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Save a Stamp: Receive your newsletter electronically. Send your e-mail address to Richard Ackerman at richard.ackerman@finksburg.org.

Board of Directors:

- John Lopez- President
- Mike Davis-Vice-President
- Maureen Ackerman-Treasurer
- Donald Hoffman-Secretary
- Mat Tiaht-Communications Director
- Deborah Ridgely
- Rebecca Burchell
- Jim Johnson
- Jim Lewis

**Yearly Membership Fee: \$10 per Household, \$25 per
business**

Dues: You can now pay your 2005 dues. The organization uses money from dues to pay for the printing and mailing costs of this newsletter and other mailings.

_____ I would like to join the Finksburg Planning Area Council, Inc. a not-for-profit organization.

_____ I would like to renew my membership. (Dues and donations not tax deductible)

_____ Yes, I would also like to volunteer. (Board membership, roadside trash pickup, county meeting attendance, etc.)

_____ I would like to make an additional donation of \$_____ to the FPAC.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Work phone** _____

E-mail _____ @ _____

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