

# The Finksburg News

Finksburg Planning And Citizens Council Newsletter

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

## **Congoleum Spokesman To Address FPACC On Role Of Congoleum In Community At Next Finksburg Meeting!!!**

“I have a new philosophy. I’m only going to dread one day at a time” -Charles Schultz, Charlie Brown in “Peanuts”

**Who: All residents of Finksburg and its environs are invited**

**What: To attend the Finksburg Planning Area Council, Inc. general membership meeting**

**When: Thursday September 22nd at 7 p.m.**

**Where: Sandymount United Methodist Church**

### **Congoleum HR Director To Speak:**

Mike Reid, Human Resource Manager for Congoleum is scheduled to speak to our group at the next FPACC meeting. Mike will discuss how Congoleum, one of Finksburg’s largest private employers, fits into Finksburg’s future. Congoleum is headquartered in New Jersey and its main business is to manufacture and sell resilient sheet and tile flooring products with a wide variety of product features, designs and colors.

### **Community Updates:**

FPACC will keep members and residents informed about a number of major issues facing the community. FPACC President Jim Johnson and other board members will have the latest information on :

- **BGE’s ongoing tree removal effort along Route 140 between Finksburg and Westminster**
- **Gerstell Academy’s plans for a new athletic facility**
- **Finksburg Plan**
- **Latest development proposals in Finksburg**
- **Scenic Gateway Commission**
- **A monument to welcome motorists to Finksburg and Carroll County**
- **New Library**

### **Community Grassroots Meeting Scheduled For Finksburg:**

The Carroll County Department of Planning has begun an update of the countywide comprehensive plan. It is organizing community meetings. The first so-called Grassroots Gatherings is scheduled for Finksburg on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Sandymount Elementary School's gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the Grassroots Gatherings community meetings is to get input from as many community members as possible on how to get where we think we want to go in the future.

We at FPACC and the county are encouraging you to attend. The web site devoted to the Pathways Plan is now available online. The web site includes a calendar, where you can find information about scheduled meetings. You can also find information and materials about the process, online participation opportunities (surveys), youth participation activities, links to relevant information, newsletters and press releases, and contact information. Please go to [www.carrollpathways.org](http://www.carrollpathways.org) to check it out. This will be your best, most up-to-date source for information. You can also register online to receive email notification of meetings in your community.

## **Smokers Barbeque Delayed:**

The owner of the proposed Smokers barbeque on Route 140 near Kays Mill Road has submitted another plan to county staff. Planning staff felt all of their concerns were not addressed in the original plan.

## **Assisted Living Facility Hearing Rescheduled:**

The Board of Zoning Appeals has continued the conditional use and appeal hearing for the proposed Victory Springs assisted living facility until October 25<sup>th</sup>. The proposed 15-bed complex would be constructed at Route 91 and Hughes Road. Several Finksburg residents attended the first meeting. The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m.

## **FPACC Planning Fall Meeting:**

FPACC is planning a major fall meeting. The tentative plan is to have a business expo. This would give all Finksburg businesses the opportunity to show and promote their business to residents. We will have more on this in the coming weeks.

## **Local Business Networking Group Forms:**

The Carroll County Finksburg chapter of Business Network International meets every Wednesday at noon at New York J&P Pizza in the Finksburg Plaza. If you are a business owner seeking to grow your business through word of mouth referrals, please attend.

## **Thanks Phillips Way:**

FPACC wants to thank Phillips Way on Dede Road for allowing the organization to hold its monthly board meetings at its offices. Phillips Way is another good Finksburg business and community partner.

## **Be Informed. Attend the Next Meeting!**

### **FPACC Schedule:**

**09/22/05 General Meeting**

**09/27/05 Grassroots Gathering Meeting**

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

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

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## Yearly Membership Fee: \$10 per household, \$25 per business

Dues: You can still 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 And Citizens Council 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 FPACC.

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