

# 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

## Howard County Official To Speak On Route One Improvement Project At Next FPACC, Inc. Meeting!!!

"Persistence is the twin sister of excellence. One is a matter of quality; the other, a matter of time."

Marabel Morgan

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

**What:** To attend the Finksburg Planning And Citizens' Council, Inc. general membership meeting

**When:** Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Sandymount United Methodist Church

### Route 1 Project Manager To Speak:

Dace Blaumanis of Howard County is scheduled to attend our next meeting to discuss the Route 1 Manual. She was the project manager and is responsible for much of the work that went into revitalizing Route 1 in Howard County. This presentation may be beneficial in helping Carroll County with ideas on how to improve the Route 140 corridor in Finksburg. We want to point out that FPACC is not endorsing the Route 1 project for implementation in Carroll County. We are only looking for ideas to make our community better.

### Horn Addresses FPACC Board:

County Planning Director Steve Horn has also been invited to attend our next meeting to brief us on a proposed Route 140-Route 91 overpass plan the state is considering. FPACC's executive board met with Horn earlier this month and unanimously endorsed the plan. The proposal, which still needs state and county approvals, would include a Route 140 overpass over Route 91 to alleviate the congestion. Horn did say best-case scenario, the project is many years down the road.

## **Redistricting Plan Public Hearing:**

The local delegation to Annapolis has scheduled an October 25<sup>th</sup> public hearing on the recently approved expanded Board of County Commissioners. The hearing will also give residents a chance to discuss whether they approve of the district-only voting process or whether they would like to vote for all five commissioners. The delegation may also look at how the five-district map is drawn up. Finksburg is split into two separate districts. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in room 03-04 of the County Office Building.

## **Scenic Carroll Commission Update:**

FPACC Treasurer John Lopez, a member of the Scenic Carroll Commission, says the next SCC meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in room 007 of the County Office Building. The SCC is working on coming up with a design for "Welcome to Carroll County" monuments at the various gateways into the county, including Route 140 in Finksburg. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting

## **Community Grassroots Meeting Held In Finksburg:**

The second Grassroots Gathering in Finksburg meeting was held Tuesday night, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was well attended. The purpose of the Grassroots Gatherings community meetings is to get input from residents on how we want the county look in the future. More meetings are scheduled throughout the county.

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.

## **Project Proposals In Finksburg:**

The Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission on October 18<sup>th</sup> was tentatively scheduled to review the concept plan from Freven Foundation LLC, for construction of phase 2 of the Gerstell Academy athletic facility and tennis courts. The proposed development is slated for the east side of Old Westminster Pike, south of Brown Road.

The Carroll County Board of Zoning Appeals is scheduled to consider conditional use requests for two projects in Finksburg. One project is the proposed Victory Springs assisted living facility. The proposed 15-bed complex would be constructed at Route 91 and Hughes Road. The public hearing will be October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in Hearing Room 3-4, lower level of the County Office Building. The board will meet October 24<sup>th</sup> to consider a request by a business that wants to put bed liners on pickup trucks at the corner of Route 91 and Sykesville Road.

## 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**
- **New Library**

## Trash Pickup:

On Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, FPACC held another community cleanup. Eight people showed up and we collected 13 bags of trash along Route 91. Thanks to all who came out.

## 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:

**10/27/05 FPACC General Meeting**

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