

The Finksburg News

Finksburg Planning And Citizens Council 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

County Economic Development Director To Speak At FPACC, Inc. Meeting!!!!

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 April 27th at 7 p.m.
Where: Sandymount United Methodist Church

County's Economic Development Head To Address Increasing Industrial Base:

Larry Twele, economic development chief in Carroll County is scheduled to speak to the FPACC general membership at its next meeting. Twele is expected to discuss his vision for increasing economic development in Carroll. Steve Horn, County Planning Director is also scheduled to attend.

FPACC Board To Unveil Proposed Design Standards:

The FPACC board has been working on proposed new design standards for the county planning department to consider. Much of the proposal is taken from the Route 1 plan in Howard County. The goal is to improve the image and the future landscape of Finksburg and the gateway into and out of Carroll County. At our next meeting Lewis Berkemeier will discuss more aspects of the plan. If you are concerned about the current design standards in the county, please attend. We are encouraged that some or much of the proposal will be adopted by the county in the future.

Auto Repair Shop Meeting Scheduled:

The board of zoning appeals has scheduled a June 1st meeting on the proposed Crossroad Auto Shop on Old Gamber Road. The board has held several meetings already on the plan which has received overwhelmingly negative reaction from much of the community. The meeting will be held at the county office building at 9:30 a.m. If approved the building would be 32-thousand square feet with room for 80 parking spaces.

Carroll County Commissioners To Hold Public Hearings on Proposed Changes To The Business Local Zoning District:

The proposed changes would affect all Business Local zoned property in Finksburg and countywide. The proposal would amend and clarify uses in the B-L Zoning District; eliminate certain uses allowed in Section 223- 99(I); limit uses in the B-L zone to 10,000 square feet of gross floor area per use; redefine the height requirements; clarify yard requirements; rename the district the "Neighborhood Retail Business Zoning District" and more.

Public Workshop: April 26, 2006, 4:00 p.m., Room 105, County Office Building

Public Hearing: May 2, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Room 003, County Office Building

Election Of Officers:

We will be presenting a slate of candidates for one year terms on the FPACC, Inc. board at our next meeting. As it stands now here are the candidates for various offices:

Jim Johnson- President

Lewis Berkemeier- Vice President

Debbie Lockwood- Treasurer

Secretary- Open

Communication Director- Mat Tiaht

Board Members At Large- Alice Alstatt, Mike Davis, Gary Kerns

The election for officers will be held at our May meeting. If you are interested in a board seat please contact either Mike Davis, mike.davis@finksburg.org or Mat Tiaht, mat.tiaht@finksburg.org

Next Grassroots Meeting:

The next Grassroots Gatherings public meetings are scheduled for the following:

Freedom - Monday, April 24, 2006, Century High School Media Center

Finksburg/Sandymount - Monday, May 1, 2006, Sandymount Elementary School Media Center

The Grassroots Gatherings group has also scheduled a May 16th event at Winters Mill High School. This exercise will be a follow-up to the spring 2006 meeting series. Participants will be able to visualize options for how future residential growth might proportionally be directed. Ideas generated from these exercises and the spring 2006 Grassroots Gatherings and other groups will help county staff to identify several options for where growth should go. These options will be incorporated into a scenario survey to be available during the summer of 2006. Grassroots Gatherings officials request that you RSVP by registering for the event at the following link.

http://www.carrollpathways.org/community/other/mapit_reg.asp

More Information And Updates:

If you want more information and updates on what's happening in Finksburg and the county go to www.finksburg.org

Cleanup Set:

The next FPACC cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th. We will meet at the Arby's restaurant at the corner of routes 91 and 140 at 8 a.m. We will pickup trash along Route 91 from 140 to Deer Park Road. Please come out and help clean up our little area of Finksburg.

CC Land Trust Dinner:

The Carroll County Land Trust has scheduled an April 20th dinner where County Commissioner Julia Gouge and Steve Horn are scheduled to appear. The dinner costs \$20 and it is being held at the Elks Club in Westminster. Please email Alice Alstatt at alice.alstatt@finksburg.org for more information.

Membership Dues Accepted:

Please pay your membership dues for 2006. You can pay your dues at our meeting next week. It's \$10 for residents and \$25 for businesses. We are looking to grow membership in '06 so please bring a friend and pay your dues ahead of time. Thanks so much.

Be Informed. Attend the Next Meeting!

FPACC Schedule:

04/27/2006 General Membership Meeting

04/29/2006 FPACC Cleanup

Save a Stamp: Receive your newsletter electronically. Send your e-mail address to Mike Davis at Mike.Davis@finksburg.org.

- ✓ Mark Your Calendar: General Council meetings are the 4th 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.

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

Dues: You can pay your 2006 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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Work phone** _____

E-mail _____@_____

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