The Finksburg News

Finksburg Planning And Citizens' Council Inc. Newsletter, February 2008 www.Finksburg.org 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

Next Meeting: Discussion About Violence In Schools

Who: Finksburg residents are invited
What: Finksburg Planning and Citizens' Council, Inc.'s general membership meeting
When: Thursday February 28, 2008, 7 P.M.
Where: Sandymount United Methodist Church, 2101 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, MD 21048

Membership Drive 2008:

We ask you to please pay your membership dues for 2008. You can <u>pay your dues online</u> (<u>http://www.finksburg.org/Dues.htm</u>), at our meeting, or print a form on our website and mail it in. The annual cost is only \$10 for residents and \$25 for businesses. Business members are welcome to schedule a short presentation about their business at a general membership meeting. Thanks so much.

February Meeting - School Violence:

State Police Trooper David Keller will discuss violence in schools. With the most recent incident in Illinois that killed 5 (20+ shot), the count of school related mass shootings this year has reached seven. Trooper Keller will discuss the topic in general as well as inform us of the efforts that Carroll County law enforcement is making to prevent our school system from having to deal with a similar incident.

January Meeting: Doug Howard, Executive Director <u>Carroll Transit</u>, joined us to provide information about the Carroll transit service. Lynn Wheeler, the Carroll County Library Director, and other library staff gave us a presentation on the <u>Finksburg</u> <u>library</u>, now under construction. The library incorporates many green building features, as suggested by FPACC. The library staff has applied for a grant to purchase an information Kiosk, which would be used to teach about all of the building's green features. The library is currently scheduled to open in the October – December 2008 timeframe.

FPACC Election: The 2008 FPACC election committee has been announced. The committee consists of current board members, John Lopez (john.lopez@finksburg.org), Debbie Lockwood (debbie.lockwood@finksburg.org) and Mike Davis (mike.davis@finksburg.org). At this time the committee is ready to accept nominations for board positions from the general public. Those wishing to run must be members in good standing and reside within the 4th election district. If you wish to nominate someone, or even yourself, please contact any member of the election committee. Please consider becoming an active member of your community. Minimum requirements are only to attend two meetings a month. There are currently two open positions and the election occurs at the April general membership meeting.

FPACC By-Laws Changes Proposed: As per the existing FPACC By-Laws, the board has reviewed the existing document and recommends some minor changes. Please see the bylaws at: <u>http://www.finksburg.org/bylaws.htm</u>. Changes are underlined.

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.

Board of Directors:

Dave O'Callaghan - President	• Jean Walker – Secretary	Debbie Lockwood	Gary Kerns
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