

# The Finksburg News

Finksburg Planning And Citizens' Council Inc.  
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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

## **Next Meeting: Larry Twele of Carroll County Economic Development to discuss the Finksburg Gateway Tax Credit**

**Who:** Finksburg residents are invited

**What:** Finksburg Planning and Citizens' Council, Inc.'s general membership meeting

**When:** Thursday April 24, 2008, 7 P.M.

**Where:** Sandymount United Methodist Church, 2101 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, MD 21048

### **April Meeting: Larry Twele, Director of Carroll County Economic Development**

Larry Twele will join us to discuss the recently proposed Gateway Tax credit for Finksburg gateway businesses. Please see the next item in this newsletter for details on this program. Mr. Twele will also be on hand to discuss economic development in the county in general.

### **Important Finksburg Development Updates**

#### **Gateway Tax Credit:**

A gateway tax credit has been proposed for the Maryland Route 140 Corridor through Finksburg from the Baltimore County line. This proposal is important to the future development of the Finksburg Community. A public workshop was held April 7, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and public hearing was held April 17, 2008 at 10:00. Summary: Proposed amendments to Chapter 209, Taxation – Gateway Renovation Tax Credit: [http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/releases/PR\(Gateway\).pdf](http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/releases/PR(Gateway).pdf) Details: Ordinance No. 08 - proposed amendments to Chapter 209, Taxation - Gateway Tax Credit: <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/attorney/ordinance/ord-gateway.pdf>. FPACC is a strong proponent of a Gateway Renovation Tax Credit.

In a letter addressed to Lawrence (Larry) F. Twele, Director, Carroll County Department of Economic Development, we recommend that a proposed ordinance only be for improvement to existing businesses for facade, layout, signs, etc., that adhere strictly to the design guidelines. Furthermore we strongly urge them to consider the inclusion of the Planning Dept., the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Rt. 140 Design Guidelines. A copy of the full letter is available on our [website](#).

#### **Proposed Auto Repair Facility, on Route 91 and Old Gamber Road:**

The County Board of Zoning Appeals approved, January 3, 2007, a proposed automobile repair facility on Old Gamber Road and Route 91 in Finksburg. Owner of the property, Brian DiMaggio was requesting a conditional use for an automobile service center and a variance for the building to be 13-thousand square feet instead of the permitted 10-thousand square feet on property zoned B-NR, neighborhood retail business district. The project was approved; however, the variance was not.

**The current plan is up for review** at the Monday 4/28/2008 meeting of the Bureau of Development Review. The meeting starts are 9AM and this case is scheduled for approximately 10:20 AM. - Room 003/004 County Building, basement. The meeting is open to the public and public comments will be accepted. The agenda for this meeting is located at: <http://carroll.granicus.com/DocumentViewer.php?file=ec9991e50a4dde2eca3dd5943833857a.pdf>, (Look for the last case).

### **Finksburg Community Roadside Clean-up:**

The next community trash pickup will be Saturday, May 17th. We will meet at 8 a.m. in the Finksburg Plaza Shopping Center. We will be picking up trash along Route 91 south of Route 140 for 1–2 hours. Please make plans to come out and help cleanup Finksburg.

**FPACC Election:** The 2008 FPACC election process is underway. At the March meeting, the slate of candidates was announced and additional nominations were solicited from those in attendance. At the conclusion of the March meeting nominations were closed. The election occurs at the April general membership meeting.

### **March Meeting: Waste Management**

Frank Schaeffer, Deputy Director of Public Works for Carroll County gave us an overview on the County's efforts to resolve the waste management issues that we face and provided an overview of the waste to energy issue. Jim Johnson, of the Carroll County Environmental Advisory Committee presented information on the EAC's recent work on the subject of recycling.

**FPACC By-Laws Changes Approved:** As per the existing FPACC By-Laws, the board has reviewed the existing document and recommended some changes. Please see the bylaws at: <http://www.finksburg.org/bylaws.htm>. These changes have been announced at two prior meetings and were voted on at the March meeting and approved.

**Please Pay Your FPACC Dues:**

We ask you to please pay your membership dues for 2008. You can [pay your dues online \(http://www.finksburg.org/Dues.htm\)](http://www.finksburg.org/Dues.htm), 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.

**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.

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