The Finksburg News

Finksburg Planning And Citizens' Council Inc. Newsletter, May 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: Finksburg Baseball & Local Updates

Who: Finksburg residents are invited

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

When: Thursday May 22, 2008, 7 P.M.

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

May Meeting: Finksburg Baseball & Local Updates

Rick Elyar will stop by to talk about Finksburg Baseball, http://www.yourwebvalues.net/sites/finksburgbaseball. FPACC officers will update us on various recent local topics.

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

Larry Twele joined us to discuss the recently enacted Gateway Tax credit for Finksburg gateway businesses.

Gateway Tax Credit:

A gateway tax credit has been enacted 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 and public hearing was held April 17, 2008 at 10:00. FPACC has been 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 the proposed ordinance only be for improvement to existing businesses for facade, layout, signs, etc., that adhere strictly to the design guidelines. Furthermore we strongly urged them to consider the inclusion of the Planning Dept., the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Rt. 140 Design Guidelines. The law as enacted was modified to address some of our concerns. A copy of the full FPACC letter as well as the new tax credit as enacted is available on our website.

Finksburg Community Roadside Clean-up:

The community trash pickup was held Saturday, May 17th. Thanks to all that participated.

FPACC Election: The 2008 FPACC election process in underway. At the March meeting, the slate of candidates was announced and additional nominations were solicited from those in attendance. The election took place at the April general membership meeting. At the May meeting, new officers are officially installed.

Please Pay Your FPACC Dues:

We ask you to please pay your membership dues for 2008. You can <u>pay your dues online (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.

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
• John Lopez - Vice-President	Michael Davis - Communications	Mat Tiahrt	• Sissy (Alice) Altstatt
• Joe Kaelin –Treasurer			