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Subject: Finksburg News - April 2016 - General Membership Meeting 4/28: Commissioner Weaver and Jeff Degitz of Parks and Rec

Finksburg Planning and Citizens' Council Inc.
Community Meeting



Who: All residents of Finksburg and its environs are invited
When: 4/28/2016 @ 7 PM
Where: Finksburg Branch, Carroll County Public Library

► **Membership Dues:** Dues are completely optional, but greatly appreciated. If you like what our group does for the community, would you consider supporting us. It's time to pay **2016** membership dues. To join or renew with our group, it only costs \$10 per family and \$25 for businesses. We accept [online payments](#) and checks. Please use the [membership page](#). Business members are welcome to schedule a short presentation about their business at a general membership meeting. Thanks for your help and support.

► **April 28, 2016 General Membership Meeting**

Carroll County Commissioner Richard Weaver will be at FPACCs April 28 general meeting. He will provide an update on the deliberations of the county commissioners. Additionally, he has invited Jeff Degitz, Director, Carroll County Department of Parks and Recreation, to provide information on the results of the countywide bicycling survey and development of new biking and hiking trails. The FPACC election will also take place.

► **FPACC Elections**

The 2016 FPACC election cycle is in motion. The list of candidates were presented at the 3/24/16 meeting. The election will be held at the 4/28/2016 meeting.

► **Digital Billboard Proposed for Route 140**

Representatives of Clear Channel Communications attended the April 2016 meeting of the FPACC Board to give a presentation regarding Clear Channels plan to replace one of their standard billboards with a digital billboard. The two-sided billboard is located on Route 140, on the eastbound side, near the Sun Belt Rental business. The company believes that the billboard will not be visible to area residences and studies indicate that the digital signage is not a dangerous

distraction to motorists.

The billboard changes ads every 10 seconds. There is no movement of the content; the ads are static and change without transitions. The existing billboard will be torn down and rebuilt, but the new billboard will be approximately the same size.

Clear Channel partners with Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to post severe weather warnings (e.g., hurricane, blizzard, tornado) as requested. The company also works with Homeland Security to post Amber Alerts, and works with the FBI to post information about fugitives. Clear Channel also works with the Polaris Group to provide information about preventing human trafficking.

► **Baltimore Magazine Names Finksburg a Hidden Gem**

In the April 2016 issue of Baltimore magazine, our very own Finksburg was named one of ten Hidden Gem Neighborhoods in the Baltimore area. Finksburg was described as a community that reeks of small-town Americana but [is] close to the big city.

The article noted [Finksburgs] location on the Baltimore County line just northwest of Reisterstown puts it very near I-795 leading to Baltimore, but it feels lot farther from the bright lights of the big city. Its quiet, rural, and affordable, and its only six miles from bustling downtown Westminster.

The magazine added, Sure, there are good public schools, low taxes, and low crime. But what makes Finksburg unique and welcoming is the sense of community (including a mention about FPACC).

The entire article is now available in the print edition of the magazine. After April 25, the article will also be available online at www.BaltimoreMagazine.net.

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