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**[Finksburg Planning and Citizens' Council Inc.](#)  
**Community Meeting – Commissioner Weaver****



**Who:** All residents of Finksburg and its environs are invited  
**When:** November 16, 2017, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM \*Special date due to the holiday  
**Where:** Finksburg Branch, Carroll County Public Library

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▶ **General Membership Meeting 11/16/17: Finksburg History Night!**

Cold Saturday Farm: <https://www.facebook.com/events/845623392278167/>

A historical look at one of the oldest farms in Carroll County Presented by Mark Fraser, Ph.D.

The speaker will be Mark Fraser, Ph.D. Dr. Fraser is an avid historian and former curator of the Gatehouse Museum in Sykesville, Maryland. His presentation focuses on the history of Cold Saturday Farm, also known as Clover Hill, located on Gamber Road (Route 91) in Finksburg and will include several historical photographs. The farm, settled around 1765, is one of the oldest and most elegant landmarks in Finksburg.

The presentation is free and advance registration is not required. For more information, contact Mark Fraser at 443-974-5017.

▶ **General Membership Meeting 10/26/17: Commissioner Weaver**

Commissioner Weaver attended Finksburg Planning and Citizens' Council Inc. Meeting. Citizens were invited to attend a meeting to hear "What's Happening in Carroll".

This is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions, share your concerns, thoughts and ideas. Commissioner Weaver will be available to discuss items of general interest to the community.

▶ **Carroll County to Apply for Finksburg to be Designated a Sustainable Community**

The planning staff of Carroll County government invited Finksburg residents and local area businesses to participate in a work group to apply for Finksburg to be designated as a Maryland Sustainable Community. The work group met for the first time on June 12, 2017, and continues to meet monthly. Mount Zion Church serves as the host for the meeting.

Nokomis Ford, Comprehensive Planner, from Carroll County government, is leading the meetings.

The Sustainable Communities Program is an initiative of the State of Maryland that offers various benefits to designated communities. The program seeks to improve the quality of life in designated communities by offering a toolbox of financing programs and tax credit incentives. There is no downside to the Sustainable Communities designation – it does not limit business or property owners in any way – and it can help provide partial funding for various projects. All incorporated towns in Carroll County already have this designation. Once designated, businesses and residents in a small area of Finksburg (a 600-acre region surrounding the old village of Finksburg) would be able to access a variety of state programs including:

- Support for projects that make the community more attractive to businesses
- Grants for renovation, energy efficiency, and acquisition for public benefit
- Support for businesses, including job creation tax credits
- Homeowner incentives to reduce vacancies
- Green improvements, lighting, streetscapes, and signage
- Strategic demolition of derelict buildings
- Financing to rehabilitate older properties

The work group has been asked to assist with elements of the application, including quality of life, economy, transportation, and housing issues, and coming up with ideas for improving the community over the next five years. The group will continue to meet until the application is submitted in February 2018. More information on the program is here: <http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/dn/default.aspx>

► **Further information can be found on our website, <http://www.finksburg.org>.**

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