

The Finksburg News

Finksburg Planning Area Council, Inc. Newsletter

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

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." –Margaret Meade

FPAC Meeting To Provide MtBE Update And To Seek Board Nominees!!!

Who: All residents of Finksburg and its environs are invited

What: To attend the Finksburg Planning Area Council, Inc. general membership meeting

When: Thursday March 24th at 7 p.m.

Where: Sandymount United Methodist Church

Jack Tevis Of Tevis Oil To Discuss Latest Cleanup Effort:

The snowstorm last month forced postponement of the February general membership meeting. The next meeting will be held March 24th and Jack Tevis, of Tevis Oil Company and a Maryland Department of the Environment official are scheduled to speak. Mr. Tevis will have the latest information on the MtBE problem and remediation efforts at Jiffy Mart, Suffolk Road and the surrounding area. The Tevis Oil Company has voluntarily contracted with ph-A Environmental to handle the remediation process. This is a major health issue so please pass the word to neighbors to attend.

Time To Pay Yearly Dues:

The Finksburg Planning Area Council, Inc. is a volunteer organization working to keep residents informed about issues that concern Finksburg. That's why it is so important for folks like you to come to our meetings, get involved and most importantly pay dues. Here are some of the major issues we've kept you informed:

- **Proposed Employment Campus**
- **Major New Residential Developments**
- **MtBE Pollution**
- **Redistricting**
- **Master Plan**
- **Proposed Finksburg Plan**
- **New Library**

As of March 2005, only 35 members have paid dues for 2005, 100 who paid in 2004 have not paid for '05, and 37 who paid dues in 2003 haven't paid since. Due to rising costs anyone who hasn't paid for 2005 will be removed from the rolls thus they will cease receiving our "Finksburg News" newsletter via email or the monthly mailing. Please pay your dues at the next meeting. The dues are \$10 for a family and \$25 for businesses. If you are unsure about whether you have paid membership dues, please see one of our board members at the next meeting or give us a call.

Next Redistricting Public Hearing March 23rd

A public hearing on the new county commissioner districting lines will be held Wednesday March 23rd at 7 p.m. The hearing will provide the public an opportunity to express how it wants the five member districts drawn up. Members of the County Commission Redistricting Committee will keep public comment limited to three minutes each. The committee is required to have a plan ready by the end of this year for the General Assembly in 2006. The public hearing on the 23rd will be held in the public hearing room of the Carroll County Office building, 225 N. Center Street in Westminster.

Election Of Officers:

A nominating committee of the FPAC executive board is now accepting nominations for five open positions on the board. The posts are president, vice president, communications director, treasurer and secretary. Their current term ends in May. Please contact Vice President Mike Davis if you would like to be considered. We would request a brief resume or some background information. Mike can be reached via email at finksburg.org.

Thank You Francis Scott Key Golf Club:

A big thanks you to Steve Reeves and his staff at Francis Scott Key Golf Club for hosting the FPAC executive board retreat on March 5th. Although the weather has kept a lot of golfers from playing this winter, the course is in excellent shape and as soon as the weather breaks, it should be another great season for links at FSK.

Be informed! Attend the Next Meeting!

FPAC Inc. Schedule

3/23/05- Redistricting Public Hearing
3/24/05- General Membership Meeting

Save a Stamp: Receive your newsletter electronically. Send your e-mail address to Richard Ackerman at richard.ackerman@finksburg.org.

- ✓ Mark Your Calendar: General Council meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month at the Sandymount United Methodist Church. Meetings begin at 7 PM. Board meetings are usually held on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Yearly Membership Fee: \$10 per Household, \$25 per business

Dues: You can now pay your 2005 dues. The organization uses money from dues to pay for the printing and mailing costs of this newsletter and other mailings.

_____ I would like to join the Finksburg Planning Area Council, Inc. a not-for-profit organization.

_____ I would like to renew my membership. (Dues and donations not tax deductible)

_____ Yes, I would also like to volunteer. (Board membership, roadside trash pickup, county meeting attendance, etc.)

_____ I would like to make an additional donation of \$_____ to the FPAC.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Work phone _____

E-mail _____@_____

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Board of Directors:

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