

# The Finksburg News

Finksburg Planning And Citizens Council Newsletter  
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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

## Candidates for House District 5A Seat To Attend Next FPACC, INC. Meeting!!!

**Who:** All residents of Finksburg and its environs are invited  
**What:** To attend the Finksburg Planning and Citizens' Council, Inc.  
general membership meeting  
**When:** Thursday February 23rd at 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Sandymount United Methodist Church

### Candidates For 5A To Appear Before FPACC:

FPACC, Inc. will take an early look at the September Primary election in District 5A. Several candidates and the incumbent have been invited to attend our February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Each candidate will be given 5 minutes to provide an opening statement and then our audience members will be allowed to ask questions of the various candidates. Delegate Tanya Shewell, Hampstead Mayor Haven Shoemaker and C. Scott Stone have been invited to attend. Delegate Shewell will not be able to attend due to General Assembly scheduling. However she may send a spokesperson. This is a good opportunity for residents to ask questions about growth, taxes, gambling and redistricting. Please attend and ask the tough questions.

### Jim Mudgett To Update Us On Planned Shopping Center:

Jim Mudgett, Vice President of Mudgett's Auto Body on Dede Road says his proposed shopping center is one step closer to construction. And when visiting Mudgett this week and looking at his plans, they are exactly the type of planned development Finksburg needs. Mudgett will appear at the next FPACC meeting to show and tell what his shopping center will look like and update us on the progress of planning and construction.

### Huge Attendance At Last Meeting:

If you saw our FPACC Secretary Debbie Lockwood with her jaw on the floor at the last meeting, she wasn't the only one. Sandymount United Methodist Church's meeting hall was as crowded as a sardine can. We had a crowd close to 100 for our last meeting. If it wasn't a record crowd, it was close to it. The discussion and interest on the history of Finksburg was a sure-fire winner. Thanks for coming out and don't be a stranger. Make it a monthly occurrence. We meet to keep you involved and informed about what's happening. Thanks again.

### Carroll Pathways Organization Provides A Survey:

The Carroll Pathways organization, which has been working so hard to set meeting dates and provide county residents an opportunity to shape the future of the county, now has a survey it is asking that we fill out online. It should take about 30 minutes or so. The web site is at [www.carrollpathways.org/online/visual](http://www.carrollpathways.org/online/visual). As of February 1, 2006 only 145 people had responded. If you are a resident or small business person and care about what Carroll County looks like, please fill it out. You only have until February 12<sup>th</sup> to do so.

## **Finksburg's Population Growing:**

Finksburg's population is greater than any of the eight incorporated towns. According to the Planning Department, the Woolery's election district (Finksburg area) exceeds 18,000. The county's population is 170,432.

## **Membership Dues Accepted:**

Once again we ask to please pay your membership dues for 2006. You can pay your dues at our meeting next week. It's \$10 for residents and \$25 for businesses. We are looking to grow membership in '06 so please bring a friend and pay your dues ahead of time. Thanks so much.

## **Construction Underway At Gerstell And Other Tidbits:**

If you live in Jason Acres or near Gerstell Academy, you may have seen and heard the construction vehicles on the Gerstell campus. Construction is underway for the school's new athletic facility. In other development news, the property at Old Gamber Road and Route 91 has been sold. It is zoned BL and is 3.5 acres. The new owner wants to build a house and an auto repair shop on it. He has already applied to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a conditional use for the auto repair shop and will probably have a hearing in March.

If the new owner receives BZA approval he must still complete the Site Plan process before he can construct the shop.

## **Get Well Donald Hoffman:**

Former FPACC, Inc. President Donald Hoffman was recently being treated at an area hospital. We understand he was released and was at home recovering. Don we hope you feel and get better and missed you at the last general membership meeting.

## **Local Business Networking Group Forms:**

The Carroll County Finksburg chapter of Business Network International meets every Wednesday at noon at Belissimo's restaurant in Finksburg. If you are a business owner seeking to grow your business through word of mouth referrals, please attend.

## **Thanks Phillips Way:**

FPACC wants to thank Phillips Way on Dede Road for allowing the organization to hold its monthly board meetings at its offices. Phillips Way is another good Finksburg business and community partner.

## More Information And Updates:

If you want more information and updates on what's happening in Finksburg and the county go to [www.finksburg.org](http://www.finksburg.org)

## Be Informed. Attend the Next Meeting!

### FPACC Schedule:

02/16/06 Special FPACC Board Retreat on Design Standard Proposals

02/23/06 FPACC General Meeting

Save a Stamp: Receive your newsletter electronically. Send your e-mail address to Mike Davis at [Mike.Davis@finksburg.org](mailto:Mike.Davis@finksburg.org)

- ✓ Mark Your Calendar: General Council meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> 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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## Yearly Membership Fee: \$10 per household, \$25 per business

Dues: You can pay your 2006 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 And Citizens Council 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 FPACC.

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