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Finksburg Planning and Citizens' Council Inc.
Community Meeting – Board of Education



Who: All residents of Finksburg and its environs are invited
When: September 28, 2017, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Where: Finksburg Branch, Carroll County Public Library

- ▶ **General Membership Meeting 9/28/17: Donna Sivigny and Marsha Herbert to Speak:**
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1426662474056131>
Donna Sivigny and Marsha Herbert, members of the Carroll County Board of Education, will join the Finksburg Planning and Citizens Council (FPACC) at its next public meeting on Thursday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Finksburg Public Library, 2265 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, Maryland. Sivigny and Herbert will provide an update on the activities of the Board of Education and take questions. Sivigny, a resident of Finksburg, and Herbert were elected in 2016 for a four-year term and are two of five Board of Education members.

- ▶ **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, Planning Technician, and Andrea Gerhard, Comprehensive Planner, both from Carroll County government, are 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>

▶ **Membership Dues:**

A reminder that it's time to pay 2017 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 (<http://www.finksburg.org/Dues.htm>). Business members are welcome to schedule a short presentation about their business at a general membership meeting. Thanks for your help and support..

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

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