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Finksburg Planning and Citizens' Council Inc.
Next Meeting: April 25, 2019



Who: All residents of Finksburg and its environs are invited
When: 4/25/2019, 7:00-8:30 PM
Where: Finksburg Branch, Carroll County Public Library

►4/25/19 Carroll County Planning Director to speak at April 2019 FPACC meeting, FPACC Election

Lynda D. Eisenberg, Director of the Carroll County Department of Planning, and Secretary to the Planning & Zoning Commission, is scheduled to join the Finksburg Planning and Citizens Council (FPACC) at its public meeting on Thursday, April 25, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Finksburg Public Library, 2265 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, Maryland.

Eisenberg will share information on the [comprehensive rezoning](#) taking place across Carroll County to update the zoning code for the first time since the mid-1960s. The county's zoning for industrial, commercial and employment campus districts is being updated by eliminating old designations and renaming them. You can learn more about this effort by visiting <http://www.CarrollRezoning.org> and subscribe to Carroll Connect for updates.

Eisenberg will also talk briefly about Finksburg's new state designation as a Maryland Sustainable Community and answer questions from the audience. All area residents are welcome to attend this free event. Registration is not required.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2301279366813239/>

The list of FPACC Board of Director candidates was confirmed at the March meeting. The uncontested election will take place this evening.

►3/28/19 General Meeting: Dr. Steven Lockard, Superintendent of Carroll County Public Schools

Dr. Steven Lockard, who was appointed Superintendent of Carroll County Public Schools in July

2018, joined the Finksburg Planning and Citizens Council (FPACC) at our public meeting on Thursday, March 28 at the Finksburg Public Library, 2265 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, Maryland. Dr. Lockard discussed his vision for the school system and answered questions from the audience.

► **Membership Dues:**

A reminder that it's time to pay **2019** 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.

► **Finksburg awarded Sustainable Community designation by Maryland**

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.

The final application was submitted to the state in January 2018. *On April 10, 2019 Finksburg was awarded the Sustainable Community designation by the state of Maryland.*

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 was 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 has most recently met on January 22, 2018, the application was submitted to the state in the next week. More information on the plan and program is here: <http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/dn/default.aspx>
<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/residents/county-news/county-news-releases/finksburg-awarded-sustainable-community-designation/>

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

Board of Directors:

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