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Finksburg Planning and Citizens' Council Inc.

Next Meeting: September 26, 2019



Who: All residents of Finksburg and its environs are invited

When: 9/26/2019, 7:00-8:30 PM

Where: Finksburg Branch, Carroll County Public Library

► **General Membership Meeting, Public Safety: 9/26/19**

Valerie D. Hawkins, the Emergency Management Manager for the Carroll County Department of Public Safety will be joining us. She will be discussing what emergency management is (and isn't) and what they do, and also go over the process of creating an emergency plan for individuals and families. Please join us for this important information. Info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/746600395760976/>

► **Of the People, For the People, By the People 11/4/2019**

"Of the People, For the People, By the People" – On Monday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m., the Finksburg Public Library will host a panel discussion about how to get more involved in community and political activities. Skip Boyles, president of the Finksburg Planning and Citizens Council, will serve on the panel with Commissioner Richard Weaver, Commissioner Ed Rothstein, Don West, Carroll County Democratic Central Committee, and a member of the Board of Elections. Two other library branches, Taneytown and Mount Airy, will be holding similar panel discussions. <https://ccpl.librarymarket.com/events/people-people-people> .

► **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. 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>.*

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