

# 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

"It's faith in something and enthusiasm for something that makes life worth living." Oliver  
Wendell Holmes Jr.

## **Commissioner Gouge To Attend Next FPAC Meeting!!!!**

**Who:** All residents of Finksburg and its environs are invited

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

**When:** Thursday December 16th at 7 p.m.

**Where:** Sandymount United Methodist Church

### **Commissioner Gouge At Next Meeting:**

Carroll County Commissioner Julia Walsh Gouge is scheduled to attend our next meeting. Gouge is expected discuss a number of issues affecting county residents; growth, proposed Scenic Carroll committee, transfer tax, proposed Finksburg plan and the ATV issue. We anticipate a lively meeting and look forward to Commissioner Gouge's appearance. We will also provide some holiday snacks. Please take a break from your holiday preparations, Commissioner Gouge is willing to do so, and attend this most important meeting. Please take a break from your holiday preparations, Commissioner Gouge is willing to do so, and attend this most important meeting.

### **Next Meeting December 16<sup>th</sup>:**

Due to the Christmas holiday, the next FPAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday night December 16th.

## **Update On Deferral Cases:**

The Maryland Court of Appeals ruled earlier this month that three cases concerning Carroll County's deferral of residential development were moot, since the deferral has since been lifted. The court dismissed the cases on December 3. The judges had been asked to consider whether a county-issued concurrency management certificate is a contract, and whether issuing a certificate allows the county to apply new regulations to a pending project. They chose not to rule on the questions.

## **Environmental Advisory Council Formed:**

The Carroll County Environmental Advisory Council met November 23<sup>rd</sup> and its first action was selecting the Christmas tree for the County Office building. FPAC board member Jim Johnson sits on the EAC.

## **Take Care of 2005 Membership Fees Early:**

Here's a great idea! How about paying the 2005 FPAC, Inc. membership fees at the next meeting? It will make a great holiday gift for the organization. And if you are really in the holiday spirit, FPAC, Inc. also accepts voluntary contributions that some folks do annually. Thanks for your support for the organization. \$10 per family and \$25 for businesses.

## **Be informed! Attend the Next Meeting!**

### **FPAC Inc. Schedule**

12/16- General membership meeting. Commissioner Gouge Attends.  
1/5/05- FPAC Board Meeting.  
1/27/05- General Membership Meeting.

**Save a Stamp: Receive your newsletter electronically. Send your e-mail address to Richard Ackerman at [richard.ackerman@finksburg.org](mailto:richard.ackerman@finksburg.org).**

- ✓ **Mark Your Calendar:** General Council meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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