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Marshall Minute

June 2018

MBRA Community Meeting
7:30 pm on Tuesday
June 12, 2018
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Due to voting taking place for the Primary on June 12th, please note our meeting space will be changed to the Dance Room

at the Marshall Community Center
4133A Rectortown Road, Marshall, VA
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Beginning at 7:15 pm, enjoy
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Executive Director
Fauquier County
Water & Sanitation Authority

Jennifer Goldman
Manager, Fauquier Enterprise Center
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Have questions or suggestions for speakers?
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Tuesday June 12th, 6am—7pm

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Joe's Pizza Celebrates 30 yrs **on Main Street as of June 1st!**

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MBRA SHOWCASE MIXER
Save the date; this is the only B2B event the MBRA is having in June!

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Come by anytime from 5 to 6:30 pm

Join us as we spotlight one of Marshall's long-time businesses:

Carr & Hyde Insurance
and their newly opened next-door neighbor

Flying Heron
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Both businesses are located at 8383 West Main Street, Marshall, VA and are providing nice refreshments for us all. We can't wait to see their space and hear their updates!

Come enjoy the good company of our hosts and your fellow Marshall business owners as we mingle and network; bring your business cards, flyers, and updates to share!

MBRA Showcase Mixers are FREE to all MBRA Business members; \$5 for non-member Marshall businesses, or join at the door

Whether 5, 15, or 50 attend, magic happens when you network together!

Questions? Call 540-364-3400

Many thanks to Brian Roeder and Barrel Oak Winery for a wonderful time of networking last month!

We greatly appreciate the last-minute offer to host when the need arose to switch venues for our MBRA B2B Mixer, and we had a great time!

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MBRA May 8th Meeting Notes

Mary Wilkerson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. Mary announced upcoming MBRA B2B events and discussed the MBRA's website: www.MarshallVirginia.org

Mary Leigh McDaniel, Marshall District Supervisor, said there is not much to report, as the County is still working on the Marshall Main Street project. She said they probably will not do the undergrounding aspect of the project. Rather, they will stick with the beautification aspect of it.

Some problems with undergrounding the power lines include having trouble getting easements on private properties for transformers. She explained that right now the project totals about \$5 million, but we are looking at another \$1.5 million to underground the wires for one block. Also, VDOT no longer provides funds towards burying power lines.

Mary Leigh said the beautification project alone is almost \$5 million for those two blocks (between Frost Street and Winchester Road). That project would include: sidewalks, curbing, guttering, trees, parking markings, and new light poles. A series of Q & A followed. Mary Leigh answered that the Lighting Tax will not increase because property owners already agreed to a certain amount and that is what it will be.

Jeff Symanski, owner of Commercial Tool and Die (CT&D) at 7591 E Main Street, was our first speaker of the evening and brought a slideshow of previous projects. He introduced himself, wife Laura, and son Henry. Jeff is an engineer, and both he and his wife are graduates of Virginia Tech. He bought CT&D ten years ago, and it is like they bought a machinery museum. Among their other unique machines, they have a boring machine from 1935 that was rebuilt in 1955.

CT&D does a wide range of work. They have lots of experience in fabrication and metalwork, and also do defense contract work and repair farm equipment. Their main bread and butter is industrial repair and welding. Jeff said he tries to upgrade a little bit. He has a CNC machine for programing intricate carvings. They also do threading, as well as rebuild and repair hydraulic cylinders. Jeff's work goes beyond industrial. He has made handrails, decorative iron, and staircases.

Jeff also does blacksmithing, and the Rectorstown church gate work was one of his projects. With that, he used copper to mimic the flame of the cross logo.

CT&D has lots of business-to-business customers. They did the handrail on top of the World Bank building in D.C. Jeff displayed on his slideshow the Navy piece he programmed in his CNC machines. He explained the intricacies of those turbines; nowadays they are hybrid and part electrical. CT&D also does structural work; bridges, pivot points, and heavy equipment stuff.

It is generally cheaper for people to bring their stuff to Jeff at the shop. If something is broken, don't try to fix it; just bring it to him, as it is cheaper that way. He explained that if he does the work in the field, they inevitably never have enough there with them.

Jeff is also a military vehicle enthusiast. He has built up a sensory vehicle for the military. It was a test vehicle for ground-scanning radar parcels, and he completely changed the vehicle from its original state.

Jeff explained that everything he does is so different and he gave examples of such. He is getting into building roll cages, and he has even done crash test dummy dogs. He had to make a mold of a canine body, coat it in fiberglass, cut it open, stuff it, and put weights inside. There is a place in Manassas for component testing baby seats, and his crash test dummy dogs were tested there. That was commissioned by the woman who founded the Center for Pet Safety.

Another project was an 85 foot tall mobile blimp. He was going to build it but after \$15 million into it, the plug was pulled. It was 600 feet long and went up 20 thousand feet on a huge, heavy metal cable. Jeff has also built a chase vehicle.

Part of Jeff's drive is to not always be a repair shop, so he came up with a product line called Sledgehammer Manufacturing. They make radiator guards for dirt bikes, one of his other passions. These are good products because you need them if you are going through the woods on a dirt bike. They make an aluminum swingarm. They also make a rail bike for riding abandoned railroad lines.

Inventors come in the shop with great ideas. The latest thing he has been working on involves mini 10-foot jet boats,

which started in New Zealand. They can go in six inches of water and really shine in creeks and ponds. These are very useful for checking your waterways that are otherwise difficult to access. It is an aluminum boat with 2 inches of plastic on the bottom and can be used in some creeks. These boats will probably run \$15,000 and up for a whole turn key boat.

Jeff has an engineering degree but never got his stamp. He answered questions from the audience. Q & A: CT&D does not make plaques. Die means a machine shop that does not work on engines.

Contact them at 540-364-3922 or visit www.commercialtoolanddie.com

Joe Di Lisi, owner of Joe's Pizza & Subs at 8349 W Main Street, was our final speaker of the night. He said that it is really incredible we have something like CT&D going on in our community. Joe grew up in Marshall and has two sons, seven and two years old. June 1st is the 30 year anniversary of his mother and father opening Joe's Pizza in Marshall, on the year that Joe was born. He said he would not be here without their hard work, and gave many thanks to all of us in the Marshall community; it means a lot to him.

Joe's Pizza is located on Main Street next to the Post Office. They specialize in homemade dough, lasagnas, and they make their own sauce and shred their own cheese. Joe said that running a restaurant is very stressful; he eats, sleeps, and breathes Joe's Pizza and Marshall, but he loves it.

What they do: Joe works with his father everyday; he is there from open to close. They pour their blood, sweat, and tears into what they do. Joe said he does not like what he does, he loves what he does. He loves seeing people enjoy what their hands have made.

Everyone enjoys pizza, but what you get at Joe's is more than just good pizza. Customers come in, sit down, and are more like family. Joe said he cares about your family members, your children, your spouse, and cares what is going on with your family. Food is necessary for survival; you have to eat. But it is important to come together and share a meal together.

Joe said that, as people are moving out this way, folks will ask him, 'how do you feel about all this competition in town?'

Continued, MBRA May 8th Meeting Notes~

Joe says there are only so many Marshall restaurants one can go to eat before people start going to Warrenton, Haymarket, and Gainesville. So, he does not mind the competition because he likes for people to stay in Marshall.

Joe says you have got to stick close and stick to our guns. If you do not like something, let him know. Let others know—support local business.

As an independently-owned business, Joe's Pizza decided to switch to cash or check only, about seven or eight years ago. He explained that credit card fees are painful, and some businesses have to wait for months to get their money from the credit card companies. Sometimes, businesses never get their money from the credit card companies.

The final straw for Joe's Pizza was when their credit card company delayed paying them their money, and when the company finally did, \$700 was missing. From that point forward, Joe's Pizza stopped accepting credit cards.

Joe said he loves to make people happy with good food. They offer free delivery within five miles. Additionally, they are always looking to help out if people have things for youth and veterans, etc.

Joe's Pizza also has a room in the back that seats 10 to 12 people for parties or private meetings. Sodas and adult beverages are available.

Visit Joe's Pizza & Subs at
www.facebook.com/freshdoughdaily
Call Joe's at 540-364-3577

Announcements: **Jack LaMonica** announced his upcoming "Never Paint Brick Structures" workshop.

Patty Cloud, MBRA Treasurer, reported a balance of \$4,181.01 in the treasury.

Mary Wilkerson, President, thanked each of our speakers for sharing with us their life's work, and said that people like them make up the fabric of our community. She said that we hear a lot about preservation of land, but we should have an intentional discussion of preservation of our culture and southern hospitality; what we have is a nice, friendly town and community. The meeting was adjourned with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:55 pm.

*Minutes by Mary-Elizabeth Wilkerson,
MBRA Secretary*

Congratulations Amber & Joe Di Lisi
on your upcoming June wedding!
Best wishes from all of us!

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**Van Metre Development at**  
**Carter's Crossing**

Many have been wondering about the planned subdivisions in Marshall, and when Van Metre will begin to build. The first property Van Metre will develop is Carter's Crossing (formerly known as Cannon Ridge), located behind the Marshall Diner. It includes the old Marshall Manor, which is to be torn down as part of the planned and County-approved redevelopment.

Mr. Roy Barnett of Van Metre tells us they will begin building in 2019, starting with putting in the roads. The delay has been to meet their primary goal, which is to assure that they are able to provide sufficient water for their new home buyers. They will be bringing online two wells from the Cunningham Property to use for their Carter's Crossing development. Those two wells will more than offset the demand from their Carter's Crossing development.

Lot sizes for Carter's Crossing will be from one tenth of an acre to one fifth of an acre and Roy says price range has yet to be determined. Their architectural floor plans and elevations are still in the design phase. There are certain architectural guidelines each house is required to meet as part of the County zoning approval and code development process. You can go to [www.vanmetrehomes.com](http://www.vanmetrehomes.com), then go to "our communities/coming soon" and sign up to receive email updates on Marshall.

Van Metre's proffers from Carter's Run will go to help support Marshall Main Street improvements.

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~ Monthly Community Meetings to hear from our local elected officials and

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