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Marshall Minute

December/January 2018

Calling all MBRA members!

Our January 9th meeting (see sidebar) is the meeting at which we hold our elections for those to serve as Officers and Board Members for 2018. If you paid your membership in 2017, you can vote at our January Community Meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone then!



Marshall Christmas Parade

Many thanks to Brenda Payne for once again planning and organizing another successful Main Street Christmas Parade, and to all those who made up the delightful procession on Saturday morning, December 2nd! Please see page 3 of our newsletter for more pics & 2017 award winners!

Attention Marshall Businesses & Professionals

The MBRA will be launching a networking group in early 2018 to provide more ways that you can connect with local businesses!

Stay tuned for more info. Questions? Call Mary Wilkerson, MBRA President (540) 364-3400

Keep your New Year's Resolution at the Marshall Community Blood Drive!

**Monday, January 8, 2018
Marshall Baptist Church**

From 2—7 pm

**Contact
Suzy Neessen
(540) 317-3344**

Come to the next MBRA Community Meeting

All are welcome!

**7:30 pm on Tuesday
January 9th, 2017**

Held at the
Marshall Community Center
4133-A Rectortown Road
Marshall, VA

**This will be our first
Community Meeting of the year!
Join us for refreshments and a
chance to win our door prize!**

Featured at our next meeting:

Kevin Greeley

will be speaking to us about
his business, **OSSI**

Chris & Debbie Cloud

will be speaking to us about their
new organization,
Global Family Alliance
to help develop strong,
empowered families through
advocacy, education, research
and service, and will also speak
on the **Marshall Mural**—>>>

Have questions or suggestions for
speakers?

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CONGRATULATIONS

to Marshall Middle School Principal,
David Graham, who has been named
Director of Administration for
Fauquier County Public Schools!

Foothills Jamboree at the Marshall
Community Center on Saturday, January
27, 2018 from 4—6 pm will feature **FREE
LIVE MUSIC** from **Summerduck Run!**

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**The Marshall Community Center will
be closed Dec. 24th & 25th, & Jan 1st**

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Sample Marshall Heritage Mural Project  
at Hagerstown Block  
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From eyesore to landmark!  
~by Artist Sam Welty



**MBRA November 14th Meeting Notes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by **Secretary Mary-Elizabeth Wilkerson**, who led in place of **President Mary Wilkerson** and **Vice President/Treasurer Ursula Baxley** who both could not attend.

**Marshall District Supervisor Mary Leigh McDaniel** could not be in attendance but shared an update via letter which Secretary Mary-Elizabeth read aloud. Mary Leigh reported that the Marshall Code was approved by the Board of Supervisors at their October 12th meeting. The Code is a form based zoning ordinance, customized for the town, that will allow more flexibility in uses than what was allowed under the original C-1 zoning. She said there may be changes and updates to ensure it is working for property owners and citizens, and she thanked everyone for their input on the Code.

On November 12th ground breaking will begin for the new Orlean fire station and new pedestrian crossing signs for Main Street. They are working with VDOT on placement of the signs and solicited ideas. They are also working on a new location and provider for the Hume cell tower after the original provider was terminated in September for lack of performance.

**Marshall District School Supervisor Duke Bland** spoke. Marshall Middle School's Principal David Graham will soon be moving into a newly established leadership role as Executive Director of Administration and Planning, contingent upon finding a replacement for him as MMS's Principal. Mr. Graham will oversee the school division's transportation, nutrition, and construction and facilities functions. Marshall's loss will be our school system's gain.

Warrenton Middle School: The School Board still supports a new consolidated building on the site between the existing Taylor building and Brumfield. That is the recommendation of both the A/E consulting firm and the committee of community representatives that studied this for months. Some members of the BOS want the old WMS renovated to accommodate 650 plus students, but some problems are: ingress/egress; 80+ years old; asbestos/ lead abatement; etc. The S.B. is preparing bids for a design and turnkey cost for a prototype.

Our first speaker of the night was **Melanie Burch of the Middleburg Humane Foundation**. She does development

work and wears many hats. MHF has been here 23 years, and has a thrift store in Middleburg but is moving it into the Gone to Ground building here in Marshall. MHF's commitment to Marshall is stronger than ever. Although MHF has Middleburg in its name, it is really a Marshall place. They are going to be growing, and will have thrifty and unique pieces in that shop. They may name the thrift store Snazzy. It will be a combination between clothing and plates to having a spread of tack and saddles, as well as something for kids. They are dedicated to reasonably pricing items so that local riders can afford to ride. Lastly, MHF has a huge social media presence, their posts receiving 1,000 to 38,000 views at any given time. They are leading people to Marshall from a 50 mile radius. **MHF Board Member Candy Fazakerley spoke as well.** She has been a member of MHF's Board of Directors for 5 years now. She has been in the area for 22 years, and was born and raised in Warrenton. She began helping MHF, who has such sweet, kind, scared & abused animals. MHF has the most dedicated group of people. She and her husband are developers; they develop hotel and office buildings in D.C. but do not want that out here.

Lisa and Zohar Ben-Dov gave MHF 23 acres - a wonderful gift! Phase 1 of Marshall: Stables and shed are up. Ricky Brown, a local excavator, has done work for them. Phase 2: Land Development - Water and sewer, road, electric. That's where they are now. They put the design out to 5 contractors, but the most expensive part of the building is the M.E.P. Next, they will pick a contractor and go forward. They hope to have 10 to 12 months to build it. For more info, visit: [www.MiddleburgHumane.org](http://www.MiddleburgHumane.org)

Our last speaker of the night was **Glenn Covington, Manager of The Culpeper Farmer's Cooperative Farm & Home Center** here in Marshall. He has been manager from 2000 to 2006, and manager of the Farm & Home Center from 2006 to present. In June, Rich Slack from

Kentucky joined the CFC; Rich has been in the feed business for a long time and brings a wealth of information. CFC is located at 8222 E Main Street. In 1932, 205 people in Culpeper put \$1,250 each in a pot to form the CFC. Originally it was formed for the purpose of marketing farmers' crops and products. They expanded to Marshall in 1979 after buying John Mills' property. Because it is a co-op, we who shop in the store own a piece of it. Now, 512 entities own a piece. Their Culpeper store has a fertilizer plant and a feed mill.

Glenn started with CFC in Warrenton in 1991, but he always wanted to work at Marshall. He said he gets to work with the grandest people on the planet: professional and hobby farmers, land owners, contractors, etc. In the first ten months of 2017, their vehicles have gone over 40,000 acres and delivered 88,000 tons of dry fertilizer, which would equal 80 train car loads of fertilizer. Also, they have spread 160 million pounds of fertilizer this year.

The feed business drives CFC's business. Their mill puts out 115 tons every day it operates. They design, compose, bag, and bring it up here to their Marshall store. In addition, they purchase \$150,000 in specialty feeds for the store, as well. CFC is different from other places because CFC can actually bring feed to customers. Glenn wanted the CFC to be the place in Northern Virginia for fencing, and he thinks they have become that in the past 17 years. They have three trailer-truck loads of post weekly, and have sold 102,000 fence boards so far this year. Additionally, Glenn wants to provide a discount for MHF's fence. Just about anything you might need is found at CFC: from equine protection to everything needed to raise a beehive. Knowledge and expertise go along with their service. Agriculture is growing and has become so technical that no one can keep up with it; the CFC helps us with that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

*~Minutes by Mary-Elizabeth Wilkerson, MBRA Secretary*

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Gwynanne Rogers (L) presents Laure Carter of Basement Cuts with a trophy for 1st place in the Main Street Decorating Contest.

Joe's Pizza & Subs won 1st place Judges' Award and that made the Grinch (Joe Di Lisi) very happy! (Above, right)

Gwynanne Rogers organized the MBRA's **2nd Annual Make Marshall Main Street Merry** decorating contest. Judges from the Marshall Business & Residents Association cruised Main Street late one night to see who was ready for Christmas. After long, hard decisions, the trophies went to:

- 1st Place - Basement Cuts
- 2nd Place - Quality First Tax Service
- 3rd Place - The Whole Ox

The MBRA presented both Gwynanne Rogers and Brenda Payne with a Christmas Bouquet of fresh flowers in appreciation for their volunteer efforts with the decorating contest and parade efforts, respectively.



Fauquier High School Marching Band won 1st

Weather was perfect as hundreds of Marshall area residents gathered to see 70 entries march by in less than an hour.

**The PARADE WINNERS were:**

**Vehicle Entry:**

- 1st Place: Allison Family Antique Firetruck
- 2nd Place: Handyman Cans

**Civic/Business Entry:**

- 1st Place: AndrewZ Homes & Renovations
- 2nd Place: Cortes Family Float

**Marching/Dance/Music Entry**

- 1st Place: Fauquier High School Marching Band
- 2nd Place: Tip Top Twirlers

**Children Entry:**

- 1st Place: Marshall Baptist Church
- 2nd Place: Marshall Middle School Softball Team

**Judges Award:**

- 1st Place: Joe's Pizza & Subs
- 2nd Place: Grace Bible Church



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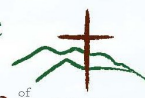
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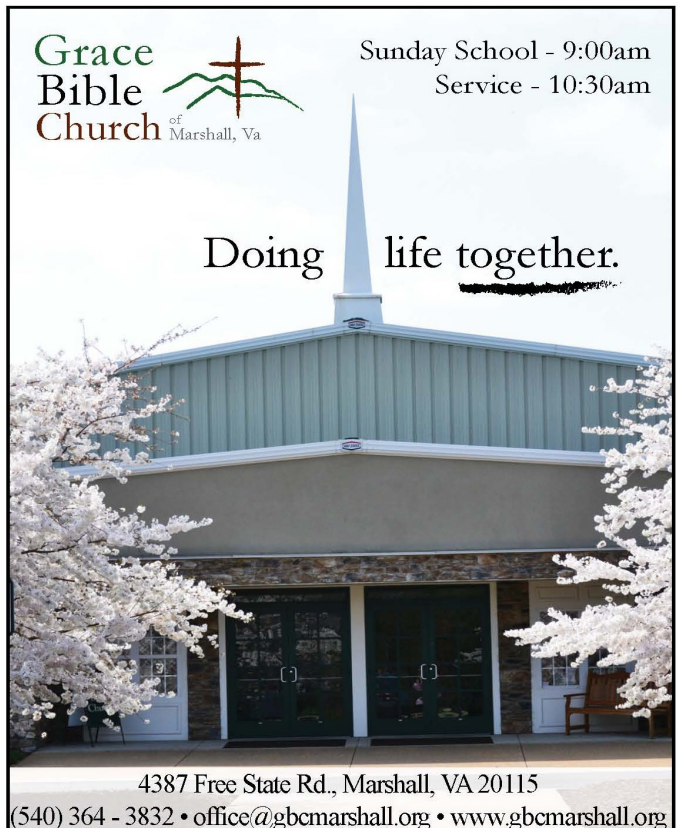
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