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Marshall Minute

June 2019

MBRA Community Meeting

CHANGES TO RURAL LANDS COMP PLAN?

**Tuesday, June 11th
7:00 to 8:30 pm**

Please note earlier start time

*Marshall Community Center
4133A Rectortown Road
Marshall, VA 20115*

Come hear our featured guest speakers & be informed:

**Mary Leigh McDaniel,
Marshall District Supervisor, Fauquier**

**Andrew Hopewell,
Fauquier's Assistant Chief of Planning**

Update: On May 31st, Andrew sent the following message for us: "I have completed an analysis of the differences between the existing Rural Lands language and the proposed version. This will be the focus of the conversation on the 11th. In order to allow everyone a chance to view it prior to the meeting, we have put it up on the County website at: www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-a-g/community-development/planning/long-range-planning

under the County-Proposed Amendments section."

(540) 422-8210

Visit the MBRA website:

www.MarshallVirginia.org

Businesses please check your information listed on our website and let us know of any corrections!

**Have questions or speaker suggestions?
Contact Mary Wilkerson, MBRA President**

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Come learn about Fauquier County's proposed RURAL LANDS DRAFT PLAN <---7 pm Tuesday, June 11th
It's been 20 years since the Rural Lands Chapter has been updated. This proposed total rewrite of this chapter of the Comprehensive Plan affects over 50% of Fauquier citizens, and over 90% of the land within Fauquier County. Andrew Hopewell first visited us at our March Community meeting this year, but was unable to give his full presentation due to technical difficulties. We welcome his return!

Free Community Luncheon at noon on Thursday, June 6th

**Marshall United Methodist Church
8405 W. Main Street, Marshall, VA 20115
Bring a dish to share if you wish, or just come and enjoy!
(540) 364 - 2506**

Don't miss our FREE MBRA Summer event for the community and party on Main Street
as we Showcase member business:

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5 - 6 pm Saturday, June 8th**

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Look for more MBRA 2019 Summer Fun Events!

***Attend "A Night in Paris" the Seniors' Senior Prom
7 to 9:30 pm ~ It's FREE!***

Saturday, June 8th

Seniors 50 and older and "Chaperones" of all ages will have a blast! Singles and couples: dance to your heart's content while a D.J. spins the Rocking Oldies we all love.

Meet new friends. There will be games, refreshments and a crowning of a prom queen and king.

**Marshall Community Center
4133A Rectortown Road in Marshall
Contact Samantha, (540) 422-8580**

Marshall Carnival?

The MBRA was asked about having a carnival like Marshall used to have back in the day. Some of us think that's a great idea! The MBRA is currently pursuing research on our options. What do you think? Email us at mbraeditor@gmail.com

**Brian Roeder invites you to come for a Community Q&A with him
Friday, June 14th at 6 pm**

**Marshall Community Center Auditorium
4133 Rectortown Road, Marshall**

Topic: Proposed expansion of his existing residence to become a 42 room inn: "The Lodge at Barrel Oak"
Questions? Email: brian@barreloak.com

**VOTE Tuesday, June 11th
VIRGINIA PRIMARY ELECTIONS
Polls open 6 am to 7 pm**

**Marshall Precinct
votes at the**

**Marshall Ruritan Club
8400 Salem Avenue**



WHAT IS THE MBRA?

The MBRA is a volunteer civic group whose founding documents state we "**exist to inform residents and business persons about local concerns.**" Our mission statement is: "**To protect and enhance the quality of community and professional life in Marshall.**" In **2005** we attained non-profit status as a **501(c)(4)**.

While our founding documents state that membership is from the Marshall Service District, those documents also state that we are to inform "residents and business persons about local concerns."

Did you know that the MBRA Community Meetings have always been open to both members and non-members?

We are here both for **you the business** and for **you the resident**, providing activities and community events for our local residents & small businesses.

WE DO NOT RECEIVE FUNDING FROM YOUR COUNTY TAX DOLLARS

While similar groups may have paid staff and/or receive funding from your taxpayer dollars, we do not. Our website, newsletters, public Community Meetings with free refreshments and door prizes, Christmas Parade, and other community events are put on by member dues and the free efforts of our team of dedicated volunteers, just for you!

IS THE MBRA THE COUNTY?

Some have mistaken our local civic group for being a County organization, however, we are not. We are an independent, private civic group. Our collaborative efforts with the County do enable area residents & businesses to hear directly from the County on important issues at our MBRA public meetings. In addition, we greatly appreciate having our local Supervisor and School Board member personally relay updates at our monthly Community Meetings and we appreciate Fauquier County staff's presentation of County proposals.

WHY JOIN?

Because your annual dues (only \$30 for a resident member; \$50 for a business member) have multiplied community benefit when combined with the free efforts of our team of volunteers!

Just look at some of what your dues support:

~ **The Marshall Minute, our monthly newsletter**, provides a sense of community for all in the Marshall area by providing announcements of local events and updates on relevant issues

~ **The MBRA's website, www.MarshallVirginia.org**, provides links and resources for area businesses and residents, past newsletters & videos of our monthly Community meetings, as well as important information on local issues and events.

~ **Our public Community Meetings provide a friendly gathering place** to see old friends and meet new ones while hearing the latest from our guest speakers and while enjoying free refreshments and door prizes!

~ **Our annual Marshall Christmas Parade, Sidewalk Events, Showcase Mixers, Summer Fun Events, and more!**

Join the MBRA at one of our events or simply call (540) 364-3400

May 14th Community Meeting Notes:

Mary Wilkerson, President, opened the meeting at 7:34pm. She announced: #18 School House event & Delaplaine Strawberry Festival put on by Emmanuel Episcopal Church Saturday & Sunday from 10 am - 5pm, at Sky Meadows State Park.

Marshall District Supervisor Mary Leigh McDaniel reported that at the last Board of Supervisors meeting on Thursday, the Rural Lands Plan was up for a vote.

There were a couple of changes going back and forth that day, and the Board of Supervisors heard from some constituents who would like more time, and they voted to delay a vote on the Rural Lands Plan for up to 60 days.

She has also talked with Andrew Hopewell of Fauquier County, who has been involved with the Rural Lands Draft Plan. She said Andrew had technical difficulties when he spoke to the MBRA in March, so he will come back to present the Rural Lands Plan to the MBRA on Tuesday, June 11th with a PowerPoint and will answer questions. Mary Leigh encouraged anyone with questions to let them know.

Today, she met with Tom Marable and the Fauquier Leadership Class of 2019. Van Metre has secured water for their developments and are on track for 2020. The water they are finding will also help them stabilize the water system in the whole town.

Mary Leigh spoke about the Waterloo Bridge bids, and that she has also been meeting with VDOT for the 17/66 interchange. It was designed 40 years ago, and the plan was always to update it. VDOT is giving ideas for signage and striping to improve it currently.

Marshall District School Board Member Duke Bland reported that Mrs. Shaffer, a Marshall Middle School Teacher, is a finalist for the Fauquier County Rookie Teacher of the Year! An MMS teacher won Fauquier County Teacher of the Year in March!

Mountain Vista Governor's School has 68 graduating seniors: 100% are going to colleges, and 78% are attending in-state schools, with UVa as #1 and VA Tech as #2. In Fauquier County, 99.7% of high school graduates go to college.

Duke said he had the pleasure of meeting and entertaining the First Lady of Virginia, Mrs. Northam, and it was a wonderful visit.

May 14th Meeting Notes concluded:

They had a roundtable discussion about early childhood development. It went extremely well.

Duke thanked Mary Leigh McDaniel for all the conversations to get the budget done and get it right. He said 75% of our budgets go to instruction, and 89% of that goes to salaries & benefits. We were so far behind on compression scale; the 5 to 10-year mark was the worst. We have been losing teachers, nutritional workers, nurses, school bus drivers. They were able to get enough money in the budget to take care of much of that issue: 92% of the compression scale. Teachers are delighted, ecstatic! Some positions they elected not to backfill at this time. Duke sincerely appreciates everybody's work on this. That is why he has elected to run for one more term. Compression scale and the middle school renovation project are some of the issues he would like to see through. Duke and his wife are very passionate about education, & hopes with your help to be here another few years

Our first featured speaker of the evening was **Meredith Evans, Recycling Manager with Fauquier County Environmental Services**. Meredith has been with the County for 2½ years. The dept. has lots of moving components; they have enterprise facilities of landfills and transfer stations & can even do tours. **They have more than 220 acres at their facility at Lord Fairfax Community College**. They have one landfill that they are trying to close by 2020; it was created in 1974 and is not lined. The newer landfill created in 1994 is lined. Lots of research is going into closing it, as it is not cheap to do. So far, this fiscal year they have spent \$2.5 million on having leachate pumped elsewhere to be treated. The landfill cover they are researching to get will significantly reduce costs over time.

In October 2017, a transfer station was put in. A transfer station is actually cheaper than running the landfill.

Recycling centers: 2 are on facility. Fauquier hand-sorts recycling and 12 - 15 people are employed to hand sort; about 10 - 12 work in one day. They get a lot of revenue from that recycling due to two factors: 1) Fauquier has a dual stream (paper in one container and other recyclables in another) instead of single stream, and 2) Fauquier has their own staff to manually sort it. The County also has someone who does quality control.

Meredith said Peggy at the Marshall dump is the best-ever; she has been with them for 35 years. The audience also shared their fondness for Peggy.

Roll-off: Meredith explained that they dump mix paper, and that pizza boxes should just go in the trash, not with cardboard, since they usually have pizza residue. The biggest thing people get wrong with paper recycling is that they mistakenly put cardboard in with it.

They are not running it right now, but Fauquier Co. also has a Construction & Demolition (C&D) Recycling Center. It is currently open, but they are looking at whether it is worth it to keep it open. They don't get quite the same tonnage as before because now there are some others open in Manassas.

Meredith also said that they have a brand-new director as of last week, Michael Kresse.

Bulk area: metal, non-ferrous metal, and freon, which they extract and sell. Tires got too expensive to recycle but they do ship them out. Tires are also mosquito breeding grounds.

Meredith said to always rinse out your recycle items. It is a health hazard to the County employees who hand-sort recyclables, as they are stung by bees daily that come for the residue.

Coral Farm has a dedicated Household Hazardous Waste lane & a \$2.7 million budget for that: roll-offs, bringing it, HHW. 1st & 3rd Saturday each month and by appointment 7am -12pm on Wednesdays. Due to small storage space, quantity is limited.

Meredith also said that bleach, ammonia, etc., can break open and can combine together and are very hazardous. Meredith also talked about their used oil and antifreeze program, as well as their electronic waste. E-waste considered hazardous is usually heavy metals and lead. They do collect oil at Marshall, Morrisville, & Catlett. Antifreeze is collected only at LFCC location.

They have a County collection team that goes out 3 days a week to pick up from government buildings, which is their way to encourage County recycling.

Meredith's favorite part about their Environmental Services Dept. location is its similarity to a huge wildlife habitat. She has seen a coyote once, a bear once, lots of red foxes, amphibians, frogs, toads,

salamanders, wild turkeys, groundhogs, snakes, birds, racoons, possums, and of course, lots of vultures. They also have great native flowers. She said people think of us as an ugly location because of trash, but she thinks it is very nice with the flowers and wildlife.

Meredith said the department also has their own Equipment Operator Program for CDL, and their own maintenance staff and truck drivers. Meredith encouraged everyone to follow them on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter, @FauquierRecycles

Our second speaker of the evening was **Brian Roeder of Barrel Oak Winery**, who donated a \$150 value BOW Gift Card for our Door Prize Raffle tonight. Brian shared his plans for his property at/near Barrel Oak Winery. Submitting a Special Exemption to have a 42-room inn called "The Lodge at Barrel Oak," a new project separate from Barrel Oak Winery (BOW).

The inn could host 78 events a year and is an expansion of his home that is already there. The inn would be 32k square feet in size, and only 25% of it will be visible to surrounding properties. The parking would be completely screened from all other properties.

Between BOW and his property, there is a total of 170 acres of land. This new project will have a restaurant for their guests. Most events would occur between early April and late October. This inn is designed to be on Trip Advisor's Top 10 list. Brian said this is a good location for the inn and likens it to the Inn at Poplar Springs, which also operates on a resort permit. He said the model that exists with Poplar Springs is a good one. Brian explained that the land here will still be farmed & will remain agricultural in nature. Brian wants this 160-person capacity venue to be a key economic driver. Most events would be in the courtyard, which will have wings on either side that conceal it. The only homes impacted by this are Brian's home and the home next door. BOW has more agritourism than any place in Fauquier other than Sky Meadows State Park. He said that just as wineries have driven a lot of economic activity, this will, too.

Door Prize Raffle: Congratulations to the winners of our donated door prizes!

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The meeting closed with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:52 pm. *Minutes taken by Mary-Elizabeth Wilkerson, Secy.*



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