

Marshall *Minute*



March 2019

MBRA Community Meeting

Tuesday, March 12th 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Marshall Community Center 4133A Rectortown Road Marshall, VA 20115

Join us for FREE door prize raffle and refreshments Starting at 7:15 pm

See old friends; meet new ones

Join us to learn about the County's proposed changes in regulations for:

Rural Lands Comprehensive Plan before it is voted on. Q&A time to follow Andrew's presentation~

Our featured guest speaker:

Mr. Andrew Hopewell
Fauquier County's Assistant Chief
of Planning

Fauquier County Community Development, (540) 422-8210

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Have rural property or farmland? Find out how these proposed regulation changes to the County's Comprehensive Plan will affect you!

The MBRA just learned that Fauquier County's Community Development plans to submit their 45 page Draft Rural Lands Plan to the Planning Commission as early as April, and to the Board of Supervisors as early as May.

Don't miss this informative meeting - to our knowledge, the first public meeting held on this topic in the Marshall Magisterial District!

Come learn along with us as we are introduced to the County's Rural Lands Plan. which reflects the first comprehensive update of the Rural Lands chapter in more than years. We are delighted to have Andrew personally Hopewell present the proposed changes and take our questions and input.

Andrew has been with the County for nearly five years focusing on our long range planning. He has been involved in updates to the Comprehensive Plan related to Natural Resources, Heritage Resources, Catlett, Calverton and Midland. He has also been involved in the County's efforts to bring sewer services to Catlett and Calverton.

More recently he has been focused on the County's Rural Lands and Villages. Prior to coming to Fauquier County, Andrew worked on similar topics in Spotsylvania County. (See sidebar to left for meeting announcement.

February 12th MBRA Meeting Notes:

Mary Wilkerson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm and thanked everyone for coming. (Marshall District Supervisor Mary Leigh McDaniel was unable to attend due to a schedule conflict.) Marshall School Board Member Duke Bland introduced our next speaker: A lifelong educator, Dr. Jeck began teaching and coaching in 1989 and became an assistant principal at Louisa County Middle School in

February 12th Meeting Notes, concluded: Bland-Graham Center averages 25 kids

Mineral, VA in 1996. He went on to spend the next six years as a high school principal. He was the Director of the Charlottesville/Albemarle Technical Education Center in Charlottesville, he became the assistant superintendent for instruction for Greene County Public Schools.

Fauquier County Superintendent Dr. David Jeck gave his report. He shared that there is a very special thing going on in Fauquier County: our graduation rates, SAT scores, and CT, AP, and dualenrollment course rates are fantastic. We have a 96.1% graduation rate, and a 95.5% African-American graduation rate, which is unheard of.

Dr. Jeck lives in Orlean with his wife, who is a teacher in Prince William County. He loves this area and said this is an amazing community.

School Division: We are not doing well in the teacher pay area. For teacher pay, in terms of the state we look pretty good; however, in terms of market, we are horrible. Kettle Run High School loses 8 to 10 teachers every time a new school opens in Prince William Co.

Budget: Dr. Jeck explained that he cannot share his presentation with us tonight because he has not yet shared his budget presentation with the School Board, but he can say that it is a very aggressive budget and is dedicated to teacher pay. He feels that teacher pay ought to be fair and equitable by step. But ours has a hook in it: 1) Fauquier stopped doing auto-step increases 10 years ago, and 2) we have been inconsistent with pay increases. The only way to fix it is with an infusion of cash.

The good thing is that we did get a good budget from the Governor; there is more money for a school division than they have ever had. They are not looking to fix it over the next 2 to 3 years, though. They are being realistic.

Dr. Jeck also said that *everyone* is up for re-election and nobody wants to be antiteacher pay raises. He said it is time to fix compression in our teachers' pay scale. Plus, it is very hard to replace veteran teachers. Also, he explained that the newspaper headline claiming that he is asking for \$8 million is wrong.

Grant money: Very exciting things: Lots of grant money has been brought into FCPS the last several years. The Bland-Graham Center is a good example of that; it was paid for through grant funding. The

Bland-Graham Center averages 25 kids per day. He is very proud of people who solicit grants. The FRESH Program is another example of grant funding. They hire 6 people, called *FITS*, who teach teachers how to teach active classes. Dr. Jeck also talked about the Environmental Science Academy Program, iSTEM Academy Program, and the Cyber Security Academy at Liberty High School. In Fall 2019 they will offer Turkish, and tech training.

Dr. Jeck then spoke about bullying. The official answer is that there is training for teachers. PBIS teaches kids to be better. The unofficial answer is that we have had bullying since we have had children, all the way back to Cain and Abel. The best way to prevent bullying is that parents need to teach our kids not to bully others. Secondly, kids who are bullied should tell an adult, and should stand up for themselves against the bully.

He said that cyber bullying is identified as a problem, and that social media worries him. It is almost impossible to control or monitor it; social media has changed everything.

In closing, Dr. Jeck said the main thing is the scale of compression with teachers is the biggest thing.

Our next speaker of the evening was Patrick Workman, Manager of the Marshall Community Center. He has been here for 10+ years. He thanked the MBRA for renting here. He announced the groundbreaking for their new playground in Upperville on April 27th. Patrick serves as the Staff Liaison on the Advisory Committee, which meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

Marshall Day will be on 9/7 this year! They will have family events and a new 5k. It costs about \$30 for a T-shirt, snacks, etc.

Our final speaker of the evening was Lynne Richman Bell, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fauguier County, with an informative presentation on their local Club. What sets the Boys & Girls Clubs (B&GC) apart: They have programs that serve 5 - 18 year olds, and Ms. Belle shared the different programs they offer and stories and testimonies from kids in the Club. Programs include: Societal norms - how to treat others with civility. Nervous Nellie - an anxiety program. Phoenix - anger management, trauma-informed care; it helps kids not to be fearful or lash out in anger.

Mind Up Program - mindfulness, slowing down. These kids are like prey-animals; it teaches tools to slow their brains down and literally slow their heart and breath. It gives them control over their bodies. She then played a clip of a day in the life of a Boys & Girls Club, which is a place to grow and become anything you dream. Every child who comes to the Boys & Girls Club comes as an equal.

Last year they gave 12,000 free snacks to kids. 41% of kids qualify for free or reduced dues.

Fauquier County's bottom 10% are some of the lowest 10% of the entire nation; our bottom 10% rivals Alabama and Mississippi.

The Club has a half a million-dollar budget, and 86% are raised funds. The base rate to attend is \$100. Some pay \$15/month, and the Club asks parents for a commitment, if they can. Some kids are fully sponsored, and TANF kids pay very little.

Ms. Belle explained that generally, the Boys & Girls Clubs are not free because they want parents to have ownership; but they do not turn any child away for lack of ability to pay, because they believe that all should have the same opportunities regardless of the abilities to pay that they were born into.

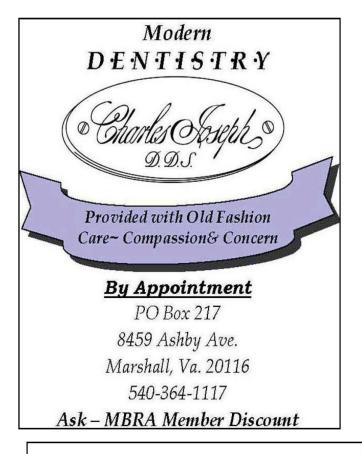
In Marshall, the Boys and Girls Club is in Marshall Middle School and is open until 6:00pm. In Warrenton it is until 7:00pm, and in Cedar Lee it is mostly until 7:00pm, though some days are a little earlier. How can the community support the mission of the Boys & Girls Club? By talking about them. The Club takes volunteers and financial support, but more than anything, they just want people to know about them. The Boys & Girls Club is creating youth that is going to sustain and cultivate our culture here in Fauquier County. The state and the County each have A Portrait Of A Graduate: how do these fit into the comprehensive plan? Duke Bland added that, to hear all these kids testify to all the successes they had thanks to the B&GC, and all the things they are so proud of and have accomplished, is just great. For more info, visit www.bgcfauguier.com

MBRA Door Prize Winners:

Jack Lamonica, Duke Bland, Bob Zwick, and Ginger.

Meeting closed with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:56pm. Minutes by: Mary-Elizabeth Wilkerson, Secy.

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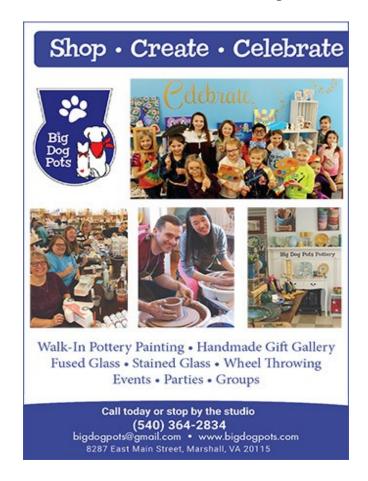
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