

# Marshall Minute

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January 2008



## A Thank You to Harry Atherton

Anyone you ask about **Harry Atherton** has something nice to say about him. He is a polite and genuine person who has gained a lot of respect around here by being himself and taking an active part in his community. Harry Atherton's term in the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors Marshall Magisterial District (two terms 2000-2003 and 2004-2007) is complete and he will be missed. He has been on the Board since 2000, has served as it's Chairman in 2003



and 2004 and it's Vice Chairman in 2005 and 2006.

A lifelong resident of Fauquier County, Mr. Atherton also served 19 years, 6 of them as Chairman, on the Fauquier County Planning Commission. He is a member of the Leeds Ruritan, the Leeds Church, and the Marshall Business and Residents Association.

The MBRA offers it's sincere gratitude for all of Harry Atherton's fine work and dedication.

## December MBRA Meeting Notes

MBRA Treasurer **Chris Robinson** reported on funds. He thanked everyone who has contributed to the new Marshall Sign project, and said that another \$500. is needed to meet the goal of paying off the signs by the end of January. Interested donors may send checks to MBRA sign fund/ P.O. Box 533/ Marshall VA 20116. He also noted that the new officers and directors of the MBRA would be announced at January's meeting. **Joan Fries**, president of the MBRA, thanked **John Lane**, and **Bess** and **Ken Taylor** for their help in fixing the town wreath decorations (Editors note: Joan helped with this as well and also deserves thanks), and **Bartlett Tree** for putting the wreaths up. Their efforts saved the town approximately three thousand dollars. She also expressed gratitude to **Candy Glascock** for orchestrating the Marshall Christmas Parade.

School Board Representative **Duke Bland** praised Coleman Elementary School principal **Joy Seward** for earning the Distinctive Leadership Award this year. He added that construction on the new schools in central Fauquier remain on target.

**Peter Schwartz** said that the first meeting for the Marshall Service District Comprehensive Plan was well attended in spite of snowy weather, and that the group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Media room upstairs at the new Tri-County Feed building. He encouraged the public to attend to provide feedback and promised to give regular reports at MBRA meetings. The next Comprehensive Plan meetings will be on January 8 and on January 22.

**Barney Durrett** of the Water and Sewer Authority gave the quarterly update on the long-awaited Marshall Water System project and said that it was currently on schedule and on budget. He alerted us that Main Street would begin to be torn up starting in January in order to replace the old pipes (which have been leaking 40-50% of their load) with new ones and though it would be an inconvenience for most of the new year, "customers should see major improvements at the end." This will mark the first of three phases to improve Marshall's water service. Phases two and three will seek funding by developers who have interest in helping extend services so that

they may build in the area, thus easing the financial burden for current residents.

**Vicki Edmands** and **Lindsey Charles** from the new Vintage Ridge Winery greeted the MBRA and said that they wanted to make the winery a community-oriented place. Winter visits can be arranged by calling **Vintage Ridge** at 540-364-3371. Open weekends will resume in the spring.

Departing Fauquier County Board of Supervisors Representative **Harry Atherton** was celebrated for his service. **Duke Yowell** called Mr. Atherton "a class act" and announced that a chair in the Marshall Community Center auditorium would honor him. **Ann McCarty** remarked on Harry's artistic eye and commented: "If you like Fauquier as it is now, thank Harry." **Jimmy Green** said that he was always able to rely on Harry's competence and also remembered **Major Warner** as another great asset to the county. **Holder Trumbo** expressed admiration for Harry's "grace, style and gentlemanliness" even in tough situations. **Peter Schwartz** said he was "acutely aware" of the big shoes he'd have to fill as Harry's successor, and

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday,  
January 15  
at 7:30 pm  
at the  
Marshall Community  
Center**

New County School Board Superintendent **Dr. Jonathan Lewis**, **Bill Tatum** from the Mixed Bag and **Shawn Sumrall**, CPA of Sumrall Services, Inc

*Want to talk about a specific topic related to the Marshall area? Want to hear from a local leader or speaker? Let us know! Please contact MBRA President Joan Fries at (540) 364-1688 with your requests and suggestions for topics and speakers.*

MBRA meets regularly on the third Tuesday of the month in the Marshall Community Center.

that he looked on him as an excellent role model. He also presented Harry with a letter he'd just received from VDOT recommending against the proposed power lines in our area. Finally, **Ursula Baxley** applauded Harry for consistently showing up at MBRA meetings whether or not he had good news to report. With his usual humble graciousness, **Harry Atherton** responded by crediting others and thanking the MBRA for providing a "great forum for the community".

The meeting adjourned with nine-year-old **Hannah Taylor** leading the Pledge of Allegiance and was followed by holiday refreshments courtesy of **Ursula Baxley**.

# Around Marshall



The **Marshall Business and Residents Association** wishes a happy new year to all its members. Your continued membership helps to create positive change in our town. Residents can express support by "shopping Marshall" at the following MBRA businesses:

Alpaca Full Moon Farm  
Attic Treasures  
BB & T Marshall  
The FA Bartlett Tree Expert Co.  
Bowman Consulting  
Business Resources, Inc.  
Carr and Hyde Insurance  
CJ's Custom Cuts  
Cooley Service Company  
Countryside Family Practice

Dawson's Oil Burner Service  
Edward Jones Investments  
Fauquier Realty  
Fit as a Fiddle Physical Therapy  
Graphic Services, Inc.  
Great Meadow Foundation  
Jan and Friends Child Care Center  
Joan of Art Framing  
The LeMarr Group  
The Marshall Agency, Inc.  
Marshall Chiropractic  
Marshall IGA  
Middleburg Bank  
Miller Brothers, Inc.  
The Mixed Bag  
Morgan Oil Corp.  
Northern Lights Seafood  
Nut N Better  
The Old Habit

The Piedmont Equine Practice, Inc.  
Radio Shack  
Royston Funeral Home, Inc.  
S.L.S. Landscaping  
Sedgwick Publishing Company  
State Farm Insurance  
The Story Group, Inc.  
Three Fox Vineyards  
Tri-County Feeds, Inc.  
Vintage Ridge Winery  
Weichert Realtors

This is the MBRA business list as of December 2007. If your business has a 2008 MBRA membership and is not on this list, please contact [marshallminute@yahoo.com](mailto:marshallminute@yahoo.com) and we'll be happy to publish your business name in the next issue.

The **Marshall Ruritan Club** would like to thank everyone who came out to help with the annual "Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner" on Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007. Many local Seniors came to enjoy the food prepared by the Ruritans as well as the social gathering. The Ruritans enjoy hosting this annual event & greatly appreciate all those who helped make it a success! Happy New Year! from the Marshall Ruritan Club

The **Fauquier Heritage and Preservation Foundation, Inc.** proudly presents **Norman L. Baker**, author of "Fort Loudoun: Washington's Fort in Virginia". Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. at the John K. Gott Library, 4110 Winchester Road, Marshall, VA 20116 Admission is Free Mr. Baker's program will demonstrate the significance of this nearby Virginia fort during the French and Indian War. After the program, copies of Mr. Baker's book will be available for sale, and he will autograph those presented to him. Previous works by Mr. Baker; "Valley of the Crooked Run: The History of a Frontier Road", "French and Indian War in Frederick County, Virginia", "Frontier Forts of Berkeley County" Call 540-364-3440 for more information.

**January Events at John Marshall Library**, 4133 Rectortown Road, (540) 364-4910.

**Wednesday, Jan. 9: 'A Thousand Splendid Suns'** by Khaled Hosseini - 1 p.m.; Marshall Afternoon Book Club; new members welcome; free; no registration. **'Pirates Past Noon'** - 2 p.m.; school-aged program based on the Magic Tree House book series; free; no registration.

**Wednesday, Jan. 16: Paws to Read** - 4 p.m.; for rising 1st through 3rd graders; choose a favorite book to read aloud to a trained therapy dog; signed permission slips are required before participating and are available at the library.

**Monday, Jan. 28: 'A Tale of Two Cities'** by Charles Dickens - 7 p.m.; Marshall Evening Book Club; new members welcome; free; no registration.

**Help Control Animal Overpopulation** Fauquier SPCA and the Middleburg Humane Society present "Free Spay/Neuter Feral Cat Month" starting January 6th, 2008. Fifty feral cats at a time may be collected, tested, sterilized, given rabies shots, have ears tipped and transported back to be released. If you know of groups or individual cats that may benefit from this service, please contact The Fauquier SPCA at 540-788-9000 or [fspca@netzero.com](mailto:fspca@netzero.com).

**Book Cellar** open Fridays and Saturdays- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; nearly new and used hardcover and paperback fiction and nonfiction books for all ages and interests at "bargain basement" prices; proceeds benefit the library and support programs for children, teens and adults; sponsored by the Friends of the Fauquier Library; John Barton Payne Building basement, 2 Courthouse Square, Old Town Warrenton; (540) 347-8750, ext. 6; Book Cellar volunteers needed, call (540) 349-4290

**After 5 Social** sponsored by the Fauquier County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, January 17 at 5 o'clock in the upstairs Media Room at the new Tri-County Feed store on Rte 55. Call 540-347-4414 for details.

## Renewed and New MBRA Memberships



Whether you are in business in the area or call Marshall home, or both, you can help shape what happens in this community by continuing to be or becoming a MBRA member.

If you would like to re-new your membership or join, please complete this form and mail it to:

Treasurer, MBRA  
P.O. Box 533  
Marshall, VA 20116

Name

Business Name (if applicable)

Address

Phone

Fax

Email (If you want to receive this newsletter through email)  
My \$20 check for my 2008 Membership is enclosed.

Signature

## Have News?

To contribute to the newsletter, please contact [marshallminute@yahoo.com](mailto:marshallminute@yahoo.com). The deadline is the fifteenth of this month for next month's newsletter.

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## Marshall Event Announcements

Are you an MBRA member that has an upcoming meeting or event that you would like published in the Marshall Minute newsletter? We'd love to hear from you! Deadlines for publication are the 15th of the month preceding the event. You can send your event information by email [marshallminute@yahoo.com](mailto:marshallminute@yahoo.com). Please include the name of your organization, date and time of your event, any pertinent information on the event or your group, as well as a name and contact number if any of our readers have any questions. Due to space constraints, events must be in or around the Marshall area.

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