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POSTAL PATRON

Did You Know?

The novel “The Robe” (1942) by
Lloyd Douglas was written one summer
in the Kuhlmann house, 30 W. Loudoun Street.
“The Robe” has been described as the 1940s
“Da Vinci Code” (6 million copies were sold) and
was made into a 1953 movie with Richard Burton,
Victor Mature and Jean Simmons.
—Submitted by Kathleen Luckard

Additional information on subjects covered in this
issue can be found at www.NewsARoundtheHill.org.

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **“The Sunshine Boys” by Neil Simon** **May 4-6, 11-13**
Franklin Park Visual & Performing Arts Center. Fri./Sat. 8
p.m.; Sun. 3 p.m. Call (540)338-7973 for more information.
- ▶ **Mother’s Day Flower Sale** **May 11-12**
Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department
- ▶ **Yard and Bake Sale** **May 12**
Round Hill United Methodist Church, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rain
date is May 19, same times.
- ▶ **Golf Tournament** **May 21**
Stoneleigh Golf and Country Club, 10 a.m. Sponsors needed
as well as participants! Contact Kim at (703)216-8339 or
visit www.rhvfd4.org if interested.
- ▶ **Fifth Annual Round Hill Hometown Festival** **May 26**
See www.hometownfestival.org for more information.
- ▶ **Loudoun Artists Studio Tour** **June 2-3**
See www.wlast.org or call (540)338-7973 for more information.
- ▶ **Movie Night Under the Stars** **June 9**
See www.wlcc-church.org or call (540)751-1770 for more information.
- ▶ **Memorial Dedication to Bruce Brownell** **July 4**
Round Hill Town Park, time TBD.
- ▶ **Ice Cream Social** **July 7**
See www.wlcc-church.org or call (540)751-1770 for more information.
- ▶ **Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department Pig Roast** **July 7**
- ▶ **Vacation Bible School** **July 23-27**
Round Hill United Methodist Church, 5:30-8 p.m.; dinner
served each evening. Call (540)338-1836 for more information.

ON THE AGENDA

Issues the Town Council and Planning Commis-
sion will address in the coming months include:

- A detailed survey of Main Street as Phase I of the
Main Street Improvement Project
- Rezoning of 2 W. Loudoun Street and Lake Ridge
Estates; special exception applications for Round Hill
Methodist Church and Round Hill Baptist Church
- Construction plans and final plat applications for
the Creekside project, including working out details
for improvements of the Village Green
- A comprehensive plan for the Eastern Commercial
District and Potts Barn site
- Completion of the 2007-2008 general and utility
operating and capital improvement budgets
- Completion of a new utility rate study. Based on pre-
liminary figures, water and sewer rates may rise sig-
nificantly next year due to updating of assumptions
used in developing the past rate study and increased
project, operational and maintenance costs.
- Community center and Sleeter Lake Park discussions
- Sign and parking ordinances
- Energy conservation and environmental activities
- Annexation of additional areas into Town limits

News aRound the Hill

A Community Newsletter for Round Hill, Virginia

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Sheriff's Office, Local Groups Clean Up Town Park

By **KIM RAMSEY**

Editor,
News aRound the Hill

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Round Hill's Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Round Hill Junior Women's Group, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and local residents.

All told, approximately 150 people showed up at the Round Hill Town Park on Apr. 21, tools in hand, ready to work.

Round Hill Mayor Frank Etro was thrilled with the turnout. "After 10 years of the park's existence, the community continues to renew its ownership of the park with its ever-growing support," he said.



DANNY SHAHA—NEWS aROUND the HILL

Approximately 150 volunteers were on hand for the Town Park clean-up.

As the fourth annual park clean-up, this year's event was the first to be coordinated by the Sheriff's Office as part of its adoption of the Town Park. Volunteers picked up trash, swept sidewalks, pulled up weeds and planted flowers in the front of the park.

The most visible improvements, however, came in

the back of the park, where nature trails weave behind the homes on New Cut Road. The trails were restored using mulch donated by Blake Landscapes.

During the cleanup, Round Hill resident Jenn Maulfair provided special Earth Day activities for children, and Round Hill resident Mark Albright treated

volunteers to a pig roast, which he donated, cooked and served.

Round Hill's Community Policing Officer Deputy Aaron Taylor was "wowed" by the show of support for the event. "A big thank you goes out to all the residents of Round Hill who volunteered their day to help out," he said.

RH Fire Department Volunteers Answer Siren's Call

By **DEBBIE DEUTSCH**
and **JACK FREAR**

Members, Volunteer Fire Department

During emergencies in the early 1900s, Round Hill citizens responded to a clanging iron bell in a shed next to Charles Ford's Grocery Store. Neighbors helped neighbors fight fires with a hand-pulled cart and lengths of hose connected to fire hydrants located in the Town.

The Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department (RHVFD) has come a long way since then. In addition to a brush truck to respond to fires in remote areas like the Appalachian Trail, the department also has a

tanker, a wagon and a rescue engine. With two ambulances and an equipped chase vehicle, the department can respond to more than one rescue incident at a time. Their service area has expanded from the Town to about 55 square miles—from Hillsboro to Bloomfield and from Franklin Park to Bluemont.

Although they no longer use an iron bell, the RHVFD members head for the firehouse as soon as they hear the siren, which provides faster notification than other technologies.

Career firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) staff the firehouse from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., but volunteers still support the commu-

nity in emergencies from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Even during the day, volunteers supplement the career staff when emergency coverage is needed.

The department is looking for community members who would like to help their friends and neighbors. Firefighters, EMTs and drivers are needed, as well as administrative members to help raise funds and support operations. Free uniforms, equipment and training are provided. Volunteers work—and play—on a shift with other dedicated community members and may give as much or as little time as their schedules allow.

Besides volunteering, there are other

See **FIRE DEPARTMENT**, Page 2

Round Hill Considers Nomination to Historic Registers

By **KATHLEEN LUCKARD**

Member, Planning Commission

Aldie, Bluemont, Hillsboro, Leesburg, Middleburg, Paeonian Springs, Purcellville, Taylorstown, Unison and Waterford: All these Loudoun County towns have designated historic districts. Round Hill does not. However, that could change if Town residents support a Planning Commission effort to proceed with the Town's nomination to the Virginia Landmarks Register and National Register of Historic Places.

Listing on the registers imposes no restrictions on property owners. It is instead an honor that recognizes a

property's historic value and encourages owners to exercise good stewardship. Owners of registered properties may qualify for state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credits; receive technical assistance from Department of Historic Resources staff for maintenance and rehabilitation projects; purchase plaques that mark the property's significance; and donate easements that may reduce real estate taxes.

The Commonwealth of Virginia has already determined that Round Hill is eligible to be listed on the registers. Approximately 170 structures have been identified as potentially "contributing" to an historic district. The

Planning Commission is now recommending to the Town Council that the Town proceed with the second step in the process, the nomination.

Nomination preparation is often completed by consultants; the Planning Commission has received proposals ranging from \$35,000 to \$47,500. This cost may be reduced through a state cost-sharing program or grant funding.

To learn more about the nomination process and what it entails, visit www.roundhillrecord.org or www.dhr.virginia.gov/register/register.htm.

Please send thoughts and comments to council@roundhillva.org.

Sparkling Water, on Tap?

By **BRADLEY POLK**

Town Administrator

In the summer months, a seemingly strange phenomenon occurs in the bathrooms and kitchens of the Round Hill area: "fizzy" or "milky" water pours from the faucets.

This appearance results from dissolved oxygen in the cold, highly-pressurized water. As ground temperatures rise, the ability of the water to suspend oxygen is lowered, and the water cannot continue to suspend the dissolved oxygen. The oxygen then precipitates out of a dissolved state into a gaseous state in the form of very fine bubbles.

As the oxygen escapes from the water, the water clears back to its normal appearance. This natural process occurs at different times as seasons or temperatures change.

The water is safe to drink in its fizzy or milky state, as the water has been tested and is within the necessary range for drinking water as mandated by the Virginia Department of Health.

MARCHING IN MEMORY



PHOTO COURTESY LEESBURG TODAY

Rev. Garrett Jackson and fellow members of Round Hill's Mt. Zion Baptist Church marched in Leesburg's parade down Market Street from the Courthouse to Douglass Community Center on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day in February.

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Fire Department

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ways to support this important community organization. Although the department has recently ceased its weekly bingo games, it still hosts a variety of family events that provide an opportunity for the community to gather and support the RHVFD at the same time. Recent events include a St. Patrick's Day pancake break-

fast and Easter flower sale. An open house and pig roast are planned for the Hometown Festival.

To inquire about joining, contact Matt Mutschler at (540)751-0535 or at membership@rhvfd4.org, or stop by to get an application. Regular company meetings are the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.; public welcome.

Women's Groups Share Care for Community

By **SARAH ETRO**

Member, Round Hill Woman's Club and Round Hill Junior Women's Group

When it comes to the women of Round Hill uniting to respond to needs within the community, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

In 1946, when 10 women formed the Round Hill Woman's Club, Loudoun County's population was 20,000. Today's population is 258,000, and nearly 40 women claim membership in the newly-formed Round Hill Junior Women's Group. Yet the purpose of both groups is the same: to gather, share community concerns, and help residents through difficult times.

In past years, the Woman's Club held rummage sales, talent and fashion shows, square dances, and suppers to provide support to the Hospital, Fire Department, and Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter.

The club also supported Round Hill Elementary School by providing playground equipment, landscaping, and supplies and instruction to music and arts programs. They also operated a clothing closet at the school, a project similar to one the Junior Women have planned for this spring.

The Woman's Club started a tradition that continues to make Round Hill a strong community. The 19-member Woman's Club welcomes the enthusiasm of the Junior Women's Group, and look forward to working side-by-side on meeting community needs.

To join the Junior Women's Group or to suggest a service project, call (540)338-9588 or email roundhillwomen@hotmail.com.

COUNCIL CORNER



KIM RAMSEY—NEWS aROUND the HILL

The Council has decided that Potts Barn has too much damage to restore.

Time Takes its Toll on Potts Barn Council Votes to Remove Historic Structure

By **FRANK ETRO**

Mayor, Town of Round Hill

After all of its years as a landmark, Potts Barn on the eastern gateway to Town has finally succumbed to the effects of time.

Having just recently received title to the property from Round Hill Investors, the Town Council has decided that the damage to the structure caused by a tornado, two hurricanes, wind storms and vandals has exceeded the Town's ability to restore or renovate the structure. So it is with great sadness that the Council ordered its removal.

Presently the Town is seeking an agreement with a contractor who will salvage the wood for renovation products or use in a structure to be located elsewhere in return for removal of all materials and site clean-up. The stone foundation and property walls are to remain intact. It is hopeful that this work will be completed in the very near future.

In the meantime, the Planning Commission and the Council's Land Use Committee will be conducting a public process in order to make recommendations to the Town Council on how to proceed with this civic property in the future.

The original concept, as introduced during a joint planning process

between the Town, Round Hill Investors and the County in 2001, attempted to preserve/restore Potts Barn for potential civic uses such as a farmers market or trail head facilities. This was seen as a way of strengthening the gateway into Town, providing an unchanged historic setting on both sides of East Loudoun Street and preserving the area's open spaces, stream corridors and floodplain.

At that time, a community-wide survey was conducted that indicated that there was a 50-50 split among the community as to whether the barn should be restored or rebuilt.

Unfortunately, during the lengthy process of annexing the land into the Town, adding planning policies for those parcels to the Town General Plan and finalizing the transfer of the property to the Town, the barn's condition deteriorated significantly to the state it is in today.

In other news, congratulations are in order for Utility Coordinator Debbie Hartman, who recently earned "Office Worker of the Year" award from the Virginia Rural Water Association in a statewide competition.

The Town would also like to welcome Rob Kinsley as the new Zoning Administrator; former ZA Brad Polk has been promoted to Town Administrator.

Round Hill

5th Annual Hometown Festival

Saturday, May 26, 2007

Event Schedule



5K Festival Race

½ Mile Kid Fun Run

8:00 am / \$15 registration fee

Got what it takes to get up early and race through the streets of Round Hill? All age groups welcome. Register early. Complete registration forms and more information available at the Town Office or on the web site at www.hometownfestival.org.

NO FEE FOR KIDS' FUN RUN!



Parade

10:30 am

The parade will start at Main Street and Evening Star Drive, proceed south down Main Street and end at the Town Park. Participation is welcomed and encouraged for local organizations, especially any with musical talent! If you would like to participate, please email noreenspayne@yahoo.com for details.



Memorial Ceremony

11:00 am

Come to the park for the annual Memorial Day Ceremony, with musical performances by local elementary school students and a wreath-laying.



Children's Rides and Teen Activities

All Day/Free except for a minor charge for the rock wall

Sponsored by Western Loudoun Community Church, enjoy these fun activities sure to entertain kids of all ages.

Volunteer Fire Department Open House and Pig Roast

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Visit with Loudoun's finest service organizations at the Firehouse, and grab a delicious pork sandwich while you're there!

Old Timer's Roundtable

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Always a favorite! Come to Town Hall and enjoy tales of Round Hill's yesteryear from residents with the longest memories. This ends up being a standing room only event; plan to arrive early!



Music in the Park

All Day

Round Hill Arts Center will host a day of entertainment in the park, including a concert after the feast to wrap up the day's festivities.

Friday, May 25th:
Enjoy the regularly scheduled
Bluegrass Jam Session at
the Round Hill Arts Center.
For more information, visit
www.roundhillarts.org
or call 338-9730.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m..

Pie Eating Contest

2:00 p.m.

Sure to be a huge hit again this year, plan time to participate or just watch the festivities in the park. We will again feature rounds for local celebrities, adults, teens and children. Dare to go face-down in a chocolate creme-filled pie and take home a free T-shirt and hopefully a medal! Remember, teens and children require parental permission to participate. Permission slips for anyone under 18 will be available in the Town Office ahead of time for parents who will not be attending the Festival with their children. Everyone participating must still stop by the T-shirt table and sign up the day of the event.



Round Hill-Down Hill

Derby/RazorScooter/Skateboard

4:00 p.m. / \$5.00 registration fee

The Round Hill - Down Hill is a contest for you to build your own "derby car" and race it down N. Locust Street! Back this year is the expanded event to allow for scooters and skateboards as well. The races are open to drivers who can safely operate their car, scooter or skateboard. Your Down Hill Derby car must comply with the published rules of the derby.

Please visit the Festival web site at www.hometownfestival.org for further details!



Concert in the Park

Post-feast

Topping off the evening, the Round Hill Arts Center will present a musical treat/dance in the Town Park after the feast.

NEW! Join us for dessert in the Town Park after the feast.

Visit www.hometownfestival.org for detailed information and, if necessary, inclement weather plans on the day of the Festival. Don't miss the fun!



What's For Lunch?

Getting hungry? Check out one of the following options:

- RHVFD Pig Roast
- Round Hill Diner
- Round Hill Grocery
- Round Hill Mini-Mart
- Savoir Faire



Best Deal in Town

Looking for affordable real estate in Round Hill? Consider a wooden miniature of one of 12 historic structures. On sale at the Festival for \$15 each, they make great gifts for graduation, baptisms and other special occasions.

**PLEASE
drive slowly
and carefully during
the Festival. Also be
alert to temporary road
closures through the day
as part of the 5k run,
parade, derby and
feast.**