

## World-Class Creativity



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A team of eighth-grade students from Harmony Middle School will be traveling to Michigan later this month to compete at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. The seven students all graduated from Round Hill Elementary School. Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college.

## POSTAL PATRON

### Did You Know?

This will be the last print issue of News aRound the Hill. For details, see Message from the Editor, Page 3.

## Upcoming Events

- **Mother Earth Art Show** **May 10-June 16**  
Round Hill Arts Center. Exhibit hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Multi-media exhibit examining the related concepts of Earth and Mother. For details, see [www.roundhillartscenter.org](http://www.roundhillartscenter.org).
- **Round Hill Hometown Festival** **May 25**  
Various sites around Town, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. 5K, parade, memorial ceremony, entertainment, pie-eating contest, downhill derby, community feast. For details see insert or visit [www.hometownfestival.org](http://www.hometownfestival.org).
- **Annual Homecoming Service** **June 2**  
Historic Ketocin Baptist Church, 3 p.m. With Dr. Travis Moger, pastor of the Middleburg Baptist Church, as guest speaker.
- **Western Loudoun Artists Studio Tour** **June 22-23**  
Round Hill Arts Center, Franklin Park Arts Center and other Loudoun County locations, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Visit artists in their studios and at host sites. Refreshments and kids' activities. Free. [www.wlast.org](http://www.wlast.org).

## ON THE AGENDA

Issues the Town Council and Planning Commission will address in the coming months include:

- Review comprehensive plan survey responses and prepare draft update to comprehensive plan
- Review proposed lighting ordinance
- Consider adoption of county parking and nuisance codes
- Review county redesign for Western Loudoun Sheriff's Substation
- Complete engineering study for future Sleeter Lake Park
- Adopt water rate study
- Complete upgrades to the Rt. 719 lift station
- Conduct public information session on Main Street sidewalk design
- Evaluate possible boundary line adjustment



**Pig roast, Picnic, Potluck?**  
**Ice cream social? Concert in the park?**



Round Hill is looking for someone to take the lead and shape the Town's **Independence Day** activities this year.

If you'd like to help out, email  
Scott Ramsey at [mayor@roundhillva.org](mailto:mayor@roundhillva.org).



# News aRound the Hill

A Community Newsletter for Round Hill, Virginia

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## Round Hill Aquatic Center Under Construction on Woodgrove Park

By **KIM RAMSEY**

Editor, News aRound the Hill

More than 20 year ago, Oak Hill, the developer for the Villages of Round Hill, was negotiating the property's rezoning with the county.

At the time, Oak Hill agreed to a number of proffers in exchange for being allowed to build more homes. One proffer promised a monetary contribution to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors for a junior Olympic swimming pool; another involved building a community center and dedicating it to the Loudoun County

Board of Supervisors. Both proffers included language allowing Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services to agree to "alternative services."

Now, two decades later, after several zoning determinations, appeals, and public input meetings, the promises Oak Hill made to the County in 1991 are being fulfilled in the form of a four-lane indoor pool that is being constructed at Woodgrove Park on Evening Star Drive.

"The project is anticipated to be completed late fall 2013 – early winter

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IMAGES FROM WWW.LOUDOUN.GOV

**Images from the 2007 PRCS public hearing show the schematics for the Round Hill Aquatic Facility.**

## Volunteer Fire Department Celebrates 75th Anniversary

By **BETTY DODGE**

Secretary/Treasurer, RHVFD

Seventy-five years ago, in 1938, the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department was first organized with eight members and a two-wheel cart equipped with hoses that was pulled behind a car. The department was housed at the current location, 4 Main Street, in Lynch's livery stable.

In 1939 the first fire truck was purchased; its body was built by the members. Nicknamed "Old Henry," this truck was in service until 1952.

The town purchased the property at 4 Main Street in 1942 and deeded it to the fire department six years later.

The department received its chart of incorporation in August 1948. The livery stable was demolished and the original cinderblock fire house built. A new 1948 Chevrolet truck was also purchased.

The first ambulance was purchased in 1957. Rescue 49 was organized in 1961 with 13 members.

In 1973, the department purchased Darr's Hardware, next door to the station. This building is still owned by the department. The lower level is being rented to Round Hill Mini Mart, and the upper level is utilized by the department for storage, office space and a fully equipped exercise area made possible through generous donations

of community members and the County of Loudoun.

In 1980, thanks to a generous bequest from the Marie Cravens estate, the station was renovated.

In 1998, growth in Western Loudoun made adequate volunteer manning no longer possible. As a result, the department's 35 volunteers are currently augmented by five paid county firefighters/rescue workers who are on duty at the station 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Equipment includes an engine and tanker furnished by Loudoun County and a rescue engine, brush truck, two ambulances, a utility vehicle and a medic response vehicle owned by the department.

The RHVFD will be celebrating its 75th anniversary through 2013, including at its annual open house and barbecue during the Hometown Festival on May 25.

The department is grateful to everybody in the community who has assisted with monetary donations and volunteer hours. Without them the RHVFD could not continue to operate.

*(Betty Dodge and her brother, RHVFD president Fenton Simpson, often say they were born and raised at the firehouse. Their father, Joseph Simpson, was one of the original members of the department, and their mother, Elizabeth Simpson, was a member of the auxiliary/department. Fenton and Betty are both lifetime members.)*

## News aRound the Hill

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### Message from the Editor

In 2006, when Lisa and I launched the first issue of News aRound the Hill, we stated our goal for the newsletter: "to provide a consistent source of communication in the service of continuing to build our community."

Seven years later, we still believe in the newsletter's goal, but we have come to recognize that the method of communication—a print issue delivered by mail only two or three times a year—has become outdated. News today must be immediate to be relevant.

Consequently, we have decided that this will be the last issue of News aRound the Hill in its current format. We are not abandoning our goal of providing a source of communication but believe the Round Hill community will be better served if we transition to a more flexible digital form.

We are not yet sure exactly what shape that form will take—will it be a website or a Facebook page, will there be discussion forums or blogs, will there be any supplemental printed form for those who are not internet-savvy?

We do know we still want News aRound the Hill to be a community resource with input from a wide variety of voices in Round Hill. As such we seek your input now to help build a new virtual identity, so that we can continue to celebrate our real world Round Hill community together.

Please email [editor@newsaround-thehill.org](mailto:editor@newsaround-thehill.org) if you have ideas to share. And keep an eye out on the Town website ([www.roundhillva.org](http://www.roundhillva.org)) in the fall for information on the virtual rebirth of News aRound the Hill.

- Kim Ramsey and  
Lisa Zimmer-Chu, Editors

## Festival Depends on Local Businesses Sponsors Use Opportunity to Give Back to RH Community

By **JULIE McDONALD**

Member, Round Hill Hometown  
Festival Committee

The annual Round Hill Hometown Festival, and other events around town, could not happen without the countless hours of time and boundless energy of volunteers. However, these events also would not be possible without the generous support of local businesses.

"Several volunteers work together to try to raise donations from local businesses," Hometown Festival Committee Co-chair and Budget Coordinator Lisa Cammarota said.

The 5K race, downhill derby, pie-eating contest, main band stage, feast, arts and crafts, carnival rides, Sheriff detail, and other operating costs are funded through race registrations, ticket sales and sponsors' donations.

Each year the Festival benefits from the continued generosity of longtime sponsors who see supporting the Festival as a way to give back to their community.

"H2 Land Company strives to find opportunities to support the local communities that it develops projects in," said Mike Hummel, a Round Hill

resident. "The Hometown Festival is a great chance for H2 Land to support the grass-roots efforts of Round Hill and receive direct exposure in the community."

apple house contracting's president, Phil Bzdyk, agrees.

"apple house contracting has enjoyed the privilege of being a part of the Round Hill community for 23 years," Bzdyk, a longtime Round Hill resident, said. "We enjoy supporting the Hometown Festival because it celebrates the closeness that Round Hill citizens have for each other."

It's not just businesses that are well established in Round Hill that have lent their support to the Festival.

Newer businesses—like Bank of Clarke County and Round Hill Exxon—are big supporters of the event as well, sponsoring high visibility spots such as the main stage and pie-eating contest, respectively.

At the Hometown Festival and around the town, remember to thank Round Hill's businesses for their support in making the Hometown Festival a success year after year.

*(Julie McDonald is in her second year serving as the sponsorship coordinator on the Hometown Festival Committee.)*

## Woodgrove PTSO Seeks Contributions for 2013 Graduation Night Party

**SUSANNE KAHLER**

President, Woodgrove High School Parent/Teacher/Student Organization

The end of high school promises freedom, independence and the onset of adulthood. It is, however, also statistically a season of the highest teen auto fatalities and alcohol-related car crashes.

The Woodgrove PTSO is dedicated to providing a safe and sane outlet for the Class of 2013 to spend one last exciting and memorable evening as "Wolverines" before they embark on even greater adventures.

The PTSO is soliciting sponsors for both monetary contributions and prize donations for their Graduation Night Party to be held on site at the school Monday evening, June 10, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Find out more about supporting the WHS graduation night celebration online at [www.lcps.org/Page/101734](http://www.lcps.org/Page/101734).



## COUNCIL CORNER

# County Still Working on Plans for Franklin Park Trail, Sheriff Substation

## Town Completes Sidewalk Repairs, Hayman Lane Utility Improvements

By JOHN BARKLEY

Town Administrator, Round Hill

The Town Council and Planning Commission have been working on the following projects recently:

**FY 2014 Budget:** The Town Council is currently reviewing the draft FY 2014 Budget and is scheduled to hold public hearings on the budget and tax rates on June 6, with formal action on the budget and tax rates scheduled as an agenda item at the Town Council's regular meeting on June 20. Next year's draft budget includes a decrease in real estate tax rates and no increases in water and sewer user fees.

**Western Loudoun Sheriff Substation:** Loudoun County continues to work on the design of the planned Western Loudoun Sheriff Substation and has requested water and sewer service to be provided by the Town. The Town Council is currently working on a water and sewer agreement for the facility.

**Franklin Park to Round Hill Trail:** The Loudoun County Department of Transportation and Capital Construction is working on the design of the Franklin Park to Round Hill Trail, and held a meeting Apr. 9 at the Round Hill Town Office to present the project plan to the citizens of Round Hill. In general, the residents of Round Hill expressed support for the project and requested that Loudoun County minimize the impacts on the properties along East Loudoun Street as much as possible and ensure proper stormwater management and drainage.



KIM RAMSEY—NEWS aROUND the HILL

**Workers pour concrete to replace the sidewalk on the east side of North Locust Street earlier this month.**

The County plans to launch a Franklin Park to Round Hill Trail project web site soon.

**Sidewalk Replacement:** Earlier this month the Town replaced the sidewalks along North Locust and the High Street curve.

**Sleeter Lake Park:** The Town is currently working on plans to develop Sleeter Lake Park as a recreational offering to Round Hill citizens. The park will feature a non-motorized boat launch facility and picnic area, boat storage facilities, and a small parking lot. While the project is currently in the design phase, the Town expects to begin development of the park in 2014.

**Main Street Enhancement Project:** This project will feature new sidewalks along Main Street, improved drainage, lighting, signage and traffic control. The Town continues to coordinate the project design review in consultation with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2014.

**Hayman Lane Water and Sewer Extension:** The project to extend Town water and sewer service to the residents of Hayman Lane has been completed. The Town has received over \$130,000 in grant funding from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to support the project.

## Pool

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2014, with opening to the public later in 2014," said PRCS Communication and Marketing Coordinator Claire Smith.

"We have been eagerly awaiting the construction of the pool here in Round Hill for quite some time," said Rebecca Flannigan, who has lived in the Villages for nearly 10 years. "While it is not exactly what

was promised to many residents in the Villages, we are, nonetheless, finally getting a pool. I for one am very excited."

The 75-foot indoor pool will have four lanes and a zero-entry area. The building will house a reception area, locker rooms with showers, meeting rooms, and an office/first-aid room.

"Specific operating hours and use policies for this facility have not been

formalized," Smith said. "These will be determined in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors prior to the facility being open to the public."

Two public input meetings on the facility were held in 2004 and 2007.

PRCS does not anticipate holding additional input sessions, but, Smith said, "a grand opening for the public will be scheduled at the appropriate time."

# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hometown Festival

Round Hill, Virginia May 25, 2013



## Schedule of Events

Event	Place	Time
Round Hill 5K and Fun Run	Round Hill Elementary School <i>(Rain or shine)</i>	8 a.m.
Parade	Main Street to Town Park (Lineup at Woodgrove Park at 9:30 a.m.) <i>(Rain or shine)</i>	10 a.m.
Memorial Ceremony	Town Park Stage <i>(Rain site: RHES)</i>	10:45 a.m.
Entertainment	Town Park and Main Street <i>(Rain site: RHES)</i>	All day

### Stage Schedule

Loudoun Valley Jazz Ensemble	10:00 a.m.
Magician Steve Kish	11:30 a.m.
The Immortals	12:00 p.m.
Open Mic (register at <a href="http://www.roundhillartscenter.org">www.roundhillartscenter.org</a> )	2:00 p.m.
The Polka Dots	3:30 p.m.
Banana Express	5:30 p.m.
Half Past 3	7:30 p.m.

### Plus:

- The barbershop quartet Mint Condition strolling the park and firehouse area during lunchtime.
- A martial arts demo by Dragon Yong In immediately following the pie eating contest
- Storytelling between acts

Children's Rides and Games	Town Park	11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Pie-Eating Contest	Town Park Stage <i>(Rain site: RHES)</i>	1:00 p.m.
The Downhill Derby	North Locust Street <i>(Event cancelled in the event of rain)</i>	3:00 p.m.
Community Feast	Town Park <i>(Rain site: RHES)</i>	5:30 p.m.
Evening Concert in the Park featuring Half Past 3	Town Park <i>(Rain site: RHES)</i>	7:30 p.m.



Follow the Festival on facebook or [www.hometownfestival.org](http://www.hometownfestival.org)



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hometown Festival

Round Hill, Virginia May 25, 2013

## Sign Me Up!

Register online at [www.hometownfestival.org](http://www.hometownfestival.org) and pay using PayPal!

OR complete the following sections and return with your check payable to  
"Hometown Festival" to the Town Office, PO Box 36, Round Hill, VA 20141.

**Pre-purchase feast tickets by May 20 to guarantee availability.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Community Feast** (pre-purchase before May 20: Adult \$15, Children under 12 \$7; after May 20, \$17/\$9)

Please reserve the following seats at the Community Feast: Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **T-Shirts** (\$12.50; sizes and availability cannot be guaranteed after May 1)

Please indicate the number of standard cotton T-shirts in each size you want to purchase:

\_\_\_ Child's S \_\_\_ Child's Med \_\_\_ Adult S \_\_\_ Adult Med \_\_\_ Adult Lg \_\_\_ Adult XL \_\_\_ Adult XXL

☐ **Down Hill Derby Registration** | See [www.hometownfestival.org](http://www.hometownfestival.org) for rules and regulations!

Name of Driver(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Driver's Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle vehicle type: Derby Car | Scooter \$5.00 per Driver: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the organizers of this event and the Town of Round Hill and its representatives bear no liability for any loss or personal injury that may result as a part of my / our participation in the event. I have read and retained a copy of the Down Hill Derby Rules. Owner of vehicle ("derby car, scooter") or parent of driver is responsible for any damages, losses, injuries from the use of the vehicle by anyone at any time and any place.

Driver Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Owner (Parent) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **5k Run Registration and 1/2 mile Kid's Fun Run - 8:00 A.M. at RHES – free kid's fun run to follow**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of 5/25/13: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ M or F \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: Youth S | M Adult S | M | L | XL | XXL

I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete this event. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including, but not limited to, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat and humidity, traffic and the conditions of the road. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, my heirs, successors, and assigns, waive, and release the Town of Round Hill, its officials and employees, the Round Hill Hometown Festival committee, all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. I recognize dogs are not permitted.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature if under the Age of 18 \_\_\_\_\_

After May 1 or on Race day \$25 all ages

Enclosed, please find a check payable to "Hometown Festival" in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.



For more on this event please visit [www.hometownfestival.org](http://www.hometownfestival.org)  
or follow the "Round Hill Hometown Festival" on Facebook.