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### Main Street, Franklin Park Trail Projects Go Hand-in-Hand

#### Town, County Seeking Necessary Easements So Improvements Can Move Forward

Two major projects will be taking Round Hill by storm, and both fall under one umbrella. They will tackle some age-old problems, including Main Street parking and the incredible amount of stormwater flooding the homes and streets of the historic neighborhoods of Round Hill.

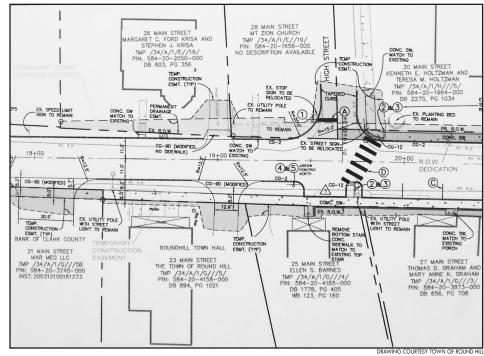
The projects are in the make-orbreak phase of easement acquisition, and many Town residents are now being asked to help move this project to the finish line.

The first project is the Main Street Enhancement Project, which is managed by the Town of Round Hill. The second project is the Franklin Park Trail Project (also known as the East Loudoun Street Project) which is managed by the County. These two projects depend on each other for a successful implementation and are being planned together for the construction phase.

The Main Street project is located from the Loudoun Street intersection to approximately 34 North Main Street. The East Loudoun Project is from the Loudoun/Main Street Intersection, past the East town boundary, all the way to Franklin Park.

The Main Street project needs upgraded piping from the East Loudoun Street project to accept stormwater, so it cannot be constructed independently. Easements from most of the property owners along both street sections are required for the projects to continue.

The projects will improve pedestrian access, on-street parking, safety, streetscaping, and storm drainage. They work in conjunction with various plans for new trails, as well as other planned sidewalk improvements, that will link the Town center



Detailed engineering drawings, like the example above, show the different easment types needed to make specific improvements along the roads.

to various neighborhoods and Franklin Park.

The Town is responsible for a minimum of 20% of the costs of the Main Street Project, with the remainder of that section and the entire cost of the East Loudoun Project being paid by county, state and federal dollars. Combined, the projects will cost approximately \$2.1 million.

"These grants are our best opportunity to extend sidewalks and repair these expensive problems using primarily outside funding," said Mayor Scott Ramsey.

"We also need to apply for more grant-funded projects to improve sidewalks going further north and south, but we can't if we fail to execute these," Ramsey said. "This is a once in a generation chance to bring significant state and county money into improving our Town."

In addition to new sidewalks, the projects will include curb and gutter, new culverts and upgraded underground piping that will capture and redirect stormwater along Main Street and East Loudoun Street that has been a long-standing source of flooding for yards and basements throughout Town.

New driveway curb cuts and legal on-street parking will be established on Main Street for homeowners that currently park on sidewalks and along the narrow roadway.

This will alleviate the recent warnings of enforcement by the Sheriff's Department for improper parking on a state collector road, which as a violation of state code does not fall under Town jurisdiction.

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#### **GOVERNMENT** -

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Surveyors have already staked properties that granted permission along Main Street in March. The purpose was to show the property owners where the easements and right-of-way will be located so they can better evaluate the impact on their property. Residents are encouraged to contact the Town Office with any questions and to make their concerns known so they can be addressed.

Once all easements are acquired for both projects, construction could begin less than a year later. The Town and County will be negotiating a construction agreement so both projects can be built under a single contract to improve coordination during construction.

The Town and its land acquisition contractor have begun meeting with affected Main Street property owners to obtain the necessary easements and right-of-ways.

Concurrently, the County is working with its own land acquisition contractor to meet with property owners impacted by the Franklin Park Trail/East Loudon Street Project for similar easements and right-of-ways.

Residents of East Loudoun Street and Main Street (south of Mill Way) are encouraged to notify the Town Office if they have not been contacted about land acquisition.

Those who have been contacted and have concerns that are not being addressed, should notify the Town office for assistance.

The Town also welcomes any letters of support for this project or feedback to share with VDOT and the County Board of Supervisors, who are providing most of the funding to enable these projects.



Some properties along Main Street have been staked to show the locations and types of easements needed.

#### **EASEMENT TERMINOLOGY**

There are several different types of easements required to move the Main Street and Franklin Park Trail projects forward. The Town would not own any of the resident's land for any of these easements. They are:

**Permanent Stormwater Easement:** An underground pipe will collect stormwater, the easement allows the Town/County to construct the pipe and later access it for maintenance by entering the homeowner's property.

Permanent Retaining Wall Easement: The Town has to raise the road a little to install the stormwater pipe underneath. This means a retaining wall (from 6 inches to 18 inches in height) is needed under the sidewalk to hold back dirt/concrete. This easement allows for the construction of the wall and to have part of the wall on the owner's property.

**Right-of-Way Dedication:** In order to widen the road or build sidewalks, some owners will have to negotiate with the Town/County some right-of-way dedication to VDOT or the Town along their current road frontage.

**Temporary Construction Easement:** Unlike the previous easements, this one only requires temporary access to the owners property during construction. These easements give construction crews a little elbow room during the construction phase. If anything is damaged during the construction, the Town/County would need to replace the item as part of the negotiation process

Water Meter Easement: All homeowners in Round Hill with a water meter have this easement. This allows the Town to come and check water meters for inspection/maintenance.

#### **COMMUNITY**

#### ASTRONOMY PROGRAM FUND-RAISING FOR PLANETARIUM

Woodgrove High School, in cooperation with the WHS Parent, Teacher, Student Organization and Bob McMillen, Woodgrove's astronomy instructor, is raising funds to purchase a Digitalis Portable Planetarium System.

This full-featured portable plan-

etarium may be used by all schools within the Woodgrove cluster of Loudoun County Public Schools.

Beyond teaching students to identify objects in the night sky, teachers can augment their science curriculum with demonstrations of eclipses, the phases of the moon, Earth's orbit and the changing of the seasons, historical constellation patterns that were

seen by past cultures, atmospheric effects, and a large library of images of deep-space objects.

The inflatable dome can accommodate up to 25 adults or 40 children at a time. It is transportable, easy to use, and simple to setup and to deflate.

If you wish to contribute to the project, the WHS PTSO is accepting donations online via PayPal.

### **COMMUNITY** (cont.) -

# COMMUNITY GARDEN OPENS SIXTH GROWING SEASON ON FALLS PLACE

The Round Hill Community Garden on Falls Place is ready for its sixth season of growing. Available for first-time gardeners as well as anyone who needs a ready-made plot, the community garden is designed to provide a space and resources for friends and neighbors to grow food and flowers. The gardeners are primarily people living in and around Round Hill.

General responsibilities are shared between the gardeners on chores associated with upkeep, some mulching, some weeding and sharing of gardening adventures.

Please contact Terri Stocker at 540-338-8543 or *jtstockerfam@comcast. net* about availability and pricing of plots. Information is also available online at *www.roundhillgarden.org*.

# RHVFD HOLDS FLOWER SALE AND OPEN HOUSE IN MAY

The Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department will sell Mother's Day Flowers on Friday, May 8, from 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 9 from 8 a.m. till sold out.

On Saturday, May 23, the RHVFD will be organizing and leading the Round Hill Hometown Festival parade. Anyone interested in partici-

pating should contact Betty Dodge at *rhvolfd@comcast.net* for details.

Also on May 23, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m., the RHVFD will host an open house and pig roast in conjunction with the Hometown Festival. Visitors are invited to see the equipment, meet firefighters and EMTs and learn about local non-profit and health-oriented groups. The department will also be serving its famous fresh BBQ for lunch.

The Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department is seeking members. Training, uniforms and opportunities to help your community provided free. Membership meetings are open to the public and are held on the fourth Monday night of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the RHVFD activity hall.

## WHS FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT PLANS GALA, SILENT AUCTION

The Woodgrove Music and Arts Association is busy planning for the much anticipated WHS Fine Arts Gala and Silent Auction on Friday, May 8, at the school.

This evening will spotlight the entire Fine Arts Department, featuring art displays, drama productions and music performances throughout the night.

Desserts and refreshments will be served as visitors browse the many silent and live auction items. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment begins at 7:00.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. Ages 18 and under are free.

The WMAA would like to thank the Round Hill Community for their constant support of the Fine Arts at Woodgrove High School.

# RHAC KEEPS HOPPING WITH SPRINGTIME ACTIVITIES

The Round Hill Arts Center has a full slate of activities planned for the coming months.

At May's Family Friday, potter Amy Manson will show families how to make unique windchimes. The event, which takes place Friday, May 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., costs \$35 per family and includes materials, pizza, and drinks.

The Immortals will provide an afternoon of rocking music and tiedye on the loading dock from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 7. Concert and dyeing are free. Bring your own shirt or buy one for \$10

Join Karen Helble on Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and make a sturdy utensil basket for picnics and everyday use. Bring a towel, a set of pliers and lunch (or buy lunch next door). The cost is \$80 plus \$14 materials fee; designed for ages 16 and up.

On Saturday, June 20, and Sunday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the RHAC will be tour stop #20 on the 10th Annual Western Loudoun Artists' Studio Tour. The Center will host artists Liz Cresap, Penny Hauffe, Meredith Hilt, Mary Kenesson, Stephen Loya and Jeff Miller.

Round Hill Arts Center has many creative summer camps and workshops for kids and teens from ages 5 to 18. There are classes for adults, too. For more information, visit www. roundhillartscenter.org.

#### RHES CARNIVAL SCHEDULED

The Round Hill Elementary School PTA will be hosting the first annual

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Coaches and team members on Upper Loudoun Little League baseball teams throw their caps up into the air as part of Round Hill's Opening Day ceremonies on Saturday, April 18.

### **COMMUNITY** (cont.)

spring carnival—The Bear Bonanza—on Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in front of the school. This event is open to the entire community. There will be games, multiple moon bounces for all ages, food and more.

#### WHS GRADUATES FOURTH SENIOR CLASS

Woodgrove High School is looking eagerly ahead to the graduation of its fourth senior class on June 18.

This year's grad night event will take place at the AV Symington outdoor aquatic facility, which is located at Ida Lee Park in Leesburg, on June 18 from 4-8 p.m. Tickets will be available online at the WHS PTSO website beginning in May 1 for \$10 each or in person the last week of May and first week of June.

The PTSO welcomes sponsors for this event. Please consider making a tax-deductible monetary donation or contributions in the form of services, gift certificates or prizes. Checks should be payable to the Woodgrove High School PTSO and notate in the memo that funds should be earmarked for after-grad night.

# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON HOME IN ROUND HILL THIS SPRING

Loudoun Habitat for Humanity is coming to Round Hill. Beginning in late May or early June, Habitat will start construction on a new house on Hayman Lane and encourages the community to join in on this project. No previous skills are needed, just a desire to help others.

Anyone interested in learning more should email tcashen@loudounhabitat.org to be added to Habitat's Con-

#### ON THE AGENDA

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

- Adopt FY16 Town Budget and Capital Improvement Plan
- Update of Town Comprehensive Plan
- Easement acquisition for Main Street sidewalks and Franklin Park Trail
- Prepare for Hometown Festival
- Repainting of Evening Star water tower
- Refinancing of existing utility debt
- Well exploration for new water sources
- County zoning approval and bonding for water tank on Yatton Road
- Determine development plans for Sleeter Lake park

struction Update email that comes out three to four times a month. This email will provide current information on when Habitat is working on the Round Hill house.

Not interested in building but would like to volunteer? Habitat for Humanity is looking for groups who would like to help feed volunteers on the worksite. This program, called Fed by Faith, is open to any groups in the community. Groups would need to provide lunch for 10 to 15 volunteers.

#### CHURCH HOMECOMING SERVICE PLANNED

The Annual Ketoctin Homecoming Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on June 7, at the Ketoctin Baptist Church, which is located at 16595 Ketoctin Church Road. Dr. Allen Stanford of the Leesburg Baptist Church will be the guest speaker, with Tammy Lanham providing the special music. All are invited and encouraged to bring a friend.

### **Upcoming Events**

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	7:00 n m. Town Office	

<b></b>	Planning Commission	May 5 / June 2
	7:00 p.m., Town Office	

➤ WHS Fine Arts Gala May 8 7:00 p.m., Woodgrove High School; \$10 for adults; ages 18 and under free

$\blacktriangleright$	RHVFD Flower Sale	May 8-9
	Volunteer Fire Department	

► Land Use Committee May 12 7:00 p.m., Town Office

▶ RHES Bear Bonanza Spring Carnival May 16 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Round Hill Elementary School

► Town Council May 21 / June 18 7:30 p.m., Town Office

► Hometown Festival May 23 8:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m. around Town (see insert)

► Public Hearing on Budget June 4 7:30 p.m., Town Office

► Utility Committee June 9 8:00 a.m., Town Office

- ► Ketoctin Baptist Church Homecoming June 7 3 p.m., Ketoctin Baptist Church; all welcome
- ➤ Western Loudoun Artists Studio Tour June 20-21 10 a.m.-5 p.m. both days; Round Hill Arts Center and other locations around the county
- ► WHS Graduation and Grad Night June 18 8:00 a.m. ceremony, Woodgrove HS; 4-8 p.m. party at Symington Aquatic Center, Leesburg

# 13TH ANNUAL ROUND HILL, VIRGINIA FESTIVAL MAY 23, 2015



Time

# A FULL DAY OF **FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN** IN THE HEART OF ROUND HILL

Round Hill 5K and Fun Run Round Hill Elementary School 8 a.m. (Rain or shine) Parade Down Jackson Avenue and Main Street to 9:30 a.m. Town Park. Line up begins at 9:00 a.m. on the corner of Evening Star and Hudson Street, heading south. Come earlier to decorate floats/cars/trucks. (Rain or shine) RHVFD Open House Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department 10:00 a.m.-

Place

and Pig Roast 2:00 p.m.

Memorial Ceremony Town Park Stage 10:45 a.m. (Rain site: Round Hill Elementary School)

Entertainment Town Park and Main Street All day (Rain site: Round Hill Elementary School)

Stage Schedule		
10:00 a.m.	Woodgrove High School Jazz Band	
11:30 a.m.	Jake and the Burtones	
12:15 p.m.	Magician Ryan Phillips	
12:45 p.m.	Diamonds & Rust	
3:00 p.m.	Round Hill's Got Talent Open Mic Event	
5:00 p.m.	Brad and Amy Byers - Afrosantana	
7:00 p.m.	The Smallwood Brothers Band	

Children's Rides and Games Town Park 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. **Pie-Eating Contest** Town Park Stage (Rain site: Round Hill Elementary School)

The Downhill Derby North Locust Street 3:00 p.m. (Event cancelled in the event of rain)

Community Feast Town Park 5:00 p.m.with food from multiple (Rain site: Round Hill Elementary School) 7:30 p.m. vendors

Free Evening Concert in the Town Park 7:00 p.m. Park featuring The (Rain site: Round Hill Elementary School)

Smallwood Brothers Band

**Visit** 

www.hometownfestival.org or www.facebook/rhhometownfestival for more information!





Register online at 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.

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For more on this event please visit www.hometownfestival.org or follow the "Round Hill Hometown Festival" on Facebook.