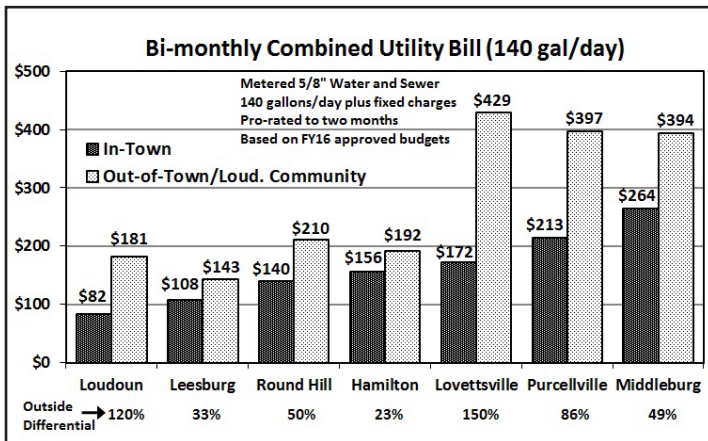


# News aRound the Hill

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A comparison of combined utility rates shows that Round Hill's rates are now among the lowest in Loudoun County.

## FY2016 Budget Includes 14 Percent Decrease in Utility Rates

**Rates Now Among Lowest in Loudoun County**

On June 18, the Round Hill Town Council adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2016 that includes a 14 percent net decrease in combined water and sewer rates for the coming year. The new rates took effect July 1.

"The rate decrease is the result of responsible long-term financial planning," said Round Hill Mayor Scott Ramsey.

"After increasing rates eight years ago, we have now built our system back into health," he added. "We have gone through a big system expansion, rebuilt our reserves and the area is starting to grow again. Our financial planning efforts have finally started to pay off."

Round Hill is the only Loudoun County town to lower rates this year.

## Town Seeks Citizen Input for Comprehensive Plan Update

The Round Hill government has been working to update the Comprehensive Plan, which outlines the Town's long-term goals for future public improvements and community development projects.

The Comprehensive Plan also serves as a road map for the next 10 years, ensuring that the Town's resources are in line with the current and future needs of residents, as well as the changing demographics of the community.

Even as Round Hill approaches build-out within the next 5 to 10 years, new opportunities for community enrichment will continue to exist within existing neighborhoods.

Over the next few months, the Town will be hosting several public input workshops to inform the community about the update process and to seek community input on

how Round Hill can be improved for the future.

Attendees will learn more about the plan and have the opportunity to ask questions of the town staff.

The first of these meetings will be titled "Envisioning Round Hill in 2026" and will be held in the Town Office on Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.

Similar workshops will be scheduled in September and October. Ideas, comments and concerns gathered from the August workshop will help set the agenda for the September meeting.

All residents, both from in- and outside of town boundaries, are encouraged to attend one more of these open forums to listen to the group discussion and to share ideas.

To assist with planning of the meeting, an RSVP would be appreciated. Please send an email stating interest to [mhynes@roundhillva.org](mailto:mhynes@roundhillva.org).

## DEVELOPMENT

### CREEKSIDE BEGINS PHASE I CONSTRUCTION THIS SUMMER

The first phase of Round Hill's newest neighborhood, Creekside at Round Hill, will start construction this summer.

Wormald Homes' goal is to develop the first 27 building lots before the winter. This first phase of development also includes the widening of Evening Star Drive, with two addi-

tional lanes of from Business Route 7 to the site entrance. The new development will also extend Greenwood Drive from Main Street on the west to Evening Star Drive on the east.

Construction of the model home will commence in August. Initial sales and marketing efforts will also begin this summer either out of a temporary sales trailer or the existing brick house on Main Street.

This project is 10 years in the making. The rezoning for the 95-home project was approved in 2005 and amended this year to include a new 8-acre Town Park.

Round Hill is quickly approaching "build-out" within its water and sewer service area; this development represents one of the last large neighborhoods to be constructed in the Round Hill area.

# COMMUNITY

## JULY 4 POTLUCK BREAKFAST

The Round Hill Junior Women's Group and the Ladies of Round Hill would like to invite the Round Hill community to gather in the Town Park on the morning of Saturday, July 4, for a potluck breakfast.

The free event will run from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Everyone is asked to bring a breakfast item (baked good, fruit, juices, etc.) to share with those present. Plates, cups and utensils will be provided.

Simple children's activities will also be provided.

## GATEWAY GALLERY MARKS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Gateway Gallery Artists' Cooperative in Round Hill celebrates its fifth anniversary with a special reception showcasing paintings by Becky Tighe and pewter by Karen and Stuart Helble from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on July 25. Local bluegrass band The Spruce Brothers will perform from noon until 2 p.m.

The event will also include hourly drawings for free prizes, art demonstrations at neighboring Round Hill Arts Center throughout the day, and a 10 percent discount on purchases at the Gateway Gallery. Mom's Apple Pies and Bogati Bodega will also offer



**Scenes from the Hometown Festival (clockwise from top left): Josh Cromwell wins the 5k; Cub Scouts raise the flag; Town Administrator Buster Nicholson performs with his daughter; Woodgrove Marching Band plays in the parade; RHES PE teacher Eric Turrill and Principal Andrew Davis eat pie.**

a special 10 percent discount from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. that day.

## KIDS CAMPS STILL AVAILABLE

Summer camps at the Round Hill Arts Center have filled quickly this year, but there is still space available for kids age 5-12 to join in half-day camps taught by professional artists

in their fields. Camp themes include ceramics, journaling, collage/mixed media, photography, and gaming.

The RHAC also now has a dedicated children's classroom for camps, classes and birthday parties.

Information about camps and "artful" birthday parties is available online at [www.roundhillartscenter.org](http://www.roundhillartscenter.org).

## ON THE AGENDA

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

- Update of Town Comprehensive Plan
- Easement acquisition for Main Street sidewalks and Franklin Park Trail
- 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

## Upcoming Events

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| ► <b>Potluck Breakfast</b>           | <b>July 4</b>            |
| Free. 10:00-11:30 a.m., Town Park    |                          |
| ► <b>Planning Commission</b>         | <b>July 7 / Aug. 4</b>   |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office               |                          |
| ► <b>Land Use Committee</b>          | <b>July 8</b>            |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office               |                          |
| ► <b>Administrative Committee</b>    | <b>July 13</b>           |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office               |                          |
| ► <b>Utility Committee</b>           | <b>July 14 / Aug. 11</b> |
| 8:00 a.m., Town Office               |                          |
| ► <b>Town Council</b>                | <b>July 16</b>           |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office               |                          |
| ► <b>Gateway Gallery Anniversary</b> | <b>July 25</b>           |
| Free. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.                 |                          |