

News aRound the Hill

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Stop Hunger Now, Clothing Drive Scheduled

The Round Hill United Methodist and Round Hill Baptist churches are both planning events on Saturday, April 2, that will help others in need.

Round Hill Methodist Church will join with Harmony Methodist Church in Hamilton and Leesburg's Evergreen Methodist Church to sponsor the 7th Annual West Loudoun Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event. The event will be held from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Round Hill Elementary School.

The goal is to package at least 40,000 meals for shipment to worldwide locations of need. The churches are seeking at least 300 volunteers for this single-day event and donations of at least \$11,500 to purchase the required food and packaging materials.

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PHOTOS COURTESY HOMETOWN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The 14th Annual Round Hill Hometown Festival will be held on Saturday, May 28. The day features family-friendly events including a 5k and kids' fun run, parade, Memorial Ceremony, pie-eating contest, downhill derby and musical entertainment in the Town Park.

Planning Underway for 14th Annual Hometown Festival

Sponsors, Volunteers, Food Vendors Needed

Planning has begun for the 14th annual Round Hill Hometown Festival, to be held on Saturday, May 28.

This full-day event in the heart of Round Hill features something for everyone—from the morning's 5k through to the evening concert in the Town Park—so be sure to mark your calendars.

The Hometown Festival relies on the support of local businesses to help keep the event a free family-friendly community event. All sponsorship proceeds go directly toward offsetting Festival expenses. Interested sponsors should contact Allison Cremona at gidgetsbeautybox@gmail.com.

The Festival committee is also looking for volunteers to help coordinate vendors, assist with event planning and work shifts the day of the Festival. The committee is also seeking food vendors that are interested in providing lunch or dinner items the day of the Festival.

For more information on volunteering or vendor opportunities, please contact Festival chair Kim Ramsey at info@hometownfestival.org.

Follow www.hometownfestival.org and www.facebook.com/rhhometownfestival for detailed information about the Festival as plans develop.



PHOTO COURTESY STOP HUNGER NOW

Stop Hunger Now volunteers help package food during last year's event at Round Hill Elementary.



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Artists' Shop to Open on Main Street in April

Multi-media artist and Round Hill resident Jenny McMahon is collaborating with two other local artists to open a storefront on Main Street that will feature their creations.

McMahon's business, shtuff, is a line of home design elements created from found objects. Pieces are designed using reclaimed wood, metal and paper as well as graphic, mechanical and architectural elements. Work includes clocks, frames, lighting and a variety of organizational items. Since items are made from found objects, many of them are singular creations that cannot be duplicated.

Maureen Alvarez of Chunk of Happiness Pottery and Scottie Vosburgh of Saved by Scottie are joining McMahon in the venture. For now the shop will feature their work, but the artists will be looking for the opportunity to have other artists' work in the shop.

"We want this to be a shop for people to purchase one-of-a-kind creations from local artists and other unique finds for their home," McMahon said.

Located in the former home of Mary Ruth Peele's Copeland House Antiques at 20 Main Street, the store will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the last weekend of every month, by appointment, and by chance. The trio of artists are shooting for a grand opening the weekend of April 22.

"I am so excited for the opportunity to be able to grow my business in a unique building with a long history in the Town of Round Hill," McMahon said.

"To be able to have the building continue as a local business also pays respect to all the hard work Mary Ruth Peele put into her long-standing business in the town. I hope that our monthly opening becomes an event the community anticipates and looks forward to each month."

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Scouts, schools, public service groups, families and individuals may sign up or donate for this event online at events.stophungernow.org/roundhill2016 or by contacting any of the three churches directly.

For more information on the Stop Hunger Now program, go to www.stophungernow.org.

The same day, from 9 a.m. to noon, the Round Hill Baptist Church is sponsoring a Womens Clothing Drive. The church will collect gently used womens clothing items on Friday, April 1, between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. On Saturday, April 2, donors and "shoppers" are invited to the church to "shop" through the donated items.

All items will be free. Donors and shoppers will be asked to give \$5 for participating—100 percent of entry fees will be donated to the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter. The leftover clothing will also be donated to the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter. Contact Carly Davis at 703-625-2818 with any questions.

ROUND HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GREEN TEAM SEEKS GARDENING ASSISTANCE

Students at Round Hill Elementary School have a lot to look forward to as spring approaches.

The school is forming a student-led Green Team and is looking for a master gardener or businesses that might be willing to help establish a school garden. Anyone interested in donating time or resources should contact Principal Andrew Davis at andrew.davis@lcps.org or 540-751-2450.

Other events the elementary school is hosting this spring include the annual faculty volleyball game versus Emerick Elementary School on Friday, March 11, and Munchkins for Moms events on Thursday, March 31, and Friday, April 1.

The Bears are also looking forward to their Spring Carnival in May.

RHVFD: NEW OFFICERS; EASTER FLOWER SALE; OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

The Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department officers for 2016 are: President John Moring; Secretary M. J. Cooper; Treasurer Ted Spara; Fire Chief Gene Thomas; Assistant Fire Chief Fenton Simpson; Rescue Chief Cheryl Aycok and Board Members Bill Poindexter, Mike Zukowski, Chip Corbin, Karin Mercendetti and Barry Carroll. The RHVFD will hold its 2016 officer installation banquet in March at the Bogati Winery at Hill High Orchards.

The RHVFD will be selling Easter Flowers at the firehouse (4 Main Street) on Friday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, March 26, from 8 a.m. until sold out. A variety of flowers and prices will be available.

Open Burning regulations are in effect from Feb. 15 through April 30. Open fires are prohibited between mid-

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night and 4 p.m. countywide. The Round Hill Town Code prevents open burning at all times within Town limits without written permission of the Fire Marshall.

All open burning must be reported to the Loudoun County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) at 703-777-0637, *before* ignition and when the fire is extinguished. All fires must be actively attended (responsible 18-year-olds or older) with means to extinguish the fire. Materials are not allowed to be added after midnight.

Questions may be directed to the Fire Marshal's Office at 703-777-8600.

RHAC HOPPING WITH ACTIVITIES THIS SPRING

Springtime is hopping at the Round Hill Arts Center. The schedule of activities includes monthly Family Fridays and Handy Hours, both on the second Friday of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. Family Fridays will create shamrock key chains and gnome homes and Handy Hours will feature ceramic garden lanterns and zentangle ornaments in March and April, respectively.

The VSA Workshop series for March will make an animated movie, and April's workshops will celebrate a love of nature.

Eggstravaganza! The Sixth Annual Egg-Decorating Event will be held Saturday, March 19, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All ages are invited to bring their own hard-boiled eggs to adorn at egg-decorating stations.

Other classes beginning this spring include still life painting with Dana Thompson.

For details on all the activity happening at the Round Hill Arts Center, visit www.roundhillartscenter.org.



PHOTO COURTESY ROUND HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thank you to the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department for escorting Santa and Mrs. Claus around town before Christmas and to the Round Hill Arts Center for the wreaths that decorated the entrances to Town.

GOVERNMENT

UTILITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS

Town Staff is requesting that customers start using their new account number when submitting payments for utility bills. This is especially important when using the Town's online payment option. Any questions should be directed to the Town Office at 540-338-7878 x301.

TOWN ELECTIONS MAY 3

Municipal elections in the Town of Round Hill will be held on Tuesday, May 3. Town elections are held at the Round Hill Center, at 20 High Street. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Residents within the corporate limits are encouraged to come out and vote to fill the positions of mayor, a two-year term, and three Town Council seats, which are four-year terms.

As of publication, incumbent Mayor Scott Ramsey had filed for re-election, as had Vice Mayor and Council Member Mary Anne K. Graham. Two newcomers have also filed for Council seats: Kim D. Fortunato and Mike K. Minshall.

Current Council members Dan Botsch and Clark Klipple, whose terms expire on June 30, have not yet filed for re-election. The filing date is March 1. Candidates may seek election through write-in campaigns.

Upcoming Events

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| ► Administrative Committee | March 7 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Utility Committee | March 8 |
| 8:00 a.m., Town Office | |
| ► Planning Commission | March 8 and 22/April 5 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Land Use Committee | March 15 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Council | March 17/April 21 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► RHVFD Easter Flower Sale | March 25-26 |
| ► Budget Work Session | March 31/April 7 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Womens Clothing Drive | April 1-2 |
| ► Stop Hunger Now | April 2 |
| ► Round Hill Municipal Elections | May 3 |

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
- Well exploration for new water sources
- County zoning approval and bonding for water tank on Yatton Road
- Determine development plans for Sleeter Lake park