

News aRound the Hill

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Treasurer Betty Wolford to Retire After More than 30 Years of Service

On June 30, Betty Wolford, treasurer for the Town of Round Hill, will be retiring. One thing is very clear, whoever takes her place will have some very big shoes to fill.

Betty began working for the Town of Round Hill in 1978, when she started as part-time help to cover for the treasurer during vacations.

"The treasurer would go to Florida for vacation, and I was asked to step in and keep things going," Betty said.

Eventually, she was hired to replace the treasurer in 1981. Betty left Round Hill to work for the Town of Middleburg from 2000 to 2006, when she returned to Round Hill. She has served as treasurer ever since.

Along with her 31 years of service as treasurer, Betty has served as the town clerk and temporary zoning administrator. She has also been a member of the Planning Commission

for seven years.

Betty's husband, Jeff Wolford, served on the Town Council from 1976-1978, and was mayor from 1978-1996. Together, they dedicated years to the service of the Round Hill residents, functioning as Town staff, keeping the water and sewer system working and managing the day-to-day business of the Town.

Betty and Jeff moved to Round Hill in 1970. She has seven children, 17 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

"Betty is the most dedicated employee I have ever worked with," said Town Administrator Buster Nicholson. "She loves Round Hill and has played a major role in getting us to where we are today. She is a very thoughtful and kind person, and we will miss working with her."

The Town is currently in the process of reviewing applications for Betty's



PHOTO BY KIM RAMSEY

Treasurer Betty Wolford has also served as town clerk, zoning administrator and planning commissioner.

successor. Betty will return as a consultant to help with the transition of the new hire.

Festival Fun



PHOTO COURTESY ROUND HILL HOMETOWN FESTIVAL

The 14th Annual Hometown Festival is right around the corner—on Saturday, May 28! For details on this year's all-day, family-friendly event, see page 4. Visit the Festival online at www.hometownfestival.org or www.facebook.com/rhhometownfestival.

Sleeter Lake Park Receives Funding from Loudoun County

The Town of Round Hill recently learned that Loudoun County has approved \$173,000 worth of funding toward the completion of Sleeter Lake Park in its FY2017 budget.

This money will be combined with a grant for \$75,000 from the State Department of Game & Inland Fisheries that the Town received in 2015. The grant is for construction of a public boating facility on the Sleeter Lake parkland by October 2016.

The public boating facility will be for non-motorized boats (such as canoes and kayaks) and for boats with non-gasoline powered motors. There will also be a fishing pier and the ability to fish from the shoreline.

The Town was proffered 11 acres of parkland along Sleeter Lake with public boating access in 1990 as part

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of the larger rezoning application that permitted the creation of the Villages of Round Hill and its accompanying neighborhoods.

Sleeter Lake Park will be a public park with vehicular access from Lakefield Road and pedestrian access via a trail from the Lake Point neighborhood.

It will be a passive park for the purposes of viewing the lake, walking the nature trails, small picnics, wildlife watching, boating access and fishing access.

There will also be an educational component to allow the public to learn about the history of Sleeter Lake and its role in the former Round Hill Orchard Industry.

As a passive park, there will not be any ball fields or athletic courts.

HYDRANT FLUSHING TO OCCUR MAY 10

The Town of Round Hill Utilities Department will be flushing fire hydrants in the corporate limits of Town on May 10.

Water mains are flushed by opening fire hydrants and allowing them to flow freely for a short period of time. The flushing cleans out sediment, which normally accumulates in the water mains.

Water is safe to drink and safe to use during the flushing. However, flushing may result in some discoloration and sediment in the water.

If discoloration or sediment is evident, residents may want to avoid doing laundry. Flushing may also introduce air into the water lines, which can temporarily cause erratic flow.

The Town regrets any inconvenience the flushing operation may cause.

Please call the Town Office at 540-338-7878 x301 if any problems occur.

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR SEASON

The Round Hill Community Garden on Falls Place is preparing to open for its seventh growing season this spring. The garden is a partnership between the Town of Round Hill and the local people and businesses of Round Hill.

The group's main goals are to promote involvement in the larger community by supporting local food pantries, to provide an educational experience for the next generation and to maintain a space for area residents to grow their own food with other local gardeners.

On-site amenities developed over the years include:

- protective 8-foot mesh fencing and reinforced small gauge fencing at ground level to keep deer, rabbits and other pests from crops
- on-site irrigation and hoses
- compost bins for in-garden recycling of organic matter
- a secure storage shed to contain tools and supplies for common use and to provide space for plot holders to store additional items.

The garden holds to organic methods of cultivation. Chemical pesti-



PHOTO COURTESY ROUND HILL COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden is located on Falls Place.

cides, herbicides and fertilizers are forbidden. Organic soil amendments and pest remedies such as manure, compost, marigolds etc., may be used instead. Area farm supply and garden stores carry many suitable products. The RHCG also has ties to the Loudoun Master Gardeners.

Plots can be leased per season on a first-come, first-served basis for the following fees:

- 20 x 20 feet (one season) \$25
- 20 x 10 feet (one season) \$15
- Plot Deposit (refundable) \$25
- Water Deposit (refundable) \$10.

Community partners, including

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From Woodgrove to Worlds



PHOTO COURTESY WOODGROVE ODYSSEY

Two Odyssey of the Mind teams from Woodgrove High School will be heading to Iowa State University at the end of this month to compete against teams from across the United States and around the globe at World Finals. Both creative problem-solving teams were formed at Round Hill Elementary School, and all 14 team members live in Round Hill or Bluemont. The teams are seeking contributions to help offset expenses for their trip to Iowa; donations may be made through www.gofundme.com/2rxkaqs4. To learn more about the teams, visit their page at www.facebook.com/woodgroveodyssey.

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local businesses, landscape companies, farmers, civic groups, artists, and local non-profits have provided financial assistance and in-kind donations.

The Town of Round Hill authorizes the use of the property annually and provides a water allowance and insurance coverage. The Town holds community garden funds in its accounts and mows the area surrounding the garden. The Villages of Round Hill homeowners association mows the remaining perimeter and provides trash and recycling pickup.

To lease a plot or for more information, please contact Garden Manager Tony Derrow at tmderrrow@yahoo.com or 703-966-0440.

RHVFD HONORS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

The Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department recognized several members as outstanding volunteers at the March Installation of Officers dinner.

Fire Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Eric Carroll; Rescue Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Kim Walker; and Administrative Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Laura Reichert.

Newly elected officers for 2016 were sworn into service at the event.

The department celebrated Mayor Scott Ramsey's dedication to the town and the fire department at its April 25 meeting, by making him an Honorary Member. The department also welcomed new members Rick and Rebecca Wolfe and Rob Sharp.

Additional new members are also sought. For more information about being a Round Hill volunteer, please check out the department's website at www.roundhillofd.org.

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Sheriff's Department Quarterly Meeting May 4**
7:00 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Planning Commission Work Session May 5**
5:30 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Planning Commission May 10**
7:00 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Utility Committee May 17**
8:00 a.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Town Council May 21/June 16**
7:30 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Town Council Budget Hearing June 2**
7:30 p.m., Town Office; public meeting
- ▶ **Budget Work Session June 9**
7:00 p.m., Town Office (if needed)
- ▶ **Round Hill Hometown Festival May 28**
8:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Round Hill Town Park

RHES TO HOST BEAR BONANZA CARNIVAL, PARTICIPATE IN HOMETOWN FESTIVAL

Round Hill Elementary School is excited to again announce that it will be hosting the second Annual Spring Bear Bonanza Carnival on Saturday, May 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the school's front circle.

Organizers are looking for local vendors to set up at the school or provide donations for a silent auction, which will be an opportunity for participants to shop for teacher gifts, baby and bridal showers, grad gifts, birthdays and so much more. Spaces will be available for just \$30. Please contact Somphane Jones at: somphane.rattanaones@lcpa.org for a registration form.

Round Hill Elementary will also play a large role in the upcoming Round Hill Hometown Festival on May 28. More than 70 student members of Running Bears Club will be competing in the 5K race, the 4th- and 5th- grade choir will be singing the National Anthem and the Armed Forces Medley, Principal Andrew Davis will be a celebrity in the pie-eating contest, and the student Green Team will be volunteering to help with clean-up efforts on Sunday morning after the festival. Round Hill Elementary School is honored to be a part of such an incredible community!



PHOTO COURTESY ROUND HILL HOMETOWN FESTIVAL
RHES Principal Davis

KETOCTIN BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL SERVICE

The Ketocin Baptist Church and Cemetery Trustees will be having their annual service at the Ketocin Baptist Church on June 5 at 3:00 p.m. All are invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship.

ON THE AGENDA

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

- Adoption of FY17 budget and rates
- 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 for water tower on Yatton Road
- Determine development plans for Sleeter Lake park



ROUND HILL HOMETOWN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MAY 28 | 8 A.M. TO 9:30 P.M.

The 14th Annual Hometown Festival is a full day of family-friendly fun in the heart of Round Hill!



5k Race and Children's Fun Run

8 a.m.

The Festival 5k begins and ends at Round Hill Elementary School and races through the town of Round Hill. Register online through May 26 at www.hometownfestival.org or in person the day of the race beginning at 7 a.m. Race registration is \$25.

Parade

9:30 a.m.

Fire trucks, decorated cars, wagons, walkers, marching bands and more! The parade lines up at 9:00 a.m. on the corner of Evening Star Drive and Hudson Street in Greenwood Commons, travels down Jackson Avenue to Pickett and Hampton before turning south to progress down Main Street and end in the Town Park.

Individuals and community groups are invited to participate. Sign up online at www.roundhillparade.com.

Memorial Ceremony

10:45 a.m.

The Memorial Ceremony is a chance for the Round Hill community to say "Thank you" to our local veterans who have sacrificed so much for our country. This year's speaker is Laszlo Palko, a US Army veteran and Town Administrator for Lovettsville. He will be joined by Scout Troops, the Woodgrove Jazz Band and the Round Hill Elementary School Chorus. At the end of the ceremony there will be a wreath-laying at the base of the park's flagpole.

Pie-Eating Contest

1:30 p.m.

A perennial favorite pits round of contestants in a frenzy to finish as much pie as possible in a minute! There will be rounds for youth, teens, adults and local "celebrities." Be sure to bring a camera—the pictures are priceless!

Downhill Derby

3 p.m.

Homemade and kit cars race down North Locust Street in an unsanctioned soapbox derby style contest to see which kid will be crowned king or queen of the Hill!

Stage Entertainment

10:15 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The Town Park Stage comes alive from morning through the evening with the following FREE concerts from local groups:

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| • The Woodgrove High School Jazz Band | 10:15 a.m. |
| • The Plankstompers | 11:30 a.m. |
| • Dominion 4 Barbershop Quartet | 12:30 p.m. |
| • The IMMORTALS | 12:45 p.m. |
| • Round Hill's Got Talent (Open Mic)
(sign up at www.roundhillartscenter.org) | 3:00 p.m. |
| • Diamonds and Rust | 5:00 p.m. |
| • Jumptown | 7:00 p.m. |

Food and Drinks

All Day

There will be no reason to go hungry—or go home to eat—with the variety of food vendors that will be on hand during the day! Expect to find the following food options at the Festival:

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| • RHVFD Pig Roast and Open House | Lunchtime |
| • The Wandering Chef | Lunchtime |
| • Tammy's Diner | Lunch and dinner |
| • Anthony's | Lunch and dinner |
| • Mount Zion Baptist Church Fish Fry | Dinnertime |
| • The Wine Kitchen | Dinnertime |
| • American Legion Beer & Wine Sales | Dinnertime |

The Round Hill United Methodist Church, the Woodgrove High School Color Guard, the Boy Scouts and Lickety Splitz Hawaiian Ice will also be serving snacks, baked goods, and other treats throughout the daytime hours.

Children's Rides and Games

11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Carnival rides from Big Country Amusements and old-fashioned fair games run by Western Loudoun Community Church will help entertain youngsters. Look for a magician working the crowds and during the Open Mic session and be sure to take advantage of the face painting from the Round Hill Arts Center!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
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AND
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/
RHHOMETOWNFESTIVAL](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/RHHOMETOWNFESTIVAL)

