

News aRound the Hill

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United Methodist Church Welcomes New Pastor

After 15 years under the leadership of Pastor Jeffrey Witt, Round Hill Methodist Church has a new face at the pulpit; Daniel Wray began as pastor on July 1.

Pastor Wray said he is "extremely excited to be coming to Round Hill UMC to be part of the wonderful ministry that is happening here." He comes to Round Hill from Lane Memorial UMC in Altavista, Va.

Wray is joined by his wife Heather, who is a deacon in the United Methodist Church and will be beginning at Leesburg UMC as the children's minister, and their infant daughter Nora.

"I love to preach, teach and administer the sacraments," Wray said.

"I also have a great love for mission, particularly mission that transforms the local community. I am excited for all of the amazing mission that Round Hill is already doing."

Personally, the Wrays enjoy attending concerts and sporting events, hiking, and discovering fun local shops and restaurants.

"We cannot wait to explore the community around us," he said. "I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and am confident that through the power of the Holy Spirit our ministry together will be fruitful."



PHOTO COURTESY ROUND HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Daniel Wray, his wife Heather, and daughter Nora are new members of the Round Hill community.

Pastor Witt has moved with his wife, Elizabeth, to St. Andrews Methodist Church in Virginia Beach, Va. Parishioners stress that he will be much missed at the church and in the community.

Community Shred, Hazardous Waste Collection Planned

Two local events this fall will help residents who are decluttering their homes and garages at the beginning of the school year.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, Loudoun County will host a household hazardous waste collection event at the Harmony Park and Ride on East Colonial Highway in Hamilton. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and is free to Loudoun County residents.

The event will be the last to occur in the western region of the county during 2016 and will be a convenient opportunity for residents to dispose of their unused summertime chemicals like pesticides and lawn mower gas.

The purpose of this program is to provide a safe, no-cost method for residents to dispose of unused, old or unwanted hazardous materials stored in their homes.

Household hazardous waste is any waste produced in the home that is dangerous or potentially harmful to health or the environment.

More information is available at www.loudoun.gov/hhw or by calling 703-771-5500.

Please note certain items will not be accepted such as motor oil, antifreeze, lead acid batteries, propane tanks, fireworks and ammunition, medical waste and prescription medications, and electronics. Alternative disposal

methods are listed on the website.

These events will not be able to accept waste from businesses or local government agencies; however, a separate commercial waste event will be offered this fall at the County landfill.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, the Town of Round Hill is sponsoring a Community Shred Event from 10 am to noon at Round Hill Elementary School.

Residents will need to be in line no later than 11:30 a.m. to participate in the shred event. Shredding will end promptly at 12:00 noon.

There will be town staff and signs to direct residents during the event.

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GOVERNMENT

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Guidelines for the event:

1. Two boxes or trash bags per vehicle (Xerox box size)
2. Residents will form a single line in parking lot.
3. PROSHRED employees will bring bins to each vehicle in line to retrieve material to be shredded.
4. For safety reasons residents must remain in their vehicles. PROSHRED employees will return boxes/bags upon request.
5. Residents who want to watch their papers being shredded must remove their vehicles from the line and park away from the truck and then walk to the back of the truck to watch the shredding.

Accepted materials: office paper, checks, envelopes, and small fasteners such as staples, paper clips and binder clips.

Items not accepted: newspapers, magazines, 3-ring binders, cardboard, plastic and electric media

If you have any questions, please contact Kim McGaha at the Town Office, 540-338-7878 x 305.

CREDIT CARDS FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS

The Town Office now can accept credit card payments for customers who come into the office to pay for their water bills. The Town accepts all major credits EXCEPT American Express. There still is no charge to customers to use this service.

FRANKLIN PARK TRAIL UPDATE

Loudoun County representatives will be at the Town Council meeting on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7:30 p.m. to answer any questions from residents about the Franklin Park Trail Project. The meeting will be held in the Town Office at 23 Main Street.

TOWN COUNCIL REORGANIZES MEETINGS

In order to streamline the committee meeting process, the Town Council will be meeting as a committee of the whole on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. to discuss administrative, land use, and utility issues. This single meeting replaces separate committee meetings.

Upcoming Events

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| ► Town Council Work Session | Sept. 1/Oct. 6 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Planning Commission | Sept. 7/Oct. 4 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Council Meeting | Sept. 15/Oct. 20 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Franklin Park Trail Update | Sept. 15 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office, during Town Council | |



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In addition to responding to emergency calls, the RHVFD supports community events like the Hometown Festival and Town Tree Lighting.

COMMUNITY

RHVFD SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Since New Year's Eve 1938, Round Hill has relied on the unyielding care and concern of volunteers who stand ready to serve as members of the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department. Most volunteers have day jobs, families and careers and many have served selflessly with excellence for decades, asking for nothing in return.

Today, Round Hill isn't so little anymore, and the growing need to be ready for any emergency now covers an incredible 50 square mile area. In the past, members of the RHVFD have responded to river rescues, wildfires, treacherous injuries on the Appalachian Trail and even air disasters.

They say every great story has a hero. But every hero has someone who's got their back. That's the way it works at the RHVFD too. The department not only needs more fire fighters and EMTs, but it also needs support members who shore up the walls of the company's fire service, doing everything from flower-sale fundraising to caring for the Round Hill community.

If you are curious about the commitment, don't simply say "some day" without learning more. Come to the RHVFD's next monthly meeting, even if for a passing moment. This fall's meetings will be held on Sept. 26, Oct. 24 and Nov. 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the station.

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