

# News aRound the Hill

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## Utility Staff Offers Tips for Winter Weather

As the winter of 2017 sets in, the Round Hill Utility Staff would like to offer the following tips for coping with the cold, snow and icy weather:

### Cold Weather:

- Check all crawl space vents under your house and ensure that they are closed.
- Check freeze-protection heat trace cables on any plumbing that has them installed and ensure proper operation.
- Know your water meter location in case of sub-zero temps and snow cover. Call the Town Office emergency number if you suspect your meter has frozen. The emergency number is (540) 454-1975.
- Contact the Town of Round Hill Utility Department for utility emergencies such as broken water mains.
- If a pipe breaks within your home, know the location of your interior plumbing shut-off valve.

### Snow Removal:

- Homeowners need to have snow cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours following the snow event.
- Take frequent breaks when shoveling. Do not risk heart attacks from over-exertion.
- Do not push snow into the streets while shoveling your drive or clearing your car.
- Place snow from your driveway entrance to the left of the entrance (facing the entrance from the road). Otherwise snow plows will tend to close the driveway with the snow.
- Shovel out around fire hydrants and place snow off the street and up onto the curb.
- Do not park within 20 feet of fire



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**Preparation tips include shoveling around hydrants and placing snow to the left of driveways so it is not pushed back into place by plows.**



hydrants and intersections.

- Never leave vehicles in the road if they become snow bound. Remove them to a safe location.

### Power Outages:

- Keep a flashlight, fresh batteries and emergency phone numbers close to your phone.
- Have on-hand emergency food supplies that do not need preparation, such as ready to eat foods.
- Have water storage containers available to fill from potable sources in case electricity goes out.
- Be prepared for a three-day power outage at all times.
- Have a weather radio or tune into NOAA for weather advisories.
- Check on elderly neighbors in your area. If you cannot check in on them, contact the Town Office with the address.
- Any emergencies should be immediately directed to 911 and not the Town Office.

Please note that snow removal on Round Hill's roads is the responsibility of the Virginia Department of Transportation, not the Town staff. If you see Town staff removing snow, please thank them for going above and beyond to help local residents!

## Town Planning Commission Seeks Member

The Round Hill Planning Commission is seeking a volunteer to serve three remaining years of a vacant seat. Applicants must live in the corporate limits of the Town of Round Hill.

Planning Commission members develop community land-use plans and provide recommendations on their implementation to the Town Council. Recommendations that are adopted can have long-lasting implications on land use, economic development opportunities, and general quality of life in a community. Planning Commissioners can have a direct impact on a community's ability to make informed land-use planning decisions.

Training is available for the new commissioner during a two-part Planning Commission course on March 3-4, 2017, followed by the second part on May 12-13, 2017, in Purcellville, Va.

The Planning Commission meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Special meetings are scheduled as needed.

To apply for the seat, please submit a cover letter and resume to the Town Clerk. Documents may be emailed to [kmcgaha@roundhillva.org](mailto:kmcgaha@roundhillva.org), mailed to PO Box 36, Round Hill, Va. 20142, or hand-delivered to the Town Office at 23 Main Street, Round Hill, Va.

The Town Council will review the applications and appoint the new member to the remainder of the term.

# COMMUNITY

## MISSING SIGNS SOUGHT

At some point between Dec. 22 and Dec. 27, the Town's meeting sign board in front of the Town Park on Loudoun Street was vandalized. Informational placards were removed from the sign board and discarded on the ground, and several are now missing. The Town is asking anyone who finds these missing signs to please return them to the Town Office. They may be left on the front porch if returned after business hours.

## ROUND HILL ARTS CENTER WELCOMES NEW PROGRAM MANAGER

The Round Hill Arts Center welcomes Eric Scott as the new Program Manager at the center. Scott will be taking the reins from Jill Evans Kavaldjian, who has served the center tirelessly and helped it grow over the past four years.

Jenny Hunter, president of the RHAC Board of Directors, said she is thrilled with Scott's selection as manager and that he and the RHAC position are "a perfect fit."

Scott is a Purcellville artist and frequent participant on the Western Loudoun Artist Studio Tour. Along with showing his work in a variety of local venues, he exhibits his mixed media drawings and paintings throughout Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic Region. Scott brings 20 years of art education experience to his new position, having taught visual arts for Loudoun County Public Schools the last 18 years.

He is very excited to begin a new journey with the center and is looking forward to growing the programs and classes that RHAC currently offers.

## Spreading Holiday Cheer



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**December's Town Tree Lighting and the RHVFD's Dinner with Santa saw record attendance. Thank you to the many residents who helped fill the collection boxes for Loudoun Hunger Relief and Toys for Tots.**



## Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Town Council Public Hearing** Jan. 5  
7:00 p.m., Town Office; subject: Comprehensive Plan
- ▶ **Town Council Work Session** Jan. 5/Feb. 2  
7:30 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Town Council Special Meeting** Jan. 10  
7:30 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Planning Commission** Jan. 12/Feb. 7  
7:00 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Town Council Meeting** Jan. 19/Feb. 16  
7:30 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting** Jan. 26  
6:00 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Joint PC/TC Public Hearing** Feb. 2  
6:00 p.m., Town Office

*The Town Office will be closed Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King Day and Feb. 20 for Presidents' Day.*

## ON THE AGENDA

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

- Update of Town Comprehensive Plan
- Adopt work plan for 2017
- Update zoning ordinance to implement the Comprehensive Plan
- Easement acquisition for Main Street sidewalks and Franklin Park Trail
- Future well site acquisition
- County zoning approval and bonding for water tank on Yatton Road
- Determine development plans for Sleeter Lake park