

News aRound the Hill

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Long-Anticipated Franklin Park Trail, Main Street Improvement Projects In Final Land Acquisition

It may seem hard to believe that a project that has been discussed since 2003 may actually happen after so many false starts and missed schedules, but the Town Council has identified the Main Street and Franklin Park Trail Projects as its top priority above all else this year and has set the goal to bid the projects this summer.

Both projects are fully funded and now have 100% design approval from VDOT. All that remains before construction bid is acquiring the necessary rights to enter and disturb properties for construction and, in some cases, to add a few feet to the VDOT right-of-way to make room for the new sidewalks.

The Town and Loudoun County are currently meeting with residents along Main Street and Loudoun Street whose properties will be impacted by these projects to resolve any open concerns and to get signatures required to proceed.

The Town of Round Hill's Main Street Project will build sidewalks, stormwater improvements and add street parking between the center of town and the old train station.

Loudoun County's Franklin Park Trail project will build sidewalks, stormwater improvements and a trail from the center of town along East Loudoun Street, through a pedestrian tunnel under the Rt. 7 bypass, and on to Franklin Park, reusing existing sidewalks and trails in portions.

The Town and the County have agreed to bid and construct the projects under a single award to save money and facilitate their joint construction, as the two projects have linked facilities. The Main Street project cannot be built without the storm-

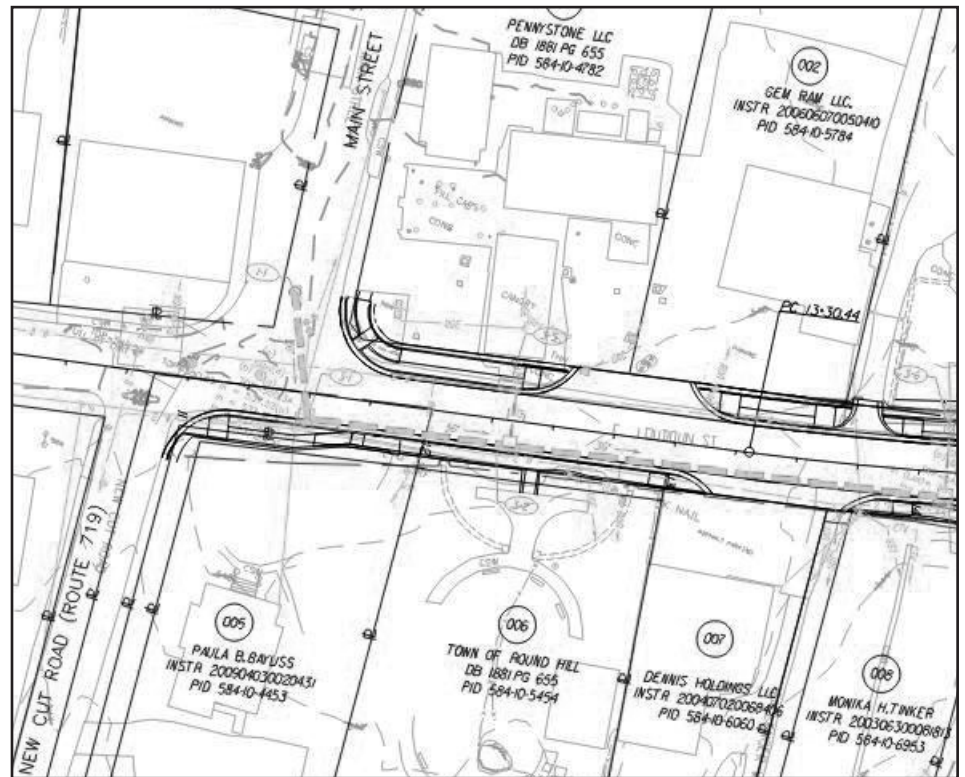


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The Franklin Park Trail and Main Street projects are fully funded and have 100% design approval from VDOT. The projects can proceed to the bid phase once all the necessary easements are acquired from landowners.

water piping that the Franklin Park Trail project will install.

The Town currently has inadequate facilities to route stormwater, and these two projects will not just improve Round Hill's sidewalks, they will also trap all the water that sheets across Main Street and East Loudoun and keep it out of the yards and basements of neighbors who live downhill.

It will also provide legal parking spots off the roadway for many residents on Main Street. Any parking that obstructs the major collector road is illegal under State Code, but some residents have no alternative.

The most visible changes will be new connections to the Villages of Round Hill, Lakepoint, the future Sleeter Lake Park and Franklin Park.

County, state and federal agencies are providing over 90% of the funds to construct these projects. Success will demonstrate that the Town is a good investment for future grants. The Town wants to follow up with improvements further north on Main and south along New Cut Road.

The Town urges all residents to support these projects during planning as well as to have patience during the construction phase when it finally arrives.

GOVERNMENT

HUMMEL FILLS COUNCIL VACANCY; SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

Round Hill resident Michael Hummel was appointed to the Town Council on Jan. 19; Hummel fills a vacancy resulting from Kimberly Fortunato's resignation. Hummel will serve as an interim Town Council member until November 2017.

At that time, a special election will be held for the remainder of the term, which runs through June 30, 2020. Any resident interested in seeking the Town Council position must be a qualified voter and reside within the corporate limits of the Town of Round Hill (see map to the right).

Candidates must submit required paperwork to the General Registrar's office at 750 Miller Dr., S.E., Suite C, Leesburg, Va. by 7 p.m. on June 13, 2017. The required forms are available on the Town's website, www.roundhillva.org, or may be picked up at the Town Office, 23 Main Street. Contact Town Clerk Kim McGaha, kmcgaha@roundhillva.org, with any questions.

In January, the Round Hill Town Council also appointed Lori Minshall and Jean Daly to the Round Hill Planning Commission. The Town would like to thank Betty Wolford for her nine years of service as a Planning Commission member.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS, COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND TRAINING

In March, the Town is sending two planning commissioners and two town council members to the 89th Certified Planning Commissioner Program in Purcellville, hosted by Virginia Tech.

The program is designed to provide each registrant with a complete understanding of the legal foundations of community planning in Virginia, and insight into current planning practices and approaches. The course also provides each participant with the technical and process expertise planning commissioners/town council members need to discharge their duties in the correct manner per best practices and State Code requirements.

TOWN REQUESTS CONTACT INFORMATION

There may be a time when the Town Office may need to contact a resident in case of an emergency, and without correct contact information this would not be possible. Please contact Darlene Chernoff at dchernoff@roundhillva.org to provide current contact information (phone/email address) for your water and sewer accounts.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR HOMETOWN FESTIVAL, APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY APPLICATION, AND FUTURE TOWN PROJECTS

During the Comprehensive Plan update process, residents indicated a desire for additional community projects, events and community outreach. The success of



PHOTO COURTESY TOWN OF ROUND HILL

The shaded areas represent the corporate limits of the Town of Round Hill. While only residents within the Town Limits are allowed to sit on the Town Council and Planning Commission, all area residents are encouraged to participate in Round Hill committees, community projects and events.

these ideas will depend partly on participation from local volunteers.

Town Staff has developed a survey to help prioritize future community projects, events and community outreach. The survey will be online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/858L7DY through March 17. All residents in the Round Hill area—not just within corporate limits—are encouraged to participate.

Part of the survey's goal will be to allow the Town to develop a list of people who are interested in volunteering for future projects.

One such project is the upcoming 2017 Hometown Festival on May 27. The Hometown Festival Committee has also established a Sign Up Genius page to help

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organize volunteers. This page can be found at www.signupgenius.com/go/904094FADAD2CA64-round. Interested volunteers are also invited to attend a kick-off meeting on Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. Email info@hometownfestival.org for more information on how to help.

The Town will also be seeking committee members to work on the Town's application to become an Appalachian Trail Community. The Appalachian Trail Community™ serves to assist communities along the trail's corridor with sustainable economic development through tourism and outdoor recreation while preserving and protecting the Appalachian Trail. All greater Round Hill residents are welcome to join.

For more information on volunteering, please contact Melissa Hynes at mhynes@roundhillva.org.



Volunteers are needed to help organize and run community events such as the Hometown Festival. An online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/858L7DY will help connect volunteers with activities in which they can get involved.

COMMUNITY

RH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PREPARES FOR OotM COMPETITION, PLANTINGS, SPRING CARNIVAL

Round Hill Elementary School is proud to announce that one of the school's Odyssey of the Mind teams is going to States! The team placed 1st in the elementary school division for the performance problem, "To Be Continued: A Super Hero Cliffhanger" at regional competition on Feb. 18 and will advance to compete at John Champe High School on Apr. 1.

RHES alumni will also be competing at States on Odyssey of the Mind teams from Harmony Middle School and

Woodgrove High School.

Congratulations to all of the local OotM teams on their outstanding efforts in this creative-problem solving activity. Thank you, too, to the teams' parent coaches for all of their time and dedication to the students!

In other school news, the RHES Green Team is preparing for a busy spring. The Green Team, which meets the first Monday of the month after school, would welcome any partnerships from local businesses who might be interested in supporting efforts to build additional raised garden beds.

Anyone interested in a possible partnership or in making a donation to support the team's efforts, please email Andrew.davis@lcps.org or call 540-751-2450.

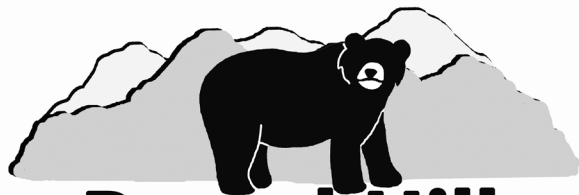
Thank you to Great Country Farms for hosting a spring field trip for our Green Team to teach them about preparations for the spring planting season.

The RHES Bear Bonanza Spring Carnival will be held inside Round Hill Elementary School on Saturday, Apr. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Carnival will include a silent auction, spring book fair, game booths, prizes, bounce houses, face painters, food and many more fun-filled activities for the entire family. To donate services or items for the silent auction, contact Larissa Schlosser at lschlosser@verizon.net. Small-business owners are encouraged to sponsor the event; if interested, please contact Meghan Silverstein at meghand-smith@yahoo.com.



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Round Hill

PHOTO COURTESY TOWN OF ROUND HILL

This spring, the Town water storage tank at Round Hill Elementary School will be undergoing routine maintenance. As part of the process, the image above will be painted on the tank's side. Go Bears!

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RHUMC TO HOLD SEMINAR, EASTER EGG HUNT

The Round Hill United Methodist Church will be hosting an end-of-life care seminar called "Planning for a Lifetime" on Saturday, Apr. 1. The seminar will feature speakers from funeral homes, hospice care, planned giving foundations and more. There will be a gathering with refreshments at 8:30 a.m. and the presentation will begin at 9 and go until 11:30 a.m. Informational tables will be set up afterward for more one-on-one questions.

The church will hold an Easter egg hunt on the church lawn in between worship services on Easter Sunday, Apr. 16. The hunt will begin at approximately 9:45 a.m.

RHVFD IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS

Round Hill Volunteer Fire and Rescue needs your help! Firefighters, EMTs and Admin members are needed to help the company meet community emergency needs. Please check out www.roundhillvfd.org and click on "Volunteer" to find out more about opportunities. Interested community members are also invited to attend the company's meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday night of each month.

Upcoming Events

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| ▶ Town Council Work Session | Mar. 2/Apr. 6 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |
| ▶ Planning Commission | Mar. 7/Apr. 4 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |
| ▶ Town Council Meeting | Mar. 16/Apr. 20 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ▶ Town Council Executive Session | Mar. 21 |
| 3:00 p.m., Town Office | |

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please check the Town's website www.roundhillva.org to confirm meeting dates.

ROUND HILL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MAY 27

5K | PARADE | MEMORIAL CEREMONY
LIVE MUSIC | PIE-EATING CONTEST
DOWNHILL DERBY | FOOD

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

#1: VOLUNTEER

WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/904094FADAD2CA64-ROUND1

#2: EMAIL

INFO@HOMETOWNFESTIVAL.ORG
FOR MORE INFORMATION

#3: ATTEND

FESTIVAL KICK-OFF MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 6 @ 700 P.M.
ROUND HILL TOWN OFFICE

#4: VISIT

WWW.HOMETOWNFESTIVAL.ORG
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/RHHOMETOWNFESTIVAL

FROM DAWN TO DARK,
IT'S THE BEST DAY OF THE YEAR
IN ROUND HILL!

ON THE AGENDA

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

- Easement acquisition for Main Street sidewalks and Franklin Park Trail
- Update housing regulations in Zoning Ordinance to implement Comprehensive Plan policies
- Update the Town Water and Sewer Ordinances
- Future well site acquisition
- County zoning approval and bonding for water tank on Yatton Road
- Preparations for construction of Sleeter Lake Park Phase I