

News aRound the Hill

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HeroHomes Building House on High Street for Army Veteran and Family

In 2015, Loudoun-based builder Jason Brownell was asked to manage a home-building project in Lovettsville for a Marine veteran who was seriously injured by an explosion in Iraq.

Brownell was so touched by the story of Tony Porta's heroic struggle for survival that he was inspired to join forces with Aimee McGranahan and Matthew Lowers to form a non-profit organization—HeroHomes—to give back to other veterans.

"When Tony told me his story, I felt as if I had become activated to do God's work for our wounded veterans and to stimulate others into action," Brownell said.

"I wanted to make sure his suffering and sacrifice for my freedom and democracy was not in vain and that we as a community took care of others like him."



PHOTO COURTESY JARRAD DAVENPORT

The family at Jarrad Davenport's retirement ceremony.



PHOTO BY KIM RAMSEY FOR NEWS AROUND THE HILL

The non-profit organization HeroHomes is building a house on High Street in Round Hill for Staff Sergeant Jarrad Davenport and his family.

Earlier this spring, HeroHomes began construction of its second project—a partially subsidized home on High Street in Round Hill for Army Staff Sergeant Jarrad Davenport and his family.

Davenport sustained injuries during rocket attacks on his outpost in Iraq in 2011. Since that time, he has spent time recovering from his injuries at Walter Reed National Military Center in Bethesda, Md., and earned a degree in accounting from Colorado Technical University.

Davenport said he and his family are very excited to be moving to Round Hill. He cites the military support base, small-town atmosphere and the reputation of Loudoun County public schools as part of what drew his family to the area.

"This year has been very challenging, overwhelming and extremely stressful, with my retirement from the military, graduating from college and moving the family to Virginia," Davenport said.

"However, the HeroHomes organi-

zation has been really instrumental in providing guidance, information and support."

Davenport and his wife Latoya hope to be moved in to their new home in time for their 6-year-old son Xzavier to start school in Round Hill. Davenport's two older sons, Jarrad, Jr. and Darrius, are in college.

According to its mission statement, HeroHomes was established to "build houses for those who have fought for the preservation of freedom and democracy for others" and to give veterans "a new start in building a solid foundation for their future and the dignity of an independent life in a wonderful small town community setting."

Thanks in part to HeroHomes, Jarrad Davenport is optimistic that this year he and his wife will "start a new chapter, in a great community, with new friends."

For more information on HeroHomes and its projects and fundraising activities, visit www.herohomesloudoun.org.

GOVERNMENT

The Town of Round Hill Utilities Department will be flushing hydrants on May 16-17, 2017 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

Water is safe to drink and safe to use during the flushing. However, flushing may result in some discoloration and sediment in the water; residents may want to avoid doing laundry if sediment is present. 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 contact the Town Office at 540-338-7878 ext. 302 to report any problems.

COMMUNITY

RHUMC HOSTS RISE UP AGAINST HUNGER

The Woodgrove High School Ladies Softball Team and Round Hill United Methodist Church will be sponsoring "Rise Against Hunger," formerly know as "Stop Hunger Now," at Woodgrove High School on Saturday, May 6, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. To sign up or make a donation, go to <http://events.stophungernow.org/roundhill2017>.

ROUND HILL'S MAIN STREET THEATER OPENS "SEUSSICAL: THE MUSICAL" AT FRANKLIN PARK

Round Hill residents Karlah Louis and Ann Cirillo join forces as producer/director and choreographer, respectively, for "Seussical: The Musical," opening at Franklin Park Arts Center on Friday, May 5.

The fantastical show rounds out Main Street Theater's fourth season. It showcases local talent of all ages and runs May 5-7 and 12-14. Tickets are available through www.showtix4u.com.



Meghan Bentley as Mayzie the bird

ROUND HILL HOMETOWN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY MAY 27, 2017 | 8:00 A.M. TO 9:30 P.M.

THE FESTIVAL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER @
WWW.HOMETOWNFESTIVAL.ORG

BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDS ANNUAL SERVICE

The annual Homecoming Service at the Historic Ketocotin Baptist Church will be June 4, at 3 p.m. Rev. Dr. Jerry Young, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Fairfax will lead the service and a group from Strasburg, Va., called Ambassadors of Joy will provide the special music. All are welcome.

ART IS IN FULL BLOOM AT RHAC

The Round Hill Arts Center has a full slate of art fun to keep both kids and adults creatively busy through the Spring and Summer.

For the May Handy Hour, join Eric Scott for his Line and Wine Paint Night on May 12, and bring out the whole family for Steve Loya's Splotch Monster May Family Friday on May 26.

On Saturday, June 3, and Sunday June 4, come out for the 12th Annual Western Loudoun Artists Studio Tour from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center is stop # 25 and will host artists Gloria Eshelman, Meredith Hilt, Mary Kenesson, Kris Loya, Stephen Loya, Jeff Miller, and Anne Stine.

The Round Hill Arts Center offers a wide range of classes and workshops for kids and adults, including popular pottery classes and a whole line-up of creative camps all summer long for children ages 6 and up.

To see all the classes, workshops, and events, visit www.roundhillartscenter.org.

Upcoming Meetings

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| ► Planning Commission | May 2 / June 6 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Council Work Session | May 4 / June 1 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Council Meeting | May 18 / June 15 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Council Public Hearing: Budget | June 1 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |

The Town Office will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please check the Town's web site www.roundhillva.org to confirm meeting dates.

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 for water tank on Yatton Road
- Construction of Sleeter Lake Park Phase I