

# News aRound the Hill

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## Town Council Studying Boundary Expansion Options

Over the summer and fall, the Town Council will be studying expansion of the Town boundaries, including outreach to the public.

The first public information session is scheduled at 7 p.m. on Aug. 3 at Round Hill Elementary School. The Town plans a second information session as well as other direct outreach before it makes a decision on which areas it will seek to add to its jurisdiction.

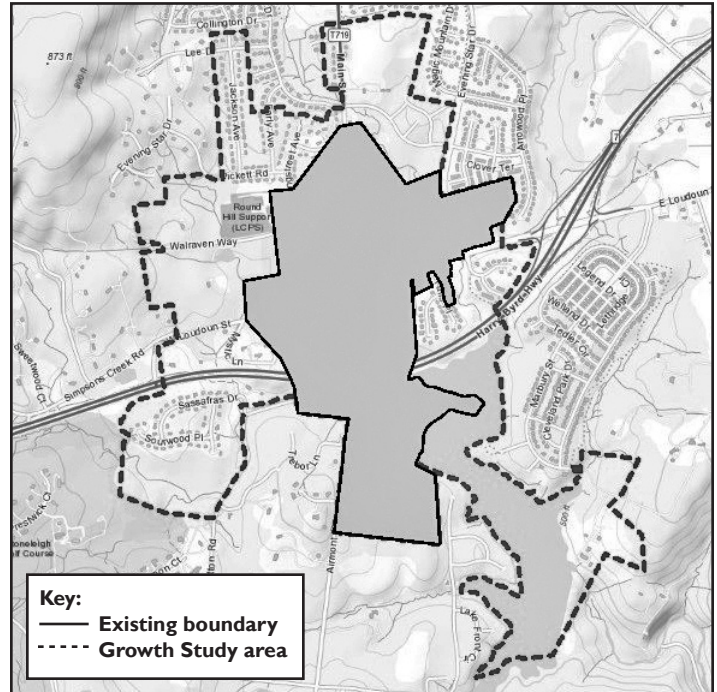
The Town currently has 236 households, but there are 1,293 other households outside of Town in the surrounding Joint Land Management Area as well as key public facilities such as the Round Hill Center, the Western Loudoun Sheriff's Station, the future site of the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department and two future Town parks.

The newly adopted Town Comprehensive Plan says the Town should "investigate a near-term expansion of Town boundaries in order to: increase the town population, enlarge the pool of candidates for local offices, boards and commissions, improve contacts and connections within the Round Hill community, increase the town tax base, and promote the achievement of Comprehensive Plan goals."

A Growth Area Study has been prepared by the Town to summarize financial and other impacts to the Town and area households from a change in Town boundaries. A draft was discussed at the June 8 Town Council meeting and a final version of the Study is expected to be adopted at the July 6 meeting, after which it will be on the Town website.

At that June 8 meeting, the Council defined short-term and long-term expansion areas. Properties in the short-term area (see map above) will be the current focus, with the potential that some, all, or none of them may be added.

These include Hillwood Estates, Brentwood Springs, Fallswood, Newberry Crossing, Falls Place, Mystic Lane, the Sheriff's Station, the Round Hill Center, Sleeter Lake and the future site of Sleeter Lake



The dashed marks show the areas the Town Council is considering incorporating into Town Limits.

Park. Other properties in the Town utility service area were included in the Study but are not under immediate consideration. They may be added in a future round.

According to the Study, if the Town were to include the entire short-term expansion area the Town population would increase from 590 to 1,133 persons, and eventually would have a population of 1,525 after build-out.

Incoming households would pay an average of \$626 per year in Town property taxes, would save \$305 per year from reduced utility fees, and save \$346 in garbage pick-up fees (the Town has free curbside pickup), resulting in a net financial benefit for the average incoming household.

Current Town residents would also benefit from reduced property tax rates, and the Town General Fund would net over \$114,000 per year for development of Town projects such as sidewalks, trails and park development.

After the current public engagement process, the Town Council will select a final set of parcels and neighborhoods for inclusion. A formal request will be prepared and submitted to Loudoun County for review and consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

The Town plans to pursue a Boundary Line Adjustment—a voluntary agreement between the Town and County that includes formal public hearings, formal approval by both bodies and certification by the Circuit Court.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

All current and potential future residents are encouraged to share their opinion and ideas about Town expansion:

- At the Aug. 3 public information meeting (7 pm at RHES)
- At other future public meetings on this topic
- At regularly scheduled Town Council meetings
- Via email to [council@roundhillva.org](mailto:council@roundhillva.org)
- See the Town webpage at <http://roundhillva.org/town-of-round-hill-expansion/> to find more information including the detailed Growth Area Study

# GOVERNMENT (cont.)

## MEMBERS NEEDED FOR APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMITTEE

The Town is hosting two meetings to form the Round Hill Appalachian Trail (A.T.) Committee, which will work to submit an application to become an A.T. Community and develop future programs/projects.

The Appalachian Trail Community™ program is designed to recognize communities that promote and protect the Appalachian Trail. The program assists communities with sustainable economic development through tourism and outdoor recreation while preserving and protecting the A.T.

There are two meetings to accommodate people's schedules and vacations: July 20 at 9 a.m. or July 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Anyone interested who cannot make one of

the meetings may contact Melissa Hynes at [mhynes@roundhillva.org](mailto:mhynes@roundhillva.org) to arrange a one-on-one meeting.

## TOWN CONTRACTS WITH NEW TRASH COMPANY

On June 15, the Round Hill Town Council signed a three-year contract with Patriot Disposal.

Trash and recycling will still be collected on Wednesdays. However, recycling will now also be picked up in the morning; items need to be out at the curb no later than 5 a.m.

Residents should have received a new trash can and recycling can from Patriot on June 28 or 29. Patriot Disposal began service on July 5.

Patriot Disposal will pick up the following bulk items with weekly trash: mattresses, bed frames (disassembled), Ikea furniture (disassembled),

couches, coffee tables and lamps.

Patriot would prefer that residents do not include more than one of above items per week.

The following items may be recycled: newspapers; mixed paper (magazines, catalogs, junk mail, window envelopes, phone books, etc.); cardboard (flattened and no larger than 4'x4'); glass food and beverage containers; aluminum/metal food and beverage containers; and plastic containers #1-#7.

More information can be found on the Town's website [www.roundhillva.org](http://www.roundhillva.org). Residents will need to contact Patriot Disposal at 703-257-7100 to schedule a pickup for special items not listed above; a fee may be charged for pickup. Please contact the Town Office at 540-338-7878 ext. 301 with any further questions.

# COMMUNITY

## RHES PLANS FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Round Hill Elementary School is excited to welcome parents to Parent Back to School Night on Aug. 8 from 6:30-8 p.m. Kindergarten orientation will be held on Aug. 22 from 1-2 p.m.; students are invited to attend to meet their teachers and tour the school and classrooms. The open house event for all students will be on Aug. 23 from 9-11 a.m. School starts on Aug. 24.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

The Round Hill Community Garden on Falls Place has

plots available for area residents. The garden has on-site tools and storage, compost, and irrigation. Anyone interested in more details or leasing a plot, please contact Tony Derrow at [tmderrrow@yahoo.com](mailto:tmderrrow@yahoo.com) or 703-966-0440.

## "MOANA" MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK JULY 21

Following the success of its first movie night in June, a group of Round Hill residents is planning a second event—a viewing of Disney's "Moana"—on July 21. Pre-movie activities for children and adults, including food from local vendors, will begin at 6:30 p.m.; the movie will start at dusk. Follow the "Round Hill Events" page on Facebook for the most up-to-date information.

## Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Town Council Work Session** July 6/Aug. 3  
7:30 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Planning Commission** July 11/Aug. 1  
7:00 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Town Council Meeting** July 20/Aug. 17  
7:30 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Town Council Public Hearing** July 6/Aug. 3  
7:30 p.m., Town Office; on Zoning Text Amendments
- ▶ **Appalachian Trail Committee** July 20/July 27  
9:00 a.m./6:30 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Public Information Meeting** Aug. 3  
7:00 p.m., RHES, on the proposed Town boundary changes

## ON THE AGENDA

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

- Town Boundary Line Adjustment
- Easement acquisition for Main Street sidewalks and Franklin Park Trail
- Update housing regulations in Zoning Ordinance to implement Comprehensive Plan policies
- Future well site acquisition
- County zoning approval for water tank on Yatton Road
- Bid and Construction of Sleeter Lake Park Phase I