

News aRound the Hill

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Round Hill Local Grocery Set to Reopen on Nov. 18

For residents who've been eagerly watching the transformation of the little store on the corner of Main and Mulberry streets, the day they've all been waiting for is almost here: The grand opening of the Round Hill Local Grocery is set for Saturday, Nov. 18.

The store, at 19 Main Street, had been owned and run by Frances and Robert (Bob) Milligan since 1983. The Milligans were fixtures in the Round Hill community and many local residents have fond memories of the couple and their general store.

After both Frances and Bob passed away earlier this year, the property was purchased in May by Dr. Valerie Campbell of Blue Ridge Veterinary Associates in Purcellville. Since then, she has been working with store manager Tracey Roberts and chief technical officer Christy Bell to completely overhaul the building and its stock.

The grand opening will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Nov. 18 and, according to Bell, will feature vendors, tastings, treats, and drawings for prizes and goodies. Parking at the store is limited, so patrons are encouraged to walk and drive carefully.

Regular hours will vary by season, but Bell said "it is our hope to help those early commuters, as well as those getting home a little later in the day."

Local produce will be seasonal as well, and Bell said the



PHOTO COURTESY ROUND HILL LOCAL GROCERY

The Round Hill Local Grocery on Main Street has been completely renovated inside and out.

store will also feature a variety of ice creams, gluten-free offerings, staples and basics from many local vendors, in addition to local beer, wine and cider on top of national name brands.

Round Hill Local Grocery would like to become "a place where people can stop by and grab a cup of coffee, a few items, and chat for a bit...a place where people can come and relax for a few — without the pressure of bright lights and long check-out lines," Bell said.

Progress updates will continue to be posted on the store's Facebook page (Round Hill Local Grocery).

Town Hires Rob Lohr as Project Manager

The Town of Round Hill has hired former Purcellville Town Manager Robert Lohr to serve as a part-time project specialist.

Lohr brings to the Town more than 30 years of experience as a town manager and will provide support on major infrastructure projects including Main Street enhancements, the Franklin Park Trail and Sleeter Lake Park and utility projects such as the southern water tank and Yatton Road loop.

"It is an honor to work for the Town Administrator, helping the staff and Town Council complete some of the really exciting capital projects that are underway in Town," Lohr said. "These projects will provide pedes-

trian and recreational access throughout Town and key areas in Western Loudoun."

As a resident of Purcellville, he added that he's "really excited to get a chance to work for such a great community just five minutes from my house. It was an opportunity that I couldn't turn down."

Mayor Scott Ramsey echoed Lohr's excitement. "We are fortunate to be able to tap Rob's expertise and experience," Ramsey said.



PHOTO COURTESY ROBERT LOHR
Robert Lohr

Survey Seeks Insight on Parks, Other Local Amenities

The Town of Round Hill is conducting a survey to assess demand among local residents for parks, recreational facilities and cultural programs.

Results of this survey will help guide the Town Council as members discuss the FY 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program, scheduled for adoption in June 2018. Some of the projects the Capital Improvement Plan will cover include future amenities at Town parks.

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The Town Council will also provide copies of the survey data to the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, to local community organizations, and to small business entrepreneurs in order to help guide development of recreational and commercial parcels in the Round Hill area.

The survey can be found at www.roundhillva.org or www.surveymonkey.com/r/YTSH2VS and will be live through mid-November.

PUBLIC OUTREACH ON EXPANSION CONTINUES

The Town held its second public information on a possible Boundary Line Adjustment on Sept. 19, with approximately 60 residents in attendance. The Town will continue gathering public feedback during the remainder of the calendar year, and plans to send a letter soon to

every landowner in the Short-Term Study Area to inform residents who could not attend one of the earlier sessions.

The Town Council has established a target real estate tax rate of 14 cents (down from the current rate of 18 cents) in the event of a significant BLA, and determined that utility user rates would not need to change due to any BLA of the scale currently considered.

TOWN PLANS TO REVIEW WATER RATES

An updated water rate study is planned this spring independent of any decision on Town expansion. Residential growth the past two years has significantly exceeded prior assumptions, and the construction date for the southern water tank has been pushed out several years. As a result, utility cash reserves are now higher than required. An updated study will be prepared this spring to recommend new rates effective July 1, 2018.

COMMUNITY

EXHIBIT CELEBRATES TRAIL

The Round Hill Appalachian Trail Committee and the Round Hill Arts Center invite artists to participate in a new art show entitled "The Appalachian Trail: Art of the Adventure."

The exhibit celebrates the 80th anniversary of the completion of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and is designed to broaden public awareness and appreciation of the AT.

Artists are invited to submit their choice of artistic expression, including paintings, drawing, photography, fiber arts, stained glass and sculpture. There is a separate category for artists in grades K-12. Registration deadline is Dec. 4; submissions are due Jan. 23,

2018. Entry forms and full rules can be found at www.roundhillva.org.

The show will be on display at Round Hill Arts Center from Feb. 1 through March 1, 2018. An opening reception is scheduled for Feb. 11 from 1-4 p.m. The Arts Center is located in the Hill High Orchards complex on Route 7, west of Round Hill.

Contact the RHAC program manager at 540-338-5022 or info@roundhillartscenter.org with questions about the exhibit. Questions about the Round Hill Appalachian Trail Committee should be directed to the Town Planner at 540-338-7878 ext. 305 or mhynes@roundhillva.org.



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TREE LIGHTING DEC. 2

The Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Round Hill will hold the annual tree lighting and dinner on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The tree lighting will run from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the Town Park, and the dinner at the firehouse will begin at 5 p.m. To volunteer, email info@newsaroundthehill.org.

Upcoming Events

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| ► Planning Commission | Nov. 7/Dec. 5 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Council Meeting | Nov. 16/Dec. 21 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Appalachian Trail Committee | Nov. 26 |
| 6:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Tree Lighting | Dec. 2 |
| 4:00-5:30 p.m., Town Park, free; dinner to follow at Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department | |
| ► Town Council Work Session | Dec. 7 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |

ON THE AGENDA

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

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