

News aRound the Hill

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Round Hill Marks Earth Day with Pair of Outdoor Events

The Town of Round Hill would like to thank the organizers and participants of two Earth Day events that were held on Sunday, April 22.

The first event was the creation of a new pollinator garden at Sleeter Lake Park, which will be officially open to the public this summer (exact date to be determined).

During the event, more than 60 people of all ages planted over 400 native plants/shrubs and 50 native trees in the park. The plants, trees and shrubs were carefully selected based on the criteria that each are native to Loudoun County, drought-tolerant and deer-resistant. They were purchased from Watermark Woods, a local nursery that specializes in native plants. Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy gave the Town of Round Hill a grant to purchase the plants, trees and shrubs.

The main goal of the pollinator garden is to create a wildlife habitat that will attract bees, butterflies and birds. The secondary goal is to educate the public on how to create similar wildlife habits in their backyards.

This was the first special event



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A group of local residents gathered for a community hike at Bear's Den Trail Center on Earth Day. A second hike is planned for May 5.

at Sleeter Lake Park. The Round Hill Appalachian Trail Committee worked in partnership with the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy to plan the pollinator garden and to organize this Earth Day event.

The Round Hill Town Council would like to thank the following people for their hard work over the past six months on the planning, design and installation of the Sleeter Lake Park Pollinator Garden:

- Joe Coleman, Ann Garvey, Brian Magurn, Phil Daley, Paul Miller and Jennifer Lumley of the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy
- Joe Cascio, local landscape architect volunteering for the Town since January 2017
- Carrie Blair, owner of the Tree Lovers School
- Jody Brady, member of the Round Hill Appalachian Trail Committee (and a Master Gardener)

The members of Daisy Troop 70079 handed pollinator seeds to Earth Day volunteers at the park. The girls carefully selected their seed choices after studying pollinator habitats and turned the seeds into "seed bombs."

Seed bombs are little nuggets of clay, compost, and native seeds.

The members of Cub Scout Pack 961 have volunteered to adopt the Pollinator Garden to care for it and protect it, as well as keep it litter-free.

The second Earth Day event was a community hike to Bear's Den. The hike was led by Carol Dennis and Mike Johnson. About 15 people were in attendance, and it was so successful that the AT Committee plans to hold future community hikes. Sean Lloyd will lead the next hike, scheduled for Saturday, May 5. If you are interested in participating, please contact mhynes@roundhillva.org or visit the Round Hill Outdoors Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/groups/roundhilloutdoors/.

Close to a dozen volunteers returned to Sleeter Lake Park on Arbor Day, April 27, to plant additional trees and shrubs and to put finishing touches on the plantings from the prior weekend. The Round Hill Town Council is excited to form new partnerships within the community with volunteers who are passionate about environmental stewardship.



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Volunteers of all ages pitched in to plant trees at Sleeter Lake Park.

COMMUNITY

RHVFD PURCHASES NEW AMBULANCE, PLANS SPRING EVENTS

The members of the Round Hill VFD are working hard to protect the Round Hill community. They have ordered a replacement ambulance that should be ready for service by the end of May. The ambulance cost approximately \$210,000 and much of those funds came from the community and its residents.

Additionally, the RHVFD will sell Mother's Day Flowers on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, so come help them replenish the treasury by selecting some beautiful flowers.

And don't forget to stop by the firehouse Open House (10 a.m. till 2 p.m.) during the Round Hill Hometown Festival on Saturday, May 26.

RHES CREATES SOUP GARDEN, WILL TAKE PART IN HOMETOWN FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

Round Hill Elementary is proud to announce the creation of a school soup garden and pumpkin patch. The school would like to thank farmer John Bailey and his farm Woodtrail Graziers for donating compost and Bruce Zurschmeide with Great Country Farms for coming to till the soil for the garden.

The project—led by first grade teacher Sally Hash and third grade teacher Janie Lyman and the student Green Team—will focus on raising potatoes, onions and carrots to go along with the planting of a large pumpkin patch. The new school garden will complement the grade level vegetable gardens located in raised beds in the school's courtyards.

RHES is always eager to partner with local farmers and gardeners who have an interest in teaching the next generation these important skills.

The Round Hill Running Club, under the direction of Kate Doherty and Jamie Wheelbarger, two RHES teachers, will be participating in the Round Hill Hometown

ROUND HILL HOMETOWN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY MAY 26, 2018 | 8:00 A.M. TO 9:30 P.M.

THE FESTIVAL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER @
WWW.HOMETOWNFESTIVAL.ORG

Festival 5K event on Saturday, May 26. Members of the RHES 4th and 5th grade chorus will also take part in the Festival's Memorial Ceremony in the park.

RHUMC TO HOST BLOODMOBILE

Round Hill United Methodist Church is hosting a public Bloodmobile drive on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. To secure your spot, visit <https://donateblood.vablood.org>.

ARTIST STUDIO TOUR COMING UP IN JUNE

The 13th Annual Western Loudoun Artists Studio Tour will be held on Saturday and Sunday June 2 and 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Western Loudoun Artists Studio Tour offers a week-end of art, shopping, and relaxation. Meet more than 60 talented artists located throughout the scenic countryside and historic villages of western Loudoun County.

Enjoy paintings, pottery, jewelry, photography, fiber, sculpture, and more. Take this unique opportunity to talk personally with the artists, purchase artwork, view demonstrations and exhibits, or win a door prize. And the best part: It's all FREE!

The Round Hill Arts Center and Franklin Park Arts Center will both be hosting multiple artists at their locations just outside Round Hill.

Upcoming Meetings

- ▶ **Town Council Work Session** **May 3 / June 7**
7:30 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Town Council Meeting** **May 17 / June 21**
7:30 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Planning Commission** **June 5**
7:00 p.m., Town Office
- ▶ **Town Council Public Hearing: Budget** **June 7**
7:00 p.m., Town Office

The Town Office will be closed Monday, May 28, 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:

- 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
- Construction of a water loop line on Yatton Road