

News aRound the Hill

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Construction Begins on Franklin Park Trail

After 20 years on the books, construction of the Franklin Park Trail and the Main Street Enhancement Project finally began the week of Aug. 17. These two projects will be connected to create a single pedestrian-friendly path to Franklin Park.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held on July 28 at the Round Hill Town Park. Past and present members of the Round Hill Town Council and members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors were in attendance.

The projects will increase pedestrian connectivity and safety in Western Loudoun through sidewalks and a shared-use path linking the center of Round Hill to Franklin Park, as well as add concrete sidewalks along both sides of Main Street from Loudoun Street to the location of the former railroad station.

Additional Main Street enhancements include



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Representatives from County Parks & Rec, the Board of Supervisors and the Town of Round Hill participate in a ceremonial ground-breaking for the trail on July 28.

curbs, curb ramps, retaining walls and a new storm drainage system.

Over the next several months, crews will be working between Lakefield Road and Franklin Park, marking utility infrastructure in Town, and relocating a waterline off E. Loudoun Street. Work will then continue in Town and north of Town for the

remainder of the 18-month project.

The total budget for this project is \$7.04 million. Loudoun County's Round Hill to Franklin Park Trail project is funded with local taxes and the Federal Highway Administration's Transportation Alternatives Grant. The Town of Round Hill's Main Street project is funded with

county and town taxes and the Transportation Alternatives Grant. The Round Hill to Franklin Park Trail grant was awarded in 2000 and the Round Hill Main Street grant was awarded in 2008.

More information can be found at www.loudoun.gov/2996/Round-Hill-to-Franklin-Park-Trail and on www.roundhillva.org/

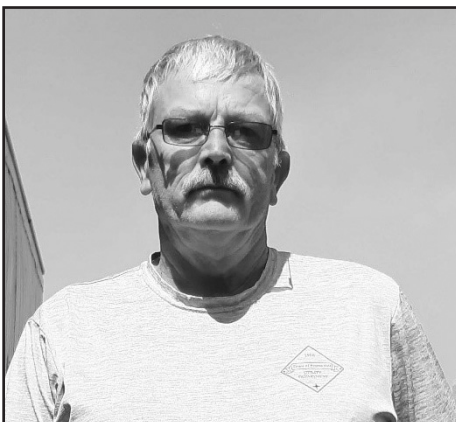


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Utility Operator Tim Kerby

Employee Spotlight: Utility Operator Tim Kerby

Round Hill would like to thank utility operator Tim Kerby for his nine years of service to the Town.

Kerby began working for Round Hill in September of 2011. His duties include testing at the water and wastewater plants, ground maintenance, operating the centrifuge for the plant, driving the dump truck, and any other duties as needed.

Utility Director Marty Feltner calls Kerby "a key component to our group."

"He can always be counted on if assistance is needed, and he acts as a father figure to the entire staff," Feltner said. "He always has an uplifting personality and is willing to go above and beyond whenever needed. He is always willing to offer advice on operations and be a friend when one is needed to the entire group."

In his free time, Kerby enjoys camping and spending time with his grandchildren.



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Sleeter Lake Park will remain open for the season until Nov. 1. Gates close for the evening at 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 21 and 6:30 p.m. starting Oct. 12.

SLEETER LAKE PARK REMINDERS, SCHEDULE

Sleeter Lake Park is a passive recreation park, primarily used for fishing and boating in small, individual use watercraft such as kayaks, canoes and paddle boards. The Lake is owned by the Round Hill Owners Association and the following restrictions apply:

- No swimming or wading is permitted.
- Capacity cannot exceed more than 18 boats on the lake at one time.
- Boats cannot be greater than 18 ft. in length.
- Gas-engine powered boats are prohibited.
- All persons must always wear a US Coast Guard approved life preserver.

PARK CLOSING TIMES:

Date	Closing Time
March 1 st	6:00PM
March 8 th (daylight savings)	7:00PM
March 30 th	7:30PM
April 20 th	8:00PM
May 25 th	8:30PM
August 17 th	8:00PM
August 31 st	7:30PM
September 21 st	7:00PM
October 12 th	6:30PM
November 1 st (daylight savings)	Park Closes

- Any person operating a boat must be at least 16 years of age with a valid ID or be accompanied by an adult with a valid ID.

Sleeter Lake Park will remain open until Nov. 1 with gates opening at 7:00 a.m. Closing times vary based on the 2020 schedule (see box on left below).

Any vehicles left in the park after gates close will have to contact the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office for assistance.

Catch-and-release fishing from the shoreline is permitted. Monofilament recycling containers are provided. Anyone over the age of 16 must have a valid Virginia fishing license.

Picnic tables are provided at the park and guests are welcome to bring a blanket to picnic on.

Please follow the Leave No Trace principles and use the receptacles provided.

Also, please continue to follow the recommended CDC guidelines for social distancing while enjoying the park.

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR IN-TOWN SMALL BUSINESSES

The Mayor and Town Council of Round Hill are providing grants to help businesses located in the Town

limits offset operating expenses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grants are intended to help small-business owners keep themselves, their employees and customers safe by implementing best practices, including:

1. Purchasing or upgrading personal protective equipment (PPE) needed to comply with new public health requirements, including, but not limited to: Plexiglas at point of sale, masks and anti-bacterial pumps for customers, and developing new designated pick up stations for customers.

2. Purchasing digital resources needed to establish or enhance an existing business online, including (but not limited to) website upgrades to better assist with online sales or delivery features and remote meeting software, hardware, and services.

3. Modifying facilities (installing Plexiglas, no-touch doors, walk-up windows, etc.).

4. Purchasing screening tools (thermometers, screening software and thermal cameras, etc.).

Other expenses include contact-less payment systems, cleaning supplies (and extra cleaning services), signage (for a variety of signs that range from marketing new contact-less services to reminding customers of social distancing), and outdoor furniture and shade structures.

The Town mailed grant application packets to all eligible Town businesses in August.

The Loudoun County Economic Development Authority will be issuing the grants on behalf of the Town using a portion of the CARES Act funds the Town received from Loudoun County.

Only businesses in good standing with the Town as of March 20, 2020, are eligible for this funding. Out-of-town contractors and rental-by-owner properties are not eligible.

For more information, please contact Town Administrator Melissa Hynes at 540-338-3636 or mhynes@roundhillva.org.

PAYING UTILITY BILLS ONLINE/ SCHEDULE

The Town would like to remind and encourage water/sewer customers to pay their utility bill online at www.roundhillva.org/home/pages/bill-payments.

Customers can make a one-time payment or set up an account. Visa, MasterCard or Discover are accepted as credit and as e-checks. The Town receives an instant notification of payment; the payment will be posted to customer accounts the next business day.

Customers will receive a confirmation number for each payment. Please note, there is a \$1,000 transaction limit.

ROUND HILL WELCOMES NEW TOWN COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Mayor and Town Council of Round Hill would like to welcome the following new members to the Town Council and Planning Commission:

- Jesse Howe, Town Council
- Frank Etro, Planning Commission
- Peter Buxton, Planning Commission

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS VACANCIES

The Round Hill Town Council is looking for a resident interested in filling a vacancy on the Town Board of Zoning Appeals.

BZA members are appointed by the Town Council and serve five-year terms. The BZA meets when needed to hear and decide appeals of alleged errors in any final order, requirement, determination or decision made by an administrative officer in the administration or enforcement of the Town Zoning Ordinance.

Only residents who presently live and have lived within the Town's corporate limits for a minimum of six months are eligible to fill this vacancy.

Interested individuals must send a letter of interest, resume and qualifications to the attention of the Town Clerk (hwest@roundhillva.org) and Mayor Scott Ramsey (sramsey@roundhillva.org) or to the Town Office at 23 Main Street, PO Box 36, Round Hill, VA 20142-0036. Residents may contact the Town with any questions at 540-338-7878.

VOLUNTARY WATER RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE

The Town of Round Hill reminds residents that voluntary water restrictions are still in place until further notice. All customers of the Town's water system are requested to conserve wherever and whenever possible in their normal consumption of water and to refrain from watering lawns and gardens, washing vehicles, filling swimming pools, and like activities.

Incorporating conservation mea-

WAYS TO REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION:

1. Don't leave the faucet running while washing dishes.
2. Newer dishwasher models are more efficient than older ones and require less pre-rinsing.
3. Wash produce in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
4. Spread mulch around plants to retain moisture.
5. Replace the shower head if it fills a one-gallon bucket in under 20 seconds.
6. Shorten showers by a minute and save up to 150 gallons per month.
7. Turn off the water while brushing teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
8. Repair any leaks inside or outside of the home.
9. Refrain from washing driveways and sidewalks.
10. Check for and repair leaks in swimming pool systems.

sures into personal water use will contribute to the community's water conservation, save energy, and lower household bills.

The Round Hill Town Council and the Round Hill Water Department are hopeful that more prudent use of water now will help to avoid mandatory restrictions later and are appreciative of the support of the public.

ON THE AGENDA

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

- Construction of Main Street/Franklin Park Trail
- Future well site acquisition
- Upgrades to Sleeter Lake Park
- Town expansion
- Parking study
- Update landscape ordinance
- Zoning ordinance amendments for non-conforming commercial lots
- Distribute Round 1 of CARES Act funding to local businesses and determine spending for Round 2
- Renovation of utility plant offices

Upcoming Events

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| ► Town Council Meeting | Sept. 16 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Planning Commission | Oct. 6 |
| 7:00 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Council Work Session | Oct. 7 |
| 7:30 p.m., Town Office | |
| ► Town Council Strategic Planning Session | Oct. 21 |
| 5:00 p.m., Town Office (may be moved to 10/28) | |
| ► Sleeter Lake Park Closes for Season | Nov. 1 |

(Note: During COVID-19, electronic meeting participation is available; the link is available on the Town website, www.roundhillva.org.)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FRANKLIN PARK TRAIL AND MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Q: WHEN WILL THE PROJECT BEGIN IN THE TOWN OF ROUND HILL?

A: The County awarded the contract to Highway and Safety, LLC on June 5, 2020, and issued a notice to proceed in late July. The contractor is on site and has begun construction of the trail in Franklin Park and around Lakefield Road. Work on East Loudoun Street should commence around October of 2020 with work starting on Main Street in December of 2020.

Q: WILL THIS PROJECT BE AN ASSET TO THE BUSINESSES AND HOMEOWNERS WHO LIVE ON THE IMPACTED MAIN AND LOUDOUN STREET CONSTRUCTION ZONE?

A: This project will bring many direct and indirect improvements to our community. The first improvement is the installation of sidewalks, trails, and street crosswalks to allow pedestrians to safely navigate Main and Loudoun Street while gaining access to Franklin Park. Second, the Town will be upgrading the roadway and storm drainage in this area to accommodate the new pedestrian improvements. This will address flooding and storm drainage in this area for the first time in history. Third, these improvements will set the foundation for the Town's Greenway Pedestrian Network that will link our community to future sidewalks and trails to the south, north and west.

Q: WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF THE CONTRACT AND ANTICIPATED WORK ON THIS PROJECT?

A: The contract is awarded for an 18-month project schedule and we anticipate about 14 months of work to occur in the Town of Round Hill.

Q: WILL THERE BE ANY ROAD CLOSURES?

A: The contract requires the contractor to maintain an open lane of traffic during most of the project so that the public, businesses, and homeowners can travel through Town and access their property. There will be times when the road will be closed for pipe crossings during the day but it should be reopened that evening. The Contractor will provide advance notice of any closure impacts one week in advance.

Q: WILL ANY WORK BE PERFORMED AT NIGHT?

A: The contract does not allow for night work. Only in emergency situations will there be any night work in the Town. All work must occur during the daytime approved work hours identified by VDOT.

Q: HOW IS THE PROJECT BEING MANAGED BY THE TOWN AND COUNTY?

A: The original projects were separated into two different projects with the Town doing a pedestrian and storm drainage project on Main Street from the intersection of Loudoun Street to the curve at the train station complex. The County's project began at the intersection of Loudoun and Main Street and headed east to connect into the existing trail network in Lake Point. The trail would then continue across Lakefield Road to Franklin Park. Two years ago, the Town and County formalized plans to have the County and their staff take the lead on the project. Based on agreements, the County will provide additional funding, serve as project management and be the fiscal agent for the Town. To help manage the daily construction, engineering and inspection services, the County procured engineering services from Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP. The WRA team will be on site and led by Leonard "Lenny" Coleman, P.E., CCM.

Q: WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT?

A: The project will be managed by Loudoun County's Department of Transportation and Capital Improvements (DTCI). The County's construction manager is Edward del Rio; he can be reached 571-258-3990 or Edward.delrio@loudoun.gov.

To provide support to the County on this project and all the Town's capital projects, the Town of Round Hill hired Robert Lohr in 2017. He can be reached at 540-454-3636 or rlahr@roundhillva.org.