

News aRound the Hill

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Franklin Park Trail Nearing Completion

After nearly two decades of planning, work on the Franklin Park Trail is nearing completion with all but two areas at Lakefield Road pending a connection.

The trail work is part of the Round Hill to Franklin Park Trail construction project, currently in progress.

The project includes the construction of sidewalks and a shared-use path (pedestrian and bicycle) from the center of the Town of Round Hill to Franklin Park in Western Loudoun County.

Crews have begun stabilizing side slopes and ditch lines associated with the trail, which is currently 80% complete.

On East Loudoun Street, crews are working to resolve a utility conflict before installing the remaining 60 linear feet of storm sewer pipe connecting East Loudoun Street with the Main Street storm water infrastructure. Work to place storm sewers on the Main Street Improvements proj-

ect is currently 70% complete.

Temporary pavement issues are being addressed by crews along East Loudoun Street and Main Street to improve the driving surface while construction continues.

Drivers should proceed in these areas with caution until the end of the project, which is scheduled for Spring/Summer of 2022.

This project will construct a shared-use path that will link the center of Round Hill to Franklin Park. This link will include concrete sidewalks along both sides of E. Loudoun Street and Main Street to the location of the former W&OD railroad station.

Additional Main Street enhancements and E. Loudoun Street include curbs, curb ramps, retaining walls and a new storm drainage system.

When the project is completed, pedestrian connectivity between Round Hill and Franklin Park will be established, and pedestrian access and safety along East Loudoun Street

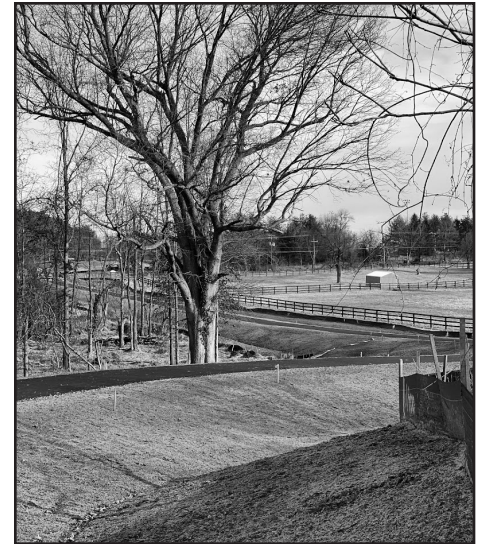


PHOTO FOR NEWS AROUND THE HILL

The section of trail between the Lake Point neighborhood and Franklin Park is being finalized now.

and Main Street will be improved.

More information, including a link to sign up for updates on the project, can be found on the project page at www.loudoun.gov/roundhilltrail.

Hometown Festival Returns to Memorial Weekend

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, the 18th Annual* Round Hill Hometown Festival returns to its traditional Memorial Day weekend date this spring.



PHOTO COURTESY HOMETOWN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

This year's Hometown Festival will be held on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 28, 2022.

The day-long Festival will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2022.

Plans are underway for the Festival 5k, parade, memorial ceremony, pie-eating contest, downhill derby, amusement rides, food vendors, and a full schedule of entertainment on the Town Park stage, including the free evening concert.

Following the success of the FestiFall event last October, the May Festival will also include a children's activity area and youth stage at the Round Hill Baptist Church.

This free family-friendly event is made possible by the generous support of local sponsors. For information on how to sponsor the event, visit www.hometownfestival.org/our-sponsors.

For additional information on the Festival, including 5k race registration, visit the Festival website (www.hometownfestival.org) or the Festival Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rhhometownfestival).

DERBY COORDINATOR NEEDED

The Round Hill Hometown Festival committee is seeking a volunteer to run the DownHill Derby on Saturday, May 28. The role includes some pre-race day coordination but most of the heavy-lifting happens the afternoon of race day. Anyone able to help should email info@hometownfestival.org or send a message through the Festival Facebook page.

ROUND HILL APPALACHIAN TRAIL FESTIVAL SCHEDULED

The third Round Hill Appalachian Trail Festival will toast the beauty of the Trail with brews and bites, tunes, and talks on June 11.

Enjoy live music, trail talks, kids' activities, food and vendors. Talk with representatives from environmental/hiking groups and take part in hands-on learning from cooking to nature photography.

This free, family-friendly event celebrating the A.T. and other local outdoor opportunities will be held at B Chord Brewing, 34266 Williams Gap Rd., Round Hill, VA. For more info: www.roundhillva.org

ROUND HILL APPALACHIAN TRAIL ART SHOW

Round Hill Outdoors's Fifth Annual Appalachian Trail Art Show is open. See works inspired by the A.T. and the beautiful nature in Round Hill's own backyard submitted by 27 artists of all ages.

Visit the art show in person at the Round Hill Arts Center, 35246 Harry Byrd Hwy #170, Round Hill, through Mar. 20, or enjoy it online at roundhill.at/round-hill-appalachian-trail-art-show/.

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The Round Hill Outdoors Committee would like to thank Mod Pizza, the Round Hill Arts Center, Williams Gap Winery and the Round Hill Appalachian Trail Festival for their generous donations.

SLEETER LAKE PARK OPENS FOR 2022 SEASON

Sleeter Lake Park will open to the public from Mar. 1 to Nov. 26. The park, located at 17749 Lakefield Road, opens at 7 a.m. daily. Closing times change throughout the season and are posted on www.roundhillva.org, at the park, and on the sign at the bottom of Lakefield Road.

The 11-acre park features picnic areas with tables and grills, canoe and kayak storage, a soft-launch boat ramp, and an extensive shoreline for catch-and-release fishing. Swimming or wading is not permitted.

The boat ramp closes 30 minutes prior to gate closing times. Plan ahead to exit the park before the gate closes. Anyone accidentally locked in the park should call the Police Non-Emergency line at (703) 777-1021.

Gate closing schedule 2022	
Date	Closing Time
March 1 st	6:30PM
March 13 th (DST)	7:30PM
May 2 nd	8:30PM
August 29 th	7:30PM
September 26 th	7:00PM
October 17 th	6:30PM
November 6 th (DST)	5:30 PM
November 26 th	Park Closed

UTILITY BILLING REMINDERS

Following are important reminders for the March utility billing:

- March 3 – Water Bills Mailed
- April 5 – Payment Due
- April 6 – 6% Late Fees Applied
- April 20 – Disconnections (\$125 reconnection fee for shut offs)

Customers who schedule payments through their bank should allow up to 10 business days for payments to be received through the mail. An increasing number of payments have been received after the due date, resulting in late fees.

The Town has a free pay portal at www.roundhillva.org. Payments are usually posted within 24 hours and email confirmations are sent when payments are accepted.

For information about financial assistance or to set up a payment plan, call the Utility Billing Administrator at 540-338-4772 ext. 2.

RHVFD ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Round Hill Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department has elected the following new officers to serve in 2022:

- Lee Charlton-President
- Lorraine Gruca- Vice President
- Mike Gruca- Fire Chief
- James Szabo- Assistant Fire Chief
- Mike Gruca- Rescue Chief
- Kim Walker-Assistant Rescue Chief
- Misti LoRusso- Secretary
- Rich Wolfe- Treasurer
- Barry Carroll- Assistant Treasurer
- Bob Enright, Gabe Fulton & Ted Spara- At Large Members

To volunteer, please contact: www.opennewdoors.org

ON THE AGENDA

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

- FY2023 Budget and Capital Improvement Program
- Future Well Site and Water Treatment Plant
- Street Renaming
- Town Expansion

Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Town Council Meeting Mar. 16/Apr. 6 & 20/May 4**
7:30 p.m., Round Hill Town Office and Zoom
- ▶ **Planning Commission Meetings Apr. 5/May 3**
7:00 p.m., Round Hill Town Office and Zoom

(NOTE: Information for participating remotely is provided on the agenda for each meeting, <https://www.roundhillva.org/minutes-and-agendas>.)