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Colvin's Mill Wheel Set To Turn Once More

Round and round she goes. The wheels are ready to turn again at Colvin Run Historic Site in Great Falls, VA.

Colvin Run Mill returns to its regular grinding schedule on April 19, 2015. The mill wheel will turn from noon to 3 p.m., weather permitting, on the first and third Sundays of each month through October. This historic mill has been grinding grain for more than 200 years. This summer, thanks to community support and partnerships, it will be grinding at full capacity for the first time in decades.

Thanks to a \$75,000 grant through the Partners in Preservation social media contest sponsored by American Express and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the original restoration of the mill that started in the 1970s was on its way to fulfillment last year. The mill's reopening following that restoration was delayed when a crack was found in the 6,000-pound main axle of the water wheel. Repairs were needed in addition to the restoration.

With support from the Friends of Colvin Run Mill and the Fairfax County Park Foundation, and the thousands of individuals who voted online for Colvin Run Mill, funding was raised to help get the mill wheels turning again.

The mill will return to its glory days beginning with a Restoration Celebration on April 19. There will be an official grand re-opening ceremony open to the public at 1 p.m.

Colvin Run Mill is at 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls, VA. More information about the mill is on the Fairfax County Park Authority website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvinrunmill/.



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