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## Citizen Update

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TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE, VIRGINIA

### Purcellville Train Station and Tabernacle Listed on Virginia Landmarks Register Both Buildings Recommended for National Register

The Town of Purcellville is pleased to announce that both the Train Station and Tabernacle (Skating Rink) have been individually listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and have been recommended for listing on the National Register. These actions took place at a joint meeting of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources State Review Board and Historic Resources Board in Richmond, Virginia on Thursday, March 18. Review Board members commended the Town for its stewardship of these historic sites and expressed a hope that other communities follow the Town's example.

"The town is delighted with this designation as it recognizes the Town's commitment to the preservation of its historic resources," said Purcellville Mayor Bob Lazaro. "The efforts of Council Members Tom Priscilla and Jim Wiley are to be commended as they have been instrumental in the support of both of these facilities."

The Town of Purcellville is the owner of both the Train Station and Tabernacle (located at Fireman's Field). The Tabernacle, constructed in 1903 to host the annual "bush meetings" of the Prohibition and Evangelical Association of Loudoun County, is one of only three such bush meeting structures remaining in the Commonwealth. The 1904 Train Station was restored by the Purcellville Preservation

Association in the late 1990's in its original location along the Washington & Old Dominion Trail, formerly a Southern Railway line. It is the largest surviving train station in Loudoun County and now provides space for community meetings and public restrooms.

The Town purchased the Train Station in 2004 and Fireman's Field in 2007 to ensure their continued preservation. The Town is in the midst of a significant capital project to repair the Tabernacle and restore it to its more than 100-year old splendor. For a detailed history on the Tabernacle and Fireman's Field, you can visit [www.novahistory.org](http://www.novahistory.org).

The Town will receive news about its listing on the National Register of Historic Places in a few months.



Postcard courtesy of Tom Priscilla.

### Purcellville Secures Additional Water Supply for Future Needs – 182 Acres Placed in Conservation Easement

Consistent with the Town's Water Resources Study, which was adopted in December 2007, the Town of Purcellville closed on the purchase of approximately 193 acres adjacent to the Town's water treatment plant. This acquisition included the water rights to a neighboring property and will provide approximately 205,000 gallons per day (GPD) of additional water capacity with the ability to reach 300,000 GPD with additional wells.

This purchase provides a significant water supply, and when combined with other projects that are currently underway, will meet the Town's long-term needs through 2048. This proactive move ensures that the Town can meet the needs of the community in the short-term and the demand for future generations of commercial, institutional and residential water users. The property was purchased for \$2.1 million, which is less than half the appraised and assessed value of the property.

As part of the acquisition process, the Town was able to work with the Seller to place 182 acres of the property into conservation easement. This protects the water supply and builds on the Town's sound environmental record, which includes the recent placing of 1,271 acres around the Town's reservoir in a conservation easement with the Virginia Outdoor Foundation. Purcellville's earlier easement is the largest in Loudoun and the first by a municipality in Loudoun County.

"The Council has a proactive record of ensuring a safe, reliable water supply for our community," said Purcellville Mayor Bob Lazaro. "I commend our staff and the property owner for all of their efforts to protect this property to the long-term benefit of our residents." ■

### Phase 1 Renovations of Skating Rink Project Completion Scheduled for June 30, 2010

In January, the Town awarded a contract to Harry Braswell Inc., for the Construction Phase 1 Renovations of the Purcellville Skating Rink, also referred to as the Tabernacle. Phase 1 renovations will cover structural repairs, replacement of the shingle roof with a metal roof to match the historical heritage of the building, and minor site and concrete replacement. The awarded contract is in the amount of \$509,402 which is approximately \$506,000 below the design consultant's estimate.

"The Council is proud of its record of preserving Fireman's Field. The renovation of the Tabernacle will ensure the building will be an integral part of our heritage and community in the next 100 years," said Purcellville Mayor Bob Lazaro.

A Groundbreaking Ceremony was held on March 8, 2010. Completion of the project is scheduled for June 30, 2010. ■



Council members Jim Wiley, Joan Lehr, C.J. Walker, III, and Tom Priscilla.

### Mayor & Town Council

Mayor Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
Vice-Mayor Stephen Varmecky  
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## Message from Mayor Bob Lazaro



Dear Neighbors,

Spring is finally here!

With the warmer weather comes a great deal of activity in our neighborhoods and a number of community-wide events. There are several special events scheduled for April and May (see page 4). We are thankful to all of the volunteers and Town staff who make them possible for our residents to enjoy. I hope you take advantage of them as they are an important part of keeping Purcellville a great place to live and raise a family.

I am particularly pleased to note that our collective efforts to preserve the Purcellville Train Station and the Tabernacle (skating rink) were recognized with listing on the Virginia Historic Register. Both properties, owned by the Town, have been recommended for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as well. A special thank you to Council Members Tom Priscilla and Jim Wiley who were instrumental in the preservation of these critical properties. Also, a special thanks to the Purcellville Preservation Association for its early on efforts in the train station project. The Town is committed to our historic resources as they play an important part of our heritage. Our current improvement project to the Tabernacle is an additional tool in that effort.

I look forward to seeing you around Town.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.  
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## TOWN-WIDE TAG SALE WINS TOURISM AWARD Event Recognized for its Positive Economic Impact and Community Enhancement

The Purcellville 7th Annual Town-wide Tag Sale was presented the Tourism Event of the Year Award: Attendance up to 3,000 by Visit Loudoun at its 14th Annual Meeting & 2009 Tourism Awards program held on March 24, 2010 at Belmont Country Club. Council member Greg Wagner, organizer of the Tag Sale, received the award. This year's Tag Sale will be held on October 9-10.

## Town of Purcellville Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the Town of Purcellville for its adopted Fiscal Plan for FY 2009-2010 and Capital Improvement Program FY 2010-2014. The award represents a significant achievement by the Town. It reflects the commitment of the Town Council and the Town staff to meeting the highest principles of government budgeting. To receive this award, the Town had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental budgeting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The Director of Finance, Elizabeth Krens said, "I would like to congratulate the staff of the Finance Department for this noteworthy first-time achievement. The GFOA Distinguished Budget Award is the culmination of a multi-year

effort by the Town of Purcellville to improve the annual budget process and document and represents a major professional milestone for the Finance Department. I would also like to recognize the special contribution made by Steve Coakley, Budget Specialist, Connie LeMarr, Assistant Director of Finance, and Patrick Childs, Assistant Town Manager, for their efforts to revamp the Fiscal Plan for FY 2009-2010 and Capital Improvement Program FY 2010-2014 document in accordance with GFOA budget award requirements."

"The Town is honored to accept this distinguished award," said Purcellville Mayor Bob Lazaro. "It has been the overall goal of Council to improve the transparency and clarity of our documents and our Finance staff has done an outstanding job in achieving this result."

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, DC. ■



## REFUSE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

1. Collection day for refuse, recycling and yard waste is Wednesday. All refuse must be placed in metal or plastic watertight containers equipped with handles and tight fitting covers. A maximum of three such containers will be collected per household. The maximum weight per container is 75 pounds.
2. Please have your refuse and recycling curbside no later than 7:00 a.m.
3. The Town uses "Single Stream Recycling"; all recyclables are to be placed in the same container. The Town provides one free blue recycling container per household. A container as described in #1 above can be used for recyclables if the container is clearly marked for recycling. Drop by the Town Hall at 130 East Main Street during business hours to obtain a blue recycling container and/or a recycling sticker to affix to your own recycling container.
4. Place yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings in clear plastic or paper recycling bags only. You may also use a personal can for yard debris if the can is clearly marked as "Yard Waste."
5. A reasonable amount of limbs and branches will be collected if tied in a bundle with rope or strong twine. Each limb or branch can be no larger than six inches in diameter and no longer than five feet and bundles should be no wider than an arm's length. No dirt/soil, rock/stone, sod, mulch or construction debris of any type will be collected. Please have the bundles placed curbside but not in the street or on the sidewalk.
6. Large items such as furniture or appliances will be collected by Special Collection only. Special Collections are at NO COST to Town residents. Please contact American Disposal directly at 1-866-884-8700 (toll free) to schedule. Tell the call taker that you are a Town of Purcellville resident. Refrigerators and air conditioners must have all coolant removed by a certified professional prior to pick-up. Coolant removal is the responsibility of the resident. Special Collections must be scheduled at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of Wednesday collection.
7. Loudoun County collects Household Hazardous Waste; the 2010 collection schedule can be found on their website: [www.loudoun.gov/default.aspx?tabid=742](http://www.loudoun.gov/default.aspx?tabid=742).
8. If you have problems or concerns, please contact American Disposal first at 1-866-884-8700 (toll free). If a resolution cannot be made or you require further information, please contact the Town Hall at (540) 338-7421.
9. Further information and updates concerning refuse and recycling services, including the inclement weather policy, are located on the Town website at: [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

## Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company Experiences Change of Command

On January 1, 2010, the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company (PVFC) experienced a change in volunteer operational command when Chief Bob Dryden stepped down as the department's most senior operations officer and Captain Jimmy Counselman assumed the role.

Bob Dryden stepped down as chief after an extremely successful five years leading the Company. Chief Dryden presided over some of the most critical transformations of the Company in recent history, including the solidifying of the excellent working relationship with the career staff in a "combined" career/ volunteer environment. The Company experienced unprecedented growth in active membership with a 300 percent increase in just over three years. Over 30 certified fire fighters joined the Company in the last few years alone with more currently in training. The Company also enhanced its internal training program and added three new fire apparatus to its fleet, expanding the department's capabilities to better serve the community. Chief Dryden also participated in negotiations of the sale of Fireman's Field to the Town and the development of a new Safety Center which is the new home of volunteer and career fire and rescue services in Purcellville. He served on several County fire and rescue committees, most recently as the Vice Chairman of the Loudoun County Fire Council. Chief Dryden is a 21 year veteran of the Fire Service with 18 years with the Purcellville Fire Co.



Chief Counselman was elected to the position by the membership of the Company at its December 2009 meeting. He has been in the fire service for over 25 years and been associated with the Purcellville Fire Company for 20 years. His most recent position was a senior Captain with the Company and is respected for his extensive knowledge of fire fighting and apparatus operations and systems. A 1987 graduate of Loudoun Valley High School, Chief Counselman was raised in Hillsboro and has lived in Purcellville since 1988. His father was a fire fighter and his son, Jamie, currently serves with the PVFC. His wife, Anita, is secretary of the Company.

Chief Counselman's focus will be on maintaining the growth of the Company and on training essential to providing the community with the quality fire service it has come to expect from its volunteers.

Chief Dryden will return to the department as a senior Captain. His wife, Robin, is also a 23- year veteran of the fire service also serving with the Purcellville Fire Company as a Master Technician.

### After Hours Emergency Numbers

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Police, Medical or Fire Emergency | 911            |
| Dominion Virginia Power           | (888) 667-3000 |
| Poison Control                    | (800) 222-1222 |
| Water, Sewer, Street Maintenance  | (540) 338-7700 |

### Non-Emergency Numbers

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Police                  | (540) 338-7422 |
| Fire                    | (540) 338-5961 |
| Rescue                  | (540) 338-4706 |
| County Fire & Rescue    | (703) 777-0637 |
| Sheriff Department      | (703) 777-1021 |
| Dominion Virginia Power | (703) 359-3275 |
| Comcast Cable           | (571) 434-1280 |
| Verizon                 | (800) 275-2355 |

## Green Tips

Studies show electric dishwashers use less hot water than washing and rinsing dishes by hand. When you purchase a dishwasher, look for one with a short or light cycle. They require fewer fills and less hot water. Some dishwashers use up to 40 percent less hot water per load, and others allow you to reduce the temperature settings on your water heater. Make sure your dishwasher is full when you run it.



For more Green Tips, visit the Go Green Virginia web site at [www.gogreenva.org/?/resources/green\\_tips](http://www.gogreenva.org/?/resources/green_tips)

## Recognition of Blair Brown

The Town of Purcellville honored Blair Brown, a Loudoun Valley HS Alumni and current Penn State University student, for her accomplishments as part of the Penn State University 2007, 2008 & 2009 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship teams. A reception was held in January at the Purcellville Town Hall.



*Council member Joan Lebr, Jaima Brown, Blair Brown, Mayor Bob Lazaro, Jeff Brown, Council member Tom Priscilla, Vice-Mayor Steve Varnecky, Council member Jim Wiley.*

## Snowiest Season on Record



*The Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management did an aerial recon flight on February 11, 2010 and took the above photo of Purcellville. Purcellville resident, Scott Crawford, took photo below of the train station after the February blizzard.*



## Growing a Community Market

By Juanita Tool, Purcellville Community Market



Mark Fedor, North Gate Vineyards; Lothar Erbe, Lothar's Gourmet Sausages; Pamela Schmidt, Oak Springs Dairy; John Cockerill, Fort Bacon; Jessie Baker, Day Spring Farm; Christine Illich and friend Rick, Heirloom Kitchens.

The Purcellville Community Market is a small, growing market with a mission to provide Purcellville and the surrounding community a place to

buy nutritious, healthy, fresh, local food; to enable farmers to obtain fair prices for their products; to educate the public about food nutrition and preparation; and to create a figurative "town square" where people in the community reconnect with their neighbors as well as the people who work the land and produce food. We're in our infancy but that's what we want to grow up to be.

We have many excellent vendors with quality products like Lothar, The German Master Artisan Butcher, who makes the best sausages, brats, franks, bacon and stews around. There's Oak Springs Dairy with raw, whole milk cheese, and Arondo Holmes, who has a coffee plantation in Honduras and sells coffee by the cup and coffee beans as well as the tastiest pickles and pickled beets you've ever tried. Marion and Harold Dickey sell artisan breads as well as gluten-free baked goods. Rob Young has the most nutritious and tastiest greens mix and Day Spring Farm brings their chicken, Heritage turkey, grass-fed Highland beef, lamb, and dyed wool. North Gate Vineyard has award-winning wines and Heirloom Kitchens has delicious natural soups. The Magnolia Girls bring sweet breads, cookies, and the best pecan bars, while Liz Handcrafted Soaps bring you quality skin soaps. Kilmer Orchards from West Virginia has fantastic apples and will have more fruits, berries, and produce as the season begins. John Cockerill from Fort Bacon raises his own hogs and sells good quality pork.

Come spring, when produce comes in season, there will even be more vendors with a large variety of vegetables, herbs, flowers and plants. Look for food education and gardening speakers as well as music.

If the weather isn't too awful, we'll be there from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Town Hall Parking lot at 130 E. Main Street in beautiful downtown Purcellville. We've only missed one market this year... when it snowed two feet! So come out on Saturday morning, stop by and get some great food, have a chat with your vendors and neighbors, sip some fresh coffee, and have a bite to eat. Call (703) 967-0431 for more information. ■

## Upcoming Events

### Community Shred & Drug Recycling Event Saturday, April 17, 2010

9 a.m. – Noon  
Fireman's Field

This FREE event, sponsored by the Town, Proshred, and Inova will allow residents (no businesses please) to

recycle old paper documents and confidential files safely and securely. Residents may bring up to six bankers boxes. Inova will be on site to recycle expired drugs (no narcotics). Drugs will be properly disposed of by trained hospital personnel. For more information, contact the Town Clerk, Jennifer Helbert, at [jhelbert@purcellvilleva.gov](mailto:jhelbert@purcellvilleva.gov) or 540-751-2333.



### 2nd Annual Big Shots 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

April 24, 2010 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Loudoun Valley High School

The Loudoun Do Something Now Club has planned another fun basketball event for teens. There will be a basketball competition, a live DJ, electronic gaming by C3, a celebrity speaker, and guest performances. The event is free. To register your team or to get involved, go to [www.allprosoftware.net/BigShots3on3](http://www.allprosoftware.net/BigShots3on3).



### Painting Purcellville Green Saturday, April 24

(Rain Date, May 1)  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Town Hall

The Purcellville Committee on the Environment is sponsoring its second event to celebrate the environment through arts and music and to educate the community regarding green activities and businesses in and around the Town. Activities include local arts & crafts, green-themed music from local bands, and educational booths from non-profit organizations and businesses with green products or services. For more info or to



register for a free booth, contact Martha Mason Semmes at 540-338-2304 or [mmsemmes@purcellvilleva.gov](mailto:mmsemmes@purcellvilleva.gov).

### Economic Development Forum Thursday, April 29, 2010, 6:30 p.m. Patrick Henry College, Barbara Hodel Center Coffee House 34% Means Business

One out of every three people living in Purcellville is under the age of 24. Nearly one out of every five are tweens, teens, or young adults. These residents are shopping in our stores and eating in our restaurants — or are they? The Forum brings together young people and business leaders to discuss what the town has, and how businesses may be more responsive to their needs. Young people are making decisions and have spending money; make sure that your business is well positioned to serve this growing demographic.

The Purcellville Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) invites you to be an active participant in a round table discussion with your peers in the community. The EDAC has worked with LVHS students to gather new data on student needs and wants and is eager to share. LVHS student, Andrea Mustacchio, placed fifth in the state DECA Leadership Conference based on her survey of Western Loudoun Youth Interest in Recreational Activities. By bringing together the voices of high school students, college students, and businesses that have successfully charted these waters, we hope you will walk away with insights that will help your business in its planning over the next year. For more information and to register for the event, please contact Cheryl Herman at [cherman@purcellvilleva.gov](mailto:cherman@purcellvilleva.gov).

### Eastern Gateway Charrette May 6-8, 2010

The Purcellville Eastern Gateway Charrette will look at the community's vision for the Eastern Main Street and Berlin Turnpike area, examining

related transportation, community development/design, and economic issues that have a far reaching effect for the entire community. Daily sessions will be held at Patrick Henry College with a public forum on May 6th at 7pm at Town Hall. For more information, or to register, contact Lauren Murphy at (540)338-2304 or [lmurphy1@purcellvilleva.gov](mailto:lmurphy1@purcellvilleva.gov).

### Purcellville's Run for Research 5k May 8

Fundraising event for the Susan G. Komen Passionately Pink. Affiliated with the Loudoun Road Runners. Register online at [active.com](http://active.com) and for more information, contact [runforresearch2010@gmail.com](mailto:runforresearch2010@gmail.com).



### Health & Public Safety Day Saturday, May 15, 2010 Noon – 4 p.m.

#### Loudoun Valley Shopping Center

Come see and experience police and fire vehicles and equipment from all over Northern Virginia. Demonstrations by local firemen and k-9 units, fingerprinting of children, Inova health displays, giveaways, and the popular police barrel train will be on hand to offer free rides.

### Heritage Day in the Park Saturday, May 15, 2010

10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Fireman's Field

The event will be hopping with local music and art, an antique tractor and car show, hayrides, a farmer's market, animal programs and kids activities. New this year is the "Wine Garden" where local wineries will offer tastings! Also, the Purcellville Preservation Association (PPA) invites fairgoers to the Vintage Tour for visits to "Our Favorite Places" throughout town to see prized properties that showcase old and new properties. The Old-timers Roundtable with local townspeople will share stories and folklore. Details and updates on the PPA website, [www.ppa-va.org](http://www.ppa-va.org).