

Purcellville

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TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE, VIRGINIA

Town & County Hold Groundbreaking for Public Safety Center



In February, the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Department and Loudoun County Fire and Rescue held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Purcellville Public Safety Center at 500 Maple Avenue in Purcellville. Mayor Lazaro and members of Town Council and members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors were also in attendance in support of the project. The fire and rescue station will be 23,000 square feet on approximately four acres and include apparatus bays, bunkroom facilities and training and break rooms. Construction of the facility is expected to be completed by December 2008.

Town Acquires Additional Water Resources

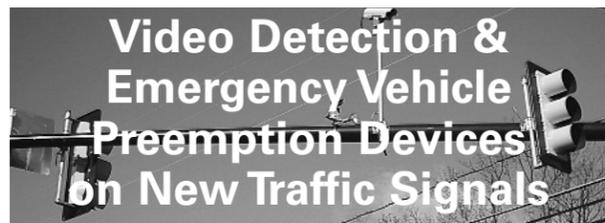
In accordance with the Town's Comprehensive Water Resources Study, the Town has made some modifications to the existing water purveying system as well as acquired additional water sources in order to meet the water capacity demands and help to recharge the Town's primary water sources, the J.T. Hirst Reservoir. As part of a strategy to address our water challenges, the Town immediately increased its water supply capacity nearly 19 percent by:

- Placing a generator at the Hirst Farm Well, which increased the reliable capacity by 44,000 gallons per day.
- Developing the new Jeffries well, which added 39,600 gallons per day.

- Increased pumping capacity on three existing wells, adding 34,600 gallons per day.

The Town has secured additional water sources by entering into water purchase agreements with two property owners near the water treatment facility. The two agreements were with John Marsh and Western Loudoun Wellfield Company (WLWC).

Together, these two projects will add up to an additional 355,200 gpd to our water supply. Collectively, the improvements along with the additional sources will provide up to 473,400 gpd to the amount of water available. Both sources of water will be available for use in June. ■



The Town has received inquiries regarding the devices that are a part of the new traffic signals at Main & Hatcher and Main & 23rd street. These devices are not red-light cameras used to collect evidence for traffic violations. Instead, the devices mounted on the traffic signals are video detectors which are used to sense traffic waiting on the side streets and monitor the amount of traffic at the intersection as part of the video detection system. The other devices are emergency vehicle preemption devices that look similar to small spot lights and receive signals from special emitters mounted to emergency vehicles. When the devices detect an emergency vehicle approaching the intersection, the traffic signal will automatically turn green to allow the vehicles in front of the emergency vehicle to move through the intersection and clear the way for the emergency vehicle. ■

Town Wins TOP TEN Award

The Virginia Institute of Government presented the Town of Purcellville with the EBIS Top Ten Award 2007 for outstanding technical support of the Institute, Virginia communities, the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Association of Counties and other public and private institutions both within and outside Virginia.

The award recognizes the top communities that are considered models for benchmarking and contribute to the Institute's information services programs.

Dominion Power Responds to Purcellville Concerns

Company to Make \$15 Million Investment to Improve Reliability



Representatives from Dominion Virginia Power attended a Town Hall meeting on February 26, 2008 to discuss recent power outages that have affected the Town of Purcellville.

Ken Barker, Dominion's vice president of planning and reliability, spoke on behalf of the company. He addressed approximately 80 residents, acknowledging the electric service issues and how Dominion intends to improve it.

"We are committed to better communication and electric service improvements for the homes and businesses in Purcellville," said Barker. "The proof will be in the execution of our plan. We appreciate everyone who attended the meeting and thank them for their feedback. We look forward to a follow up meeting to review the results in the summer of 2008."

Barker said he hoped the meeting would regain customer confidence by laying out Dominion's plan for improvements. He explained the main factors contributing to Purcellville's recent power outages: weather and tree impact.

The long circuits serving Purcellville increase the chance for outages, while the increased demand for electricity prolongs the duration of outages. The good news is Dominion has a long term master plan for the Purcellville area to address the tremendous growth the Town has seen in the last 10 years.

Immediate improvements now underway include trimming trees more aggressively along circuits

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Mayor & Town Council

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Message from Mayor Bob Lazaro



Dear Neighbors:

Happy 100th Birthday Purcellville!

It is officially our Centennial Year and all of the planning that has taken place now turns into action. There are a number of special events that will take place and I hope you will be able to attend and enjoy them. None of this happens by accident and I want to thank our Town staff, the Centennial Committee and the Purcellville Preservation Association for their hard work in pulling these events together. We are blessed to have such an engaged citizenry.

We had a well attended and what I feel was a very successful meeting with officials of Dominion Virginia Power and the State Corporation Commission (they have oversight over Dominion) regarding the spate of power outages that have impacted our community. The company acknowledged they have not provided reliable service and as such will be engaged in a \$15 million infrastructure improvement program to address these critical issues. Dominion's presentation from the meeting, which outlines their plans, can be viewed on the Town's web site. Additionally, the State Corporation Commission is conducting an investigation of these outages at the Town's request and will oversee Dominion's plans to improve service. The Company, at our invite, has agreed to come back and visit with us again in May/June to update us on their actions. Thank you to the citizens and business owners who spoke very eloquently on this issue.

Purcellville is a great place to live and raise a family. Enjoy our year-long birthday celebration.

I look forward to seeing you around Town.

Regards,

Robert W. Lazaro, Jr.
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ACH Payment Option

For your convenience and upon many requests, the Town of Purcellville is now offering ACH withdrawals for utility bills (water and sewer). To take advantage of this new service, please visit the Town website at www.purcellvilleva.gov for further information and an application. Or, stop by the Town Hall located at 130 East Main Street to pickup an application.

ACH stands for "Automatic Clearing House" which simply means with your permission the Town of Purcellville will have the ability to automatically deduct your utility bill from your checking or savings account each billing period.

ACH lets your bank do all of the work. Each billing period, the amount due is automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. This withdrawal will occur on a fixed date every other month. There is no check for you to write, nor any postage expense – ACH takes care of it for you. All you have to do is make sure there is enough money in your account as the Town's fee for non-sufficient funds applies to ACH also.

ACH offers reliability. Currently, many residents are using online banking services which have not proven to be as convenient. Online banking services still issue actual paper checks that are subject to mailing delays, causing confusion and embarrassment of late payment notices.

Please remember that the Town of Purcellville also offers the convenience of accepting MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover and electronic checks via Official Payments Corp., 800-2PAY-TAX (800-272-9829) or www.officialpayments.com. ■

Town Vehicle Decals

NOTICE: All prior year(s) personal property taxes must be paid in full prior to purchasing a decal.

The Town of Purcellville 2007 vehicle decals will expire April 15, 2008. The renewal applications should arrive in the mail by March 15. The new 2008 decal will be valid for an extended period of April 15, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in preparation of the new permanent decal program set to launch in 2009.

Decals are required for all vehicles that are housed or garaged within the Purcellville Town limits. If you do not receive a renewal in the mail, please come to the Town Hall with your current Virginia DMV registration specific to the vehicle omitted in renewal. During this visit you can obtain a decal for a new vehicle or update Loudoun County's records in order to be added to our database.

Also, decals may be purchased by mail. Please send your renewal application (in its entirety) with both portions signed, along with payment in the form of a check or money order payable

to the Town of Purcellville, 130 East Main Street, Purcellville, VA 20132. A decal will be mailed from the Finance Office upon receipt of a signed renewal and payment for decal and any delinquent Personal Property taxes (if applicable). The Town is not responsible for decals lost by the mail.

The decal may be purchased in person at the Town of Purcellville, Town Hall, located at 130 East Main Street.

If you sell, trade, junk or otherwise dispose of a vehicle, you must REMOVE the Town decal before it leaves your possession. Be sure to terminate your tax liability on that specific vehicle by contacting the Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue at (703)777-0260.

New Residents may transfer a decal from another VA jurisdiction for a fee of \$1. Current residents may also transfer a Purcellville decal from a sold vehicle to a newly acquired vehicle for a fee of \$1. The actual decal must be brought to the Town at the time of transfer to take advantage of the reduced rate. ■

Capital Improvements Update

The issues of transportation, mobility, pedestrian access, water quality and availability are all critical elements of the Town's character and quality of life. As Town Council set the stage by adopting the Capital Improvement Program, the Town is continuing to improve all of these elements by completing several capital projects:

- The Town completed the installation of the new traffic signals at Main & Hatcher and Main & 23rd street, with both signals becoming operational in October and November 2007, respectively. The devices observed with these signals are not red-light cameras. Rather, these devices utilize video technology in lieu of road sensors to adjust the signal pattern based on actual traffic.
- The Town completed construction of 20th street sidewalk in October 2007.
- In December 2007, the Town awarded a contract for the construction of 14th street

sidewalk and related improvements.

Construction commenced in February 2008.

- The Town awarded a contract for the Basham Simms Waste Water Treatment Plant improvements and expansion in January 2008. Construction will begin in March 2008 with completion in October 2010.
- In December 2007, the Town Council adopted a Comprehensive Water Resources Study that identifies the Town's short, medium and long term opportunities to meet future demand.
- The Town entered into two water purchase agreements.
- A Town Wide Transportation Study has been initiated by the Town which will provide several opportunities for public input and a review of all modes of transportation within the context of land use regulations.
- The Town started a pilot drainage study for a sector in the Town to review existing

deficiencies and prepare mitigation recommendations.

- An assessment of the condition of the existing Water Treatment Plant and its projected remaining useful life and recommended improvements has been completed.
- The Town completed installation of emergency vehicle pre-emption devices at the following signalized intersections: Main & 23rd, Main & Hatcher, Main & Maple, Hirst & 287, and 287 & Route 7 interchange.
- The Town secured grants from NVTVA to fund needed transportation improvements, the Southern Collector Road and the Main & Maple Intersection Improvements.

The current Adopted Capital Improvement Program for FY2008-2012 is available online at www.purcellvilleva.com/index.asp?nid=211. ■

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Police Department Installs Help Button

In January 2008, the Police Department had installed a new help button outside of the police station located at 125 Hirst Road. Citizens who arrive at the station needing emergency assistance after hours or on weekends can push this emergency button and they will be connected to the Loudoun County Sheriffs Office Emergency Communications Center. Help will be summoned within a few minutes.

Police Explorers win Community Service Award 2007

Purcellville Police Explorer Post 1908 received the 2007 Community Service Award from the National Capital Area Council, Learning for Life. Other posts considered for selection include ones from Montgomery County Police, Frederick County Sheriff's Office, and an ROTC unit from Osbourn Park High School in Manassas. "We are very proud of our very dedicated group of young people. They continue to support our police and community without fail," said Chief Smith. Congratulations to them!

Police Department Has Promotions



From L to R on the front row are MPO Ryan Vasconi, MPO Rick Costello, MPO Susan Patterson, Sgt. John Kelly. Behind them are MPO Robert Wagner and Officer Paul Kakol.

At a ceremony on January 8, 2008, three officers in the Purcellville Police Department - Ryan Vasconi, Rick Costello and Susan Patterson - were promoted to Master Police Officer. Chief Smith recognized these officers and said, "I applaud these officers for challenging themselves by going through the promotional process and for their willingness to accept leadership roles inside the Purcellville Police Department."

Master Police Officer Ryan M. Vasconi — Officer Vasconi came to Purcellville after working for the Middleburg Police Department. He has eight years of law enforcement experience. MPO Vasconi is assigned the day shift as a traffic officer.

Master Police Officer Rick J. Costello — Officer Costello came to Purcellville from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. He is a former member of the Purcellville Citizen Support Team. MPO Costello has over five years of law enforcement experience and is currently assigned the midnight shift as a patrol officer.

Master Police Officer Susan E. Patterson — Officer Patterson came to Purcellville having worked as police officer for the Fairfax County Police Department. She has over four years of law enforcement experience and is currently assigned the day shift as a patrol officer.

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
Adelphia Cable	(571) 434-1280
Verizon	800-275-2355

New Places to Play Around Town

Playgrounds at W&OD Trail/Maple Avenue & Emerick Elementary

The Town of Purcellville is pleased to announce that the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority has installed a public playground along the W&OD Trail at the intersection of the trail and Maple Avenue across from Loudoun Valley High School. The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA), which owns and operates the 45-mile long trail, chose the location within Purcellville for both trail users and residents to enjoy. One immediate positive result is that it helps the Town achieve its goal as outlined in the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan that calls for an increase in recreational facilities within Town limits.

The playground resembles a train structure which is a perfect complement to the W&OD Trail surroundings. NVRPA provided appropriate fencing around the playground so that children will not have direct access to surrounding roadways. A bike rack and bench seating will also be installed as part of the project. The location of the playground is convenient to nearby apartments and single-family homes and is accessible from the trail. No vehicle parking is proposed for the site.

The NVRPA working with Council Member Jim Wiley, the Purcellville Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Planning Commission were able to fast track this project to facilitate a tight time line. Mayor Lazaro and the Town Council were pleased to hear that the project had been approved at their November 2007 Town Council meeting.

Also, the Mayor and members of Town Council were pleased to join the Principal of Emerick Elementary School, Mrs. Cookus, and students for the ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of the school's new playground. Mayor Lazaro, Council member Wagner and Council member Clarke were honored to be able to test out the new slide. ■



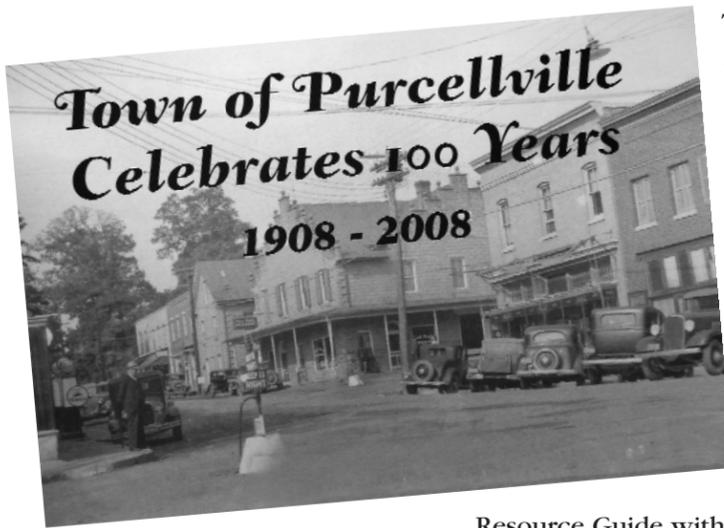
The playground at W&OD Trail/Maple Avenue.



Town of Purcellville Council Member Greg Wagner enjoys the new equipment.

2008 Town of Purcellville Centennial Calendar is Available

Photographs Sought for 2009 Calendar



The Town of Purcellville is proud to announce the 2008 Town of Purcellville Centennial Calendar is available. The calendar is filled with historical photos, dates and facts as well as a

Resource Guide with information on the Town and is designed to showcase the Town's history over the past 100 years. Many residents have expressed that they enjoy learning the historical facts and seeing pictures taken many years ago. So far, the farthest

a calendar has been sent is to the Netherlands. A small donation of \$10 is charged to help offset its cost.

Also, the Town of Purcellville is beginning preparation of its 2009 Town Calendar and Informational Guide and would like to invite all photographers to submit photos taken within the Corporate Limits of the Town for this publication. Requested pictures are ones taken throughout the year to coordinate with the appropriate month and would include, for instance, snow scenes, spring (flowers) and summer and fall scenes. These may be photos that were taken in previous years. Photos selected may be used in the 2009 calendar or in future calendars.

All photos submitted to the Town become the property of the Town of Purcellville and any photo, which includes private property or persons, should have an attached Release or Authorization form for the Town to use these images in a public document. Copies of these forms are available at Town Hall. All photos must be submitted to the Town Hall located at 130 East Main Street, Purcellville, VA 20132 no later than Monday, May 5, 2008 at 5 PM.

If you are interested in obtaining a 2008 Town of Purcellville Centennial Calendar or would like to submit photos for the 2009 Calendar, please call Cheryl Herman at (540) 751-2326 or email cherman@purcellvilleva.gov. ■

POWER COMPANY

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with dense tree exposure, removing trees that are immediately threatening lines both inside and outside the right of way and increasing inspection and maintenance of poles and wire.

Short term goals to be completed in 2008 include energizing a new distribution circuit to serve the town from Leesburg, upgrading two existing circuits, strengthening existing infrastructure and improving resiliency of main circuits using enhanced technology devices.

Long term goals to be completed by 2010 include constructing a new transmission line from Pleasant View Substation in Leesburg to a new substation on the edge of the Town of Purcellville called Hamilton Substation. This new line will bring more capacity to serve the increased demand for electricity and allow for greater backup in the event of any disturbance on the power line. Other goals are building the Hamilton substation to bring the source of electricity closer to town and adding two new distribution lines from the substation that will be less than three miles each limiting the amount of line exposure. ■

Upcoming Events

Purcellville's centennial year is upon us and its going to be a special year! Please refer to the Town's 2008 Calendar and website for those events which are as follows:

"The Old Home Place, A Loudoun Valley Tale" a VSA Production
March 14 and March 15 at 7 pm and March 16 at 3 pm,
Franklin Park Arts Center

VSA arts presents The Old Homeplace: A Loudoun Valley Tale, an original new musical that looks at four generations of a typical farm family in the Loudoun Valley. There will be concessions for sale, plus VSA arts Da Vinci Art Studio will have original art work on display and for sale in the lobby. Ticket Prices: \$8 students/seniors and \$10 adults.

Town Council Reception for the Town's Centennial Incorporation
Friday, March 14 at 6 pm. Loudoun Valley High School Cafeteria

U.S. Navy Sea Chanters Choir Performance
Friday, March 14 at 7:30 pm, Loudoun Valley High School

The Town of Purcellville is very pleased to announce that the U.S. Navy Sea Chanters Choir will be performing at Loudoun Valley High School. The evening will start with a reception at 6 pm in the cafeteria with Purcellville's Town Council and the Centennial Committee to commemorate the Town's incorporation 100 years ago.

Centennial Coming Home Parade
Saturday, April 26 at 11 am, Main Street

This parade will showcase the Town's last 100 years with periodic floats, antique cars and local baseball teams. Please call Cheryl Herman at (540) 751-2326 if you would like to join the parade! Volunteers are needed.

Miss Purcellville Centennial Pageant
Saturday, May 10, 2008, 1-5 pm, Franklin Park

Contact Joni Walker at steptoe59@gmail.com

Centennial's Heritage Day, Purcellville Preservation Association
Saturday, May 17 from 10 am – 8 pm

Throughout the day there will be events to hear and see the history of Purcellville over the last 100 years such as "The Stories Behind the Story of Purcellville", a short film/oral history of Purcellville that will be shown at the Train Station, as well as an "Old-timers Roundtable" set up as a Q&A period beginning at 3 pm with several of those interviewed in the film as well as others in the community who have fond and special memories. Heritage Day will make the debut of Purcellville's "Walking Tour" with a

map and information on historic structures and sites throughout Town. There will also be children's/family activities, a toy train display at the Town Hall and live music. A presentation of bronze PPA plaques will be presented to historic property owners in the Town

Centennial Banquet & Bluemont Dance
Saturday, May 17, Purcellville Skating Rink

A banquet and dinner dance will be held at the Purcellville Skating Rink. Plans are being finalized, more information to follow.

Pride of Purcellville, A Centennial Celebration
Friday, July 4

This annual event is one of the most popular events held in Purcellville. The Centennial Committee is joining with Magic Kayhan to make this one to be remembered. Many volunteers are needed to make it a success. Please call Cheryl Herman at (540) 751-2326 or email cherman@purcellvilleva.gov if you can volunteer.

Emancipation Day, A Centennial Celebration
Saturday, September 20, 2008

For more information, www.blueridgebiblechurch.org

High School Band Tournament and Parade
Saturday, September 20, 2008

A Centennial Celebration with a parade of Loudoun County high school bands and a tournament after the parade to see who puts on the best show! More information will be provided at www.purcellvilleva.gov

"The Parade Train", a VSA Production, Franklin Park Performing Arts Center, A Centennial Celebration
November 21 & 22, 7 pm

Contact Benjamin at Shoenberger@loudoun.gov for more information.

Christmas Musical, A Centennial Celebration.
December 12 & 13, 7 pm, Blue Ridge Bible Church

Contact www.blueridgebiblechurch.org for more information.

Time Capsule Burial
December, 2008, Train Station

More information will follow. There are many events that will be held throughout the year and items available that you may want to purchase to commemorate this occasion. Now is the time to get involved if you would like to assist the Centennial Committee with any of your expertise. ■