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PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY UPDATE

PURCELLVILLE, Va. September 26th, 2015 - The Purcellville Police Department collected 113 pounds of unwanted and/or expired prescription drugs on during our Drug Take-Back event on Saturday, September 26th.

The Purcellville Police in coordination with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office implemented the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) initiative that was established to prevent increased pill abuse and theft. Since the inception of the DEA Take-Back program in 2010, over 6,000 pounds of unwanted and unused prescription medications have been taken off the streets of Loudoun County, which includes the Town of Purcellville.

Prescription drug abuse in the United States is increasing at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Unused and unwanted medications often fall into the wrong hands and are misused or abused. The Drug Take-Back program ensures they are disposed of properly.

We thank the public that came out and disposed of their unwanted medications, and we thank the Purcellville Citizens Support Team for their continued support. We will be holding another Drug Take-Back in the spring of 2016. Details will be forthcoming.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,300 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, a distillery and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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