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## **TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE ANNOUNCES NEW ONLINE ADOPT-A-HYDRANT PROGRAM**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. December 14, 2015** — The Town of Purcellville, the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Department (PVFD), and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), are pleased to announce the kickoff of an on-line Adopt-a-Hydrant program. This is a first-of-its-kind program in Northern Virginia utilizing an on-line platform.

Keeping fire hydrants clear during major snow events is critical to the safety of the community. When seconds count, we do not want our first responders limited by snow-covered hydrants. The Adopt-a-Hydrant program allows residents, communities, and businesses to adopt their local hydrants and commit to clearing around them during snow storms. It is recommended that a radius of at least three (3) feet be shoveled around a hydrant to provide optimum access for fire personnel.

Mayor Kwasi Fraser said, “The Purcellville Adopt-A-Hydrant program and on-line platform provides residents and business owners an opportunity to further enable public safety availability and accessibility during the winter months, and we look forward to partnering with the PVFD and NVRC on this great community program.” Mark Gibb, Executive Director of NVRC, said, “We were pleased to have been able to bring this project to the attention of all of our member jurisdictions and it is great that the Town of Purcellville will be moving forward with it.”

PVFD Chief Bob Dryden added: “I am excited to be part of this pilot program that encourages community service to enhance the safety of the public during snow events. Establishing a good water supply as early as possible during a fire is critical. During Snow events, any delay in finding and exposing fire hydrants significantly hampers firefighting activities.”

The program is simple. Residents or business owners sign up via an on-line form and adopt the hydrant near their home or business. The program allows for the Fire Department to communicate with those persons who sign up to remind them to clear hydrants during snow events.

Online sign-up is available at: [http://hydrant.adopt-a-thing.net/Purcellville\\_VA](http://hydrant.adopt-a-thing.net/Purcellville_VA). You may also contact Jennifer Noel, Operations Coordinator in the Town's Public Works Department, at (540) 338-7440 Ext. 221 or at [jnoel@purcellvilleva.gov](mailto:jnoel@purcellvilleva.gov).

**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, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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