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PREPARE NOW FOR WEEKEND SNOW STORM; REMINDERS FOR SAFETY AND PLOWING

PURCELLVILLE, Va. January 20, 2016 — The National Weather Service has just issued a Blizzard Watch for this weekend (<http://www.weather.gov/lwx/>). Here are some very important things to remember:

- Have a Family Preparedness Plan in place. Check out: <http://en.readynova.org/family>
- When a Snow Emergency is declared by the Town, there is no parking allowed on Snow Emergency Routes, which include: **Main Street – Business Route 7, Berlin Turnpike – Route 287, Maple Avenue, A Street, 20th Street, 21st Street, 32nd Street, 23rd Street, Nursery Avenue, Hatcher Avenue, and Hirst Road – more information to follow.**
- The Town plows all PUBLIC streets with the exception of Main Street, 287, and Hirst Road (which are plowed by VDOT). All PRIVATE streets are maintained by their respective Homeowner's Associations.
- Please move all vehicles onto your driveway or in your garage. If they are left parked on a street, they will get plowed in. The Town does its best to keep travel ways completely clear from curb to curb, which may mean pushing deep snow completely surrounding vehicles that are legally parked on streets. By keeping your vehicle off the street, it makes our jobs more effective and keeps your vehicle from getting snowed in.
- Residents and business owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks on or abutting their property. Please clear sidewalks within 24 hours of the snow.
- Please do not let your children play in the streets or on snow piles along streets. Our staff always keep an extra eye open and focus on safety; however, in heavy snow and low visibility, it can be hard to see if children are climbing on snow banks near the roadway. Safety is key!
- When using a snow blower, direct the snow into your yard, not onto the street. Otherwise, it will just get plowed right back into your yard and make all of our lives more difficult. Please blow it into your yard so we can keep all streets clear.
- If you haven't already, consider adopting a fire hydrant near your home or business. By doing this, you commit to clearing a 3-foot radius around the hydrant after major snow storms so that Fire personnel can quickly access the hydrant in the case of emergency. Every second counts! More information at: http://hydrant.adopt-a-thing.net/Purcellville_VA

- Finally, be kind to your snow plow crews. They are working 15-24 hours shifts, and we are dedicated to keeping all public roadways clear in a safe and expeditious manner. Based on the nature of the job and the sheer physics of snow plowing, it may result in snow blocking your driveway. This is not a personal affront; it is unavoidable and will be minimized as much as possible. Should you have any issues or questions, do not confront the plow drivers, but call the Town Offices at 540-338-7421 or the On-Call Maintenance Staff at 540-454-3629.

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.

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