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## **PAVILION AT FIREMAN’S FIELD REMOVED FOR SAFETY REASONS**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. April 25, 2016** —The Town of Purcellville’s maintenance staff took precautionary measures recently to remove the picnic pavilion located in Dillon’s Woods on the Fireman’s Field property. This pavilion, originally constructed by the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company in 1961, has served as an enjoyable spot for gatherings and parties at this historic property.

After recent inspections of the pavilion, it was determined that the support structures were rotted at the base, representing a potential hazard. For the safety of the public, staff determined the best course of action was to remove the pavilion before spring and summer events and activities at the site. The stone barbeque pit and chimney remains and will be repaired with future improvements.

Due to the historic designation on the property, Town staff received approval from the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Board of Historic Resources (holder of the conservation easement on the property) to remove the pavilion. The Town plans to have a replacement pavilion constructed in the next year.

### **The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,500 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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