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PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

PURCELLVILLE, Va. April 27th, 2016 - The Purcellville Police Department will be conducting a Prescription Drug “Take Back” on Saturday, April 30th, 2016 from 10am-2pm in the parking lot of 250 S. Nursery Ave. (directly across from Town Hall).

Residents can discard potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are increasing at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. These unused and unwanted medications often fall into the wrong hands and are misused or abused, and this program ensures they are disposed of properly. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. “It is our goal to make our homes and communities safer by providing a method to dispose of these drugs,” said Chief Cynthia McAlister of the Town of Purcellville Police Department.

In addition, prescription drugs should not be flushed down the toilet or poured down a sink, as they are difficult to treat in wastewater treatment plants and can pollute our water supply.

Since the inception of this program in 2010, over 6,500 pounds of unwanted and unused prescription medications have been taken off the streets of Loudoun County, including Purcellville.

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.

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