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**ONE LUCKY BIRD  
THIRD ANNUAL PURCELLVILLE TURKEY PARDONING**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va., October 30, 2018** — Mayor Kwasi Fraser and the Town Council invite one and all to the Third Annual Purcellville Turkey Pardoning at 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 10 at the Town Hall located at 221 South Nursery Avenue, Purcellville. The honoree of the event – the luckiest turkey in Town – is named Big Red. He is indeed lucky, as he will get to spend the rest of his life at the certified organic Harpers Ferry Family Farm of Bob and Linna Waltz.

Everyone is looking forward to the event, including the Mayor who said, "Some people think that the ceremonial duties of small town mayors have no real meaning. I actually look forward to them as they are an opportunity for our citizens to come together. The annual turkey pardoning helps us to recognize all that the animals do for us. I was told that Big Red had a foot injury when he was little but recovered to grow to market size. Now, he'll have the opportunity to live out his life with some really kind folks."

During his young life, Big Red was featured in promotional materials by Dan Hine of EatLoCo to promote local farmers markets and healthy eating. "EatLoCo is pleased to sponsor Big Red for the Town of Purcellville ceremony after which Red will be transported back to Purcellville's very own certified-organic, Harpers Ferry Family Farm," said Hine.

Everyone is hoping for a beautiful day, especially Big Red. Refreshments will be served inside, following the ceremony.

**The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

Purcellville is an award-winning town of over 9,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 10th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. 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 antiques, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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