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**JOIN US SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT THE TRAIL FOR THE NEXT NATURE WALK!**

**PURCELLVILLE, VA—October 24, 2018** — The Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board invites you and your family to join them on Sunday, October 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. to learn where the leaves go in the fall. Kyle Dingus, NOVA area forester with the Virginia Department of Forestry, will lead the walk and share information about why it is good for the environment for the leaves to fall and what the trees are doing this time of the year. The free walk will be held at the Chapman DeMary Trail.

The Chapman DeMary Trail is a 10-acre area considered to be the last stand of old-growth forest in the Town of Purcellville. It runs along the South Fork Catoctin Creek, part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The area is open to the public for environmental recreation, exploration, and education. The Town of Purcellville holds the conservation easement for this privately-owned property. The entrance and parking for the Chapman DeMary Trail is behind the building at 205 East Hirst Road in Purcellville.

The Discover Nature's Secrets guided nature walks are held the last Sunday of each month at the Chapman DeMary Trail. Throughout 2018, walks will be led by experts from the Virginia Department of Forestry, Loudoun Watershed Watch, Loudoun County Tree Stewards, the Piedmont Environmental Council, Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, and an Environmental Explorations Teacher from Loudoun Valley High School. Topics will include water quality, pollinators and monarchs, wildflowers, birds, water quality, tree identification, and more.

Mark your calendar to join us the last Sunday of each month to walk with experts and discover nature's secrets! Rain or shine. Bring your family. Learn more and register online on the Events and Activities page of the Town of Purcellville's website at [www.PurcellvilleVa.gov](http://www.PurcellvilleVa.gov).

**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 antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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