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9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

PURCELLVILLE, VA., September 4, 2018 — Mayor Kwasi Fraser and the Purcellville Town Council invite citizens to attend the Town of Purcellville’s Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony to honor local first responders and the memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at the First Responders Monument. This monument, located near the historic Bush Tabernacle at 250 South Nursery Avenue in Purcellville, was dedicated in 2011. The steel beam on the top of the monument is a piece of Tower Two of the World Trade Center and the base of the monument is comprised of stone from a barn near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Ceremony participants will include the Purcellville Police Department, Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company, Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue along with the Combined Honor Guard from the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office and Leesburg Police Department, and U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps – Viking Division. Chaplain Larry Brooks will give the invocation and deliver the closing prayer, Boy Scout Troop 163 will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and soloist Paul Ritchey will sing the National Anthem. Designing Flowers is donating the wreath that will be laid before the First Responders Memorial. The guest speaker, Art Castellano, a retired K-9 Officer with the Arlington County Sheriff’s Department and a first responder to the September 11, 2001 attack at the Pentagon, will share his remembrances.

Please join us in honoring our local first responders and the memory of all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

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.

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