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**Join Us on February 17 to Celebrate
the National Champions Boys Cross Country Team**

PURCELLVILLE, Va., February 2, 2018 — Join the Town of Purcellville at noon on February 17, 2018 to honor the amazing achievement of the Purcellville Boys Cross Country Team which won the national championship at the 14th annual Nike Cross Nationals; their coaches, Marc and Joan Hunter who were awarded the Boys Coaches of the Year at the Nike Cross Nationals; and Natalie Morris, who is the 2017 Virginia 4A State Cross Country Champion. The Purcellville Boys Cross Country Team is made up of the following Loudoun Valley High School students: Sam Affolder, junior; Colton Bogucki, senior; Chase Dawson, senior; Kevin Carlson, sophomore; Jacob Hunter, junior; Peter Morris, senior; and Connor Wells, junior.

At noon, the runners and their coaches will board a trolley, generously provided by Virginia Rides, and be escorted by the Town of Purcellville's Police Department, the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company, and the Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad from Loudoun Valley High School to the Bush Tabernacle. There, Mayor Fraser and the Town Council will recognize them at the open house for the historic building. Shaun Alexander of Shaun Alexander Enterprises and Chris Bourassa with Play to Win, will also say a few words before sharing the exciting efforts they are working on at the Bush Tabernacle.

The Nike Cross Nationals is the ultimate cross country experience for high school students. It starts with a series of 8 regional qualifying meets and national finals. Natalie Morris, who in addition to being the 2017 Cross Country state champion, is also a 10-Time All-state performer, and the 2016 State 3200 meter champion. She will be running track and cross country at Cornell University in the fall.

We hope everyone will line North Maple Ave and Main Street to cheer on our winning athletes at noon on Saturday, February 17, then join us at the Bush Tabernacle to congratulate them in person. We encourage you to stay for the rest of the open house and talk to the team that is managing the building.

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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