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SMOKE TESTING SEWER LINES

PURCELLVILLE, Va. (AUGUST 19, 2019) —
The Town of Purcellville is conducting a smoke test of its sanitary sewer system.

Beginning on Monday August 26th, 2019, and continuing through Friday August 30th, 2019, inspection crews from the Town of Purcellville and CHA, Consulting, Inc. will be conducting smoke testing of the sanitary sewer lines in the area outlined in red on the map below.

A **"SMOKE TEST"** survey will assist our inspection crews in locating breaks and defects in our sewer system. The white/gray smoke you may see coming from the vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground is **NON-TOXIC, NON-STAINING, HAS NO ODOR AND CREATES NO FIRE HAZARD.**

The smoke should not enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps.

It is advisable for the home owner to pour a gallon of water into each floor drain prior to our testing. If smoke enters your home, there is good reason to assume that dangerous sewer gases may also be entering your home or business. You should evacuate immediately and notify our inspectors. If you are not home and discover smoke when you return, please call the Public Works Maintenance Superintendent at 540-454-1559.

This schedule may change in the event of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances.

IMPORTANT! If there is any individual in your home and/or business who has respiratory problems and is immobile, please notify one of the parties above prior to testing.

An example of smoke testing that was conducted in another community (Charleston, SC) can be found at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8Clh7zId2A

For more information about smoke testing and what the Town is doing to improve our sewer collection system, please contact the Public Works Department at 540-338-7440.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia
"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 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 12th 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, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the town 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, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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