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SAFEGUARDING OUR COMMUNITY FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING

PURCELLVILLE, Va. OCTOBER 21, 2019 - The Purcellville Police Department invites citizens to a seminar on human trafficking and travel safety on October 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Purcellville Town Hall. The goal of this informational seminar is to raise awareness of the crime of human trafficking. Attendees will also learn how to prevent human trafficking in their community by learning what signs to look for and what to do if human trafficking is suspected. Please join us to learn more about this epidemic occurring in our county, our state, our country, and worldwide.

Mr. Bill Woolf, Assistant Director of Just Ask Prevention, will be our guest speaker. Mr. Woolf has 18 years of law enforcement experience and was previously the Co-Director of the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force. Mr. Woolf is the recipient of the “2018 Presidential Award for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons.” He is a much sought after speaker and trainer on the topic, and travels the globe to educate others. To learn more, visit their website at <https://justaskprevention.org>

Human trafficking is modern day slavery and has reached epidemic levels in the United States. Trafficker’s techniques are becoming savvier with the use of technology and social media, with the victims becoming younger and younger. This crime is not specific to any socioeconomic group.

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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