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### **PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK UPDATE**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. October 28, 2019** — The Purcellville Police Department successfully collected over 105 pounds of unwanted, unused, or expired prescription drugs during the joint drug take-back event with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) held on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. Since the inception of the DEA take-back program in 2010, over 12,000 pounds of unwanted and unused prescription medications have been collected in Loudoun County. This initiative continues to remove ever-higher amounts of opioids and other medications from homes where they are vulnerable to misuse, theft, or abuse by family members and visitors, including children and teens. The service is both free and anonymous, with no questions asked.

The Prescription Drug Take Back Day gives an opportunity to help prevent addiction and overdose deaths by ensuring that unused prescription drugs are safely discarded. Too many tragedies result from the abuse of drugs taken from home medicine cabinets. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away- both potential safety and health hazards.

We thank the public for helping to keep these unwanted and unused medications from falling into the wrong hands by coming out and properly disposing of their prescriptions. The take-back initiative is held twice each year during the fall and spring.

#### **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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