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**BRING YOUR KIDS TO A NATURE PLAY AREA AND MEET THE LOUDOUN
WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY'S PLAY RANGERS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019
AT THE CHAPMAN DEMARY TRAIL**

Purcellville, VA, December 18, 2019 — Join the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Sunday, December 29 at 1 p.m. for the next in their series of free nature walks at the Chapman DeMary Trail. This session will be led by the Play Rangers of the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy. The Play Rangers will setup a nature play area, and welcome kids of all ages and abilities to join in the fun. The Play Rangers will also be available to discuss the importance of outdoor free play and strategies for getting kids outside more often. Dress appropriately for the weather. [Register online to participate.](#)

The Play Rangers program was started by the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy to address the growing disconnect from nature faced by children in Loudoun today. They host nature play events throughout the county, and advocate for plans and policies that promote time in nature for Loudoun's children.

The Chapman DeMary Trail is a 10-acre area considered to be the last stand of old-growth forest in the Town of Purcellville. It runs along the South Fork Catoctin Creek, part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The area is open to the public for environmental recreation, exploration, and education. The Town of Purcellville holds the conservation easement for this privately-owned property. The entrance and parking for the Chapman DeMary Trail is behind the building at 205 East Hirst Road in Purcellville.

The Discover Nature's Secrets guided nature walks are held the last Sunday of each month and hosted by the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Throughout 2019, walks were led by experts from The Piedmont Environmental Council, the Virginia Department of Forestry, Loudoun County Tree Stewards, Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, and a variety of other experts. Topics have included wildlife clues, wildflowers, natural dyes, native plants, pollinators, art and nature, tree identification, and more.

Learn more and register online on the Monthly Nature Walks page in the Events and Activities section of the Town of Purcellville's website at www.PurcellvilleVa.gov.

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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