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**DISCOVER BIRDS AT THE CHAPMAN DEMARY TRAIL ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. January 22, 2020**— The 2020 series of free nature walks hosted by the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board kicks off Sunday, January 26 with a walk and activities all about birds. The Purcellville Library will start the walk at 1:00 p.m. with a story about birds, then lead participants in creating natural bird feeders. Once the bird feeders are complete, participants will be able to place them along the trail while testing their senses and powers of observation with three different activities: I Spy for Trees, Explore with Your Senses, and Bird Search. Information about many of the birds that have been spotted at the Chapman DeMary Trail will be provided during the walk.

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. During 2020, the walks will include stream monitoring, eco-printing and dye making, storybook trails, using iNaturalist and other apps, making seed pots for plants that pollinators need, nature journaling, identifying and adopting tree, and preparing the pollinator meadow.

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](http://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 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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