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WONDER OF TREES POSTER CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

PURCELLVILLE, Va. April 27, 2020 — The Tree and Environment Sustainability Committee and the Purcellville Arts Council are pleased to announce the winners of the Wonder of Trees Poster Contest. Congratulations to Cecelia Ours, Rachel Smith, Anastasia Hortega, Matthew Barrett, Claire Chappell, Olivia Alletto, and Elliot Gilchrist. The committee members were impressed with the quality and creativity of the submissions and wish to thank all 43 students who participated in the contest.

Initially, all of the posters were going to be displayed in Town Hall throughout the month of April. However, since Purcellville Town Hall is closed to the public as a result of COVID-19, the recognition of the students and the posters has been amended. The current plan is to display all of the posters that were submitted in Purcellville Town Hall throughout the month of September and recognize the winners at the annual Hail to the Trail – Purcellville Green Expo planned for Sunday, October 11, 2020. Additionally, to celebrate Arbor Day, a video of all of the posters was published on the [Purcellville Parks and Recreation Facebook page](#) on April 24.

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the contest as well as the parents and teachers who supported and encouraged them.

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 ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. 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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