



**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: David A. Mekarski, AICP, Town Manager
dmekarski@purcellvilleva.gov; (540) 338-7421

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY CLOSURE; PENALTY GRACE PERIOD FOR TAXES AND UTILITIES; CANCELATION OF TRAIN STATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

PURCELLVILLE, Va. June 18, 2020 —

JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Town of Purcellville offices will be closed Friday, June 19, 2020, in observance of Juneteenth. Juneteenth is the oldest known commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States. It marks the day in 1865 that enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, the last of the former Confederate states to abolish slavery, finally heard that the Civil War had ended and learned that the Emancipation Proclamation had made them free nearly two years earlier.

The addition to the holiday schedule is in accordance with the Town's practice of following the Commonwealth of Virginia's holiday schedule. On Tuesday, Governor Ralph Northam declared June 19 as a holiday, prompting the change in the Town's holiday schedule.

PENALTY GRACE PERIOD FOR TAXES AND UTILITIES

The country, region, county and town are facing an unprecedented emergency that is impacting the town's economic base. This impact is straining the resources and capacity of both our business community and residents alike to meet their financial obligations. As such, penalties for real estate tax, personal property tax and utility rate charges will be deferred through August 5, 2020.

TRAIN STATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Due to the closure on Friday, June 19, 2020 for the Juneteenth holiday, the Train Station Advisory Board Meeting has been canceled.

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.

###