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## **9/11 Remembrance Ceremony**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va., September 4, 2020** — Mayor Kwasi Fraser and Town Council invite the community to attend the Town of Purcellville’s Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony to honor local first responders and the memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2019 at the First Responders Monument located near the historic Bush Tabernacle at 250 South Nursery Avenue in Purcellville. There will be a Facebook Live event on the [Town’s Facebook](#) page in addition to an in-person event. If you plan to attend in person, please wear a face covering and maintain appropriate social distance from other attendees. If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

Ceremony participants will include the Purcellville Police Department, Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company, Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue, Boy Scout Troop 163, and the Joint Honor Guard from the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office and Leesburg Police Department. Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton will share her remarks. The guest speaker will be CAPT (Ret) SEAL Rick Bremseth. Rev. Dr. David Milam will deliver the invocation and closing prayer. Studio Bleu vocalist Tina Smothers will sing the National Anthem. Purcellville Florist is donating the wreath that will be laid before the First Responders Memorial.

The 9/11 monument in Purcellville was dedicated in 2011. The steel beam on the top of the monument is a piece of Tower Two of the World Trade Center and the base is comprised of stone from a barn near Shankesville, Pennsylvania.

Please join us in honoring our local first responders and the memory of all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

### **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 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](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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