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**LEARN ABOUT THE 17-YEAR PERIODICAL CICADAS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021 AT THE
CHAPMAN DEMARY TRAIL**

Purcellville, VA, May 28, 2021 — Join the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Tree and Environment Sustainability Committee to learn about the 17-year periodical cicadas, Brood X, which are emerging this year. Beth Sastre, Commercial Horticulturist with the Loudoun Extension Office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension will share information about these interesting creatures on Sunday, June 6 at 1 p.m. at the Chapman DeMary Trail. [Register online to attend](#). This is part of the series of monthly nature walks typically held the last Sunday of each month; the May walk was rescheduled to Sunday, June 6.

According to Virginia Tech, periodical cicadas spend most of their lives in an immature or nymph phase in the soil feeding on the roots of trees. Every 13 or 17 years, depending on the species, the entire brood emerges together in a synchronized transition to adulthood. The brood that is emerging this year is the largest geographically of all the periodical cicada broods. Their life cycle and appearance are different from the annual "dog day" cicadas.

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.

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 13th 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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