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**REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY IN PURCELLVILLE TO COMMEMORATE THE  
20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va., September 1, 2021** — 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 20 years ago on September 11, 2001. The ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the First Responders Monument near the historic Bush Tabernacle located at 250 South Nursery Avenue. To commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, the Virginia Army National Guard, 29<sup>th</sup> Division Band Brass Group will be part of this year’s ceremony.

The guest speaker will be Major Dave Dailey, Deputy Police Chief with the Purcellville Police Department who was among the first responders at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Major Dailey served on the Arlington County Police Department for 29 years before joining the Purcellville Police Department in 2019. The ceremony will include participants from the Purcellville Police Department; Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company; Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad; Loudoun County Fire and Rescue; Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office; the Joint Honor Guard from Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office; Hamilton Volunteer Fire Company; Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department; and Boy Scout Troop 163. Congresswoman Wexton will be there to share remarks. Rev. Joshua King, Purcellville Volunteer Fire Chaplain/Technician will deliver the invocation and Chaplain Larry Brooks of the Purcellville Police Department will deliver the closing prayer. 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 Shanksville, 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 13<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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