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PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY UPDATE

PURCELLVILLE, Va., October 25, 2021 —This past Saturday, October 23, 2021, the Purcellville Police Department once again partnered with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to participate in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The Purcellville Police Department successfully collected over 96 pounds of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for safe destruction. The combined total of all Loudoun County law enforcement agencies drug collection, including the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, and the Leesburg Police Department, was over 864 pounds!

This year, the Purcellville Police Department was fortunate to also partner with the Loudoun County Prevention Alliance of Loudoun (PAL), who provided free medication lock boxes and drug deactivation bags to the community during the event. Additional drug deactivation bags and lock boxes are available free of charge at the police station. PAL is a coalition comprised of diverse community stakeholders dedicated to mental health awareness and substance misuse prevention efforts in Loudoun County. We are thankful for PAL's support, as well as the assistance provided by our Volunteers in Policing (VIPS) at the Take Back Day.

The Prescription Drug Take Back Day gives an opportunity to help prevent addiction and overdose deaths by ensuring that unused prescription drugs are safely discarded. We thank the public for helping to keep these unwanted and unused medications from falling into the wrong hands by coming out and properly disposing of their prescriptions. The take-back initiative is held twice each year during the fall and spring.

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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