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**DISCOVER NATURE'S SECRETS IN THE NIGHT SKY AT FRANKLIN PARK AT 6:30 P.M.
ON FEBRUARY 27, 2022**

PURCELLVILLE, Va. February 15, 2022 — Join the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club (NOVAC) to view objects in the night sky on Sunday, February 27! This special nature “walk” will be held at **a different location and time – Franklin Park at 6:30 p.m.** NOVAC members will point out bright stars, Uranus, the Orion Nebula, the Andromeda Galaxy, and other deep sky objects. They will have their personal telescopes there for optimum viewing. We will view the night sky from the soccer and football fields at Franklin Park, located at 17501 Franklin Park Drive. [Register online](#) for this free event!

Participants are asked not to bring flashlights to the event to preserve night vision. If illumination is necessary, NOVAC recommends red lights or flashlights covered with red cellophane. Lights on the fields will be turned off for better viewing. Viewing the night sky is weather dependent and may be postponed if there is precipitation or if it is overcast.

The Discover Nature’s Secrets guided nature activities are held the last Sunday of each month and hosted by the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. 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 approximately 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the 2021 Virginia Municipal League Innovation Award for Environmental Sustainability and in years past, the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for innovation and green initiatives. The Town most recently received the Tree City USA Award for the 14th consecutive year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and was 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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