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DISCOVER NATURE'S SECRETS IN THE CATOCTIN CREEK ON MARCH 27, 2022

PURCELLVILLE, Va. March 8, 2022 — Join the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Purcellville Tree and Environment Sustainability Committee, and the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy's Stream Team on Sunday, March 27, 2022 from 1 to 4 p.m. to observe creek critters up close and personal at the Chapman DeMary Trail! The South Fork Catoctin Creek, part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, runs along the Chapman DeMary Trail. Creek critters that live in this stream include water penny larva, dragonfly nymphs, mayfly nymphs, crayfish, hellgrammites, and clams. Learn about the natural history of these and other creek critters, how to identify them, and how they can help us determine the health of a stream. [Register online to attend](#) this free event!

The Discover Nature's Secrets guided nature activities are held the last Sunday of each month. 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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