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PURCELLVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA ASTRONOMY CLUB HOLD SUCCESSFUL NIGHT SKY WATCH

PURCELLVILLE, Va. March 15, 2022 — On a brisk and windy evening, more than 40 people joined the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club (NOVAC) to view objects in the night sky. The event, part of the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board’s monthly Discover Nature’s Secrets series, was held Sunday, February 27 at Franklin Park. The 6:30 p.m. start time gave attendees the chance to watch stars appear as the sky darkened. NOVAC members brought a variety of different telescopes, some of which were made by the members themselves. As attendees looked through the several different telescopes, NOVAC members pointed out the Orion Nebula, the Crab Nebula, the Blue Oyster Nebula, the Big Dipper, the North Star, Sirius, and the Andromeda Galaxy along with a shooting star and the International Space Station.

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. The next one will be held at the Chapman DeMary Trail on March 27 led by the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy’s Stream Team. Learn more and [register online](#) on the [Monthly Nature Walks](#) page in the Events and Activities section of the Town of Purcellville’s website.

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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