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**TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE  
HOLDS ANNUAL EMPLOYEE AWARDS PROGRAM**

**PURCELLVILLE, VA JUNE 29, 2022** — On Wednesday, June 15, the Town of Purcellville held the Annual Employee Appreciation and Awards Luncheon to celebrate staff for their hard work, exceptional service and consummate dedication to the community.

One of the highlights of the program is the recognition of staff members who have reached service anniversary milestones. As this was our first program in three years, the Town recognized thirty-two employees with benchmark anniversaries. These included:

**2020**

**5 Years**

Dwayne Davis, Maintenance Mechanic  
Chief Cynthia McAlister, Police Department  
Sharon Rauch, Director of Human Resources

**10 Years**

Jason Didawick, Director of Public Works  
Paula Hicks, Accounting Manager

**15 Years**

John Anderson, Maintenance Superintendent  
Jason Chapman, Wastewater Operator II  
Paul Kakol, Police Corporal  
Bernie Snyder, Water Plant Superintendent

**20 Years**

Sean Grey, Maintenance Superintendent

**2021**

**5 Years**

Shannon Bohince, Director of Information Technology  
Eric Bridge, Police Sergeant  
Cheryl Chirillo, Accounting Technician  
Lt. Barry Dufek, Administrative Lieutenant, Police Dept.  
Kathy Elgin, Procurement Specialist  
Emily Johnson, Policy & Accreditation Manager/Public Information Specialist, Police Dept.  
Jim Kelly, Water Plant Operator I  
Lindey Sibert, Sr. Laboratory Technician

## 2022

### 5 Years

Kimberly Bandy, Deputy Town Clerk  
Michael Dickson, Police Officer  
Kellie Lawrence, Accounting Specialist  
Ryan Peckham, Utility Maintenance Technician  
Amie Ware, Division Manager – Parks & Recreation

### 10 Years

Sally Hankins, Town Attorney  
Diana Hays, Town Clerk/Executive Assistant  
Jessica Keller, Capital Projects Coordinator

### 15 Years

Ross Kasmier, Network Administrator  
Scott Miller, Meter Technician  
Andrew Smart, Wastewater Operator II

### 20 Years

Mike McCracken, Maintenance Technician

### 25 Years

Bob Dryden, Facilities Coordinator  
Elizabeth Krens, Director of Finance

### 12th Annual Field Operations Employee(s) of the Year

Clint Cantrell, Public Works Coordinator  
Justin Frazier, Wastewater Operator I

### 12th Annual Town Hall Employee of the Year

Natalie Perkins, Accounting Technician

### 4th Annual Robert W. Lohr, Jr. Management Excellence Award

Dale Lehnig, Director of Engineering, Planning & Development

The Town of Purcellville is extremely proud to have this opportunity to celebrate our staff at this special event, especially those employees who have reached anniversary milestones in their service with the Town.

#### **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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