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TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE HOSTS 9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

PURCELLVILLE, Va., September 2, 2022 — Mayor Kwasi Fraser and Town Council invite the community to attend the Town of Purcellville’s Annual 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony to honor local first responders and the memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at the First Responders Monument near the historic Bush Tabernacle located at 250 South Nursery Avenue.

The guest speaker will be Virginia State Police Sergeant Mike Middleton. Sergeant Middleton responded to the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 and was involved in the immediate rescue. The ceremony will include participants from the Purcellville Police Department, Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company, Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue, Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office, the Joint Honor Guard from Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office, and Boy Scout Troop 163. Chaplain Larry Brooks with the Purcellville Police Department will deliver the invocation and closing prayer. Rick Reaves, Loudoun Valley High School band director, will perform the National Anthem and “Taps” during the ceremony. Purcellville Florist is donating the wreath that will be laid before the First Responders Memorial.

The 9/11 monument in Purcellville was dedicated in 2011. The steel beam on the top of the monument is a piece of Tower Two of the World Trade Center and the base is comprised of stone from a barn near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Please join us in honoring our local first responders and the memory of all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

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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