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**TRAFFIC EMERGENCY PLAN FOR EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES and
INFORMATION ON TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE SNOW PLOWING OPERATIONS**

PURCELLVILLE, Va. March, 13, 2017— With the expectation of snow tonight and tomorrow, the Town of Purcellville is taking precautionary measures and would like to provide reminders to citizens and businesses of the Town's procedures for snow plowing in the Town limits.

The Town Manager, as authorized under the Traffic Emergency Routes Ordinance (Article VI, Sec. 78-300 through 78-301, Purcellville Town Code), is declaring and invoking the Town of Purcellville Weather Related Emergency for *Emergency Snow Routes* on several roadways throughout Town. Parking is restricted during on the following streets: **Main Street – Business Route 7, Berlin Turnpike – Route 287, Maple Avenue, A Street (including W.T. Druhan, Jr. Blvd), 20th Street, 21st Street, 23rd Street, 32nd Street, Nursery Avenue, Hatcher Avenue, and Hirst Road.** Signs are posted throughout Town along the Snow/Weather Emergency Routes. All vehicles must be removed from these roads as of 10pm on March 13, 2017. For a full copy of the Ordinance, visit the Town's Web site at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

In addition, during a snow or ice event, vehicles, trailers, basketball hoops, trash cans and any other obstacles should be removed from the roadway. Crews are responsible for clearing the roadways to the edge of pavement or the curb. Obstructions delay the overall operations.

The Town of Purcellville Maintenance staff is responsible for removing snow and ice on public streets with the exception of Main Street (Bus. Route 7), Berlin Turnpike (Route 287) and Hirst Road (from Route 287 to Hatcher Avenue). These roadways are maintained by VDOT. There are numerous private streets that are maintained by Homeowner Associations (HOAs) or developers. The following subdivisions are privately maintained: Branbury Glen, Courtland Square, Courts of St. Francis, Main Street Villages, Maple Avenue Apartments, Mayfair, Meadows of Purcellville, Purcellville Green, Purcellville Ridge, and Village Case. All shopping plazas and Patrick Henry College are privately maintained as well. Please see the Town website for more information.

The primary objective is to clear the main arterial streets first, followed by primary roads with secondary subdivision and cul-de-sacs last. Every attempt is made to initially provide one passable lane. In the event of a life-threatening emergency, crews will work with emergency personnel to provide additional access.

It is strongly advised that you wait until the storm is over and significant plowing has been done on your street before removing snow from your driveway apron. Several passes are

needed to clear a roadway. Crews cannot avoid pushing snow back onto your driveway apron, nor can they clear the apron for you. Therefore, it is best to wait until the plowing activities have ceased before shoveling the end of your driveway. Snow from private driveways, business, or parking areas should NOT be pushed into the street.

And as a reminder, Town Ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall. Please help keep Purcellville a walkable community. If ice is present and cannot be removed, it should be covered with sand, kitty litter, ashes or other substance that make for safe passage.

For questions or more information, contact the Town of Purcellville Public Works Department at (540) 338-5024 or visit <http://www.purcellvilleva.gov/snow> .

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 9,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville 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, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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