

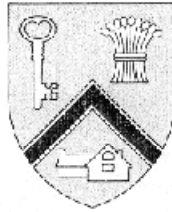
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Dear Citizens of Purcellville:

During last month's Economic Development/Land Use Committee meeting it was suggested that a community gardening program be explored. I accepted the task of writing this letter to Purcellville's Homeowners Association's and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in order to solicit input.

Purcellville has a twenty two-acre tract of land between the old wastewater plant on 20th Street and the new wastewater plant further down the road. This land, received, as a proffer for Phase I of Hirst Farm currently lies dormant. It would be a great location to start a community gardening program, on the order of Leesburg's program at Ida Lee Park.

This program would allow Purcellville residents to rent a plot or garden space each year in order to grow their own vegetables, fruit, flowers, herbs etc. Many folks in Purcellville's older sections of the Town have their own gardens, however we now have many residents who live in townhouses or who have restrictive HOA's and are unable to grow a garden on their own property. This program would allow many to enjoy the pleasure of getting their hands dirty, meeting new neighbors, and becoming active in the community while providing their families with organic produce if they wish.

I suggest an ad-hoc committee be established to investigate the benefits to the Town citizens, of such a program. I for one would love to be involved in getting this program off the ground or in the ground. I look forward to your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nick Pelchar".

Nick Pelchar, Vice Mayor
Purcellville Town Council