

Parking Considerations for Annual Kids Fishing Derby

The annual Kids Fishing Derby is set for Saturday, March 16, 8am-noon, at Sugarland Run. The fishing derby gives kids ages 2-15 and their families a chance to learn about fishing and to spend a fun, relaxing day catching fish. You can get all the details about the Fishing Derby here.

Due to the temporary closure of the bridge on the Sugarland Run Connector Trail, the access point to the event this year is on Cavendish Road. This is likely to result in an increase throughout the morning of cars parked along Cavendish and Criton streets. Residents in this neighborhood are asked for patience and understanding, for which the town's Parks & Recreation team as well as the many kids and families enjoying the derby are extremely grateful. Questions or concerns? Please contact Parks & Recreation at (703)787-7300 or via email at parksandrec@herndon-va.gov.

FY 2025 Budget Planning is Underway

The town's FY 2025 Budget, which must be adopted by the Town Council by June 30, is currently in development. Bill Ashton, town manager, will present a proposed FY 2025 Budget to the council by April 1, after which public hearings will be held on April 9 and 23. A summary of the town manager's proposed budget will be mailed to all residents and businesses, and the complete budget, in both PDF and interactive formats, will be posted online.

It's YOUR money; how do you want the town to spend it on your behalf? Which services, programs and initiatives matter to you? Stay on top of all things budgetary at <u>Herndon-va.gov/Budget</u>, and weigh in through testimony at a public meeting, email, phone, online



Community Cultural Festivals Donation Program

Non-profit and not-for-profit organizations looking to hold events in the Town of Herndon may be eligible for a donation from the town via a Community Cultural Festival donations policy adopted by the Herndon Town Council.

The intent of the donation policy, as adopted by the council, is to "support a variety of events...that celebrate and share the cultures represented in the community, are open and welcoming to all, and bridge parts of the community...to build understanding."

Donation recipients must meet the following qualifications:

- Non-profit and not-for-profit organizations in good legal standing;
- Funding requests do not exceed 50 percent of the total event budget or \$10,000, whichever is less;
- Event is new has not been held within the town within the last five years; and
- The requesting organization has not received a prior donation within a fiscal year.

Additional qualifications apply. Please visit the town's website at <u>Herndon-va.gov/residents/events/plan-an-event</u>. Information on the public venues available for use is also available, and you may also find information on the "Service Finder" on the homepage.



Mayor's Volunteer Awards

Volunteers are truly the heart and soul of Herndon. Volunteers clean town parks, organize and produce special events, work with the production team at HCTV- you name it, and volunteers are probably doing it. The annual Mayor's Volunteer Appreciation Awards reception is a chance to honor those who selflessly give of their time and talent to enhance the quality of life for all. Do you know someone, or a group of people, who are deserving of these awards? Nominate them for recognition; nominations are due Monday, March 18.

Herndon ON The Go App

"Herndon ON the GO" is the official platform for town residents to access their government in a single location from their mobile devices.

With this tool, residents can submit, track and view nearby service requests through their smartphones. On the backend, town staff redirects and responds to submitted requests and provide real-time status updates and comments on requests as they are submitted.

Residents can also use the in-app widgets to pay their water bill and find information about town events, town news, police news, town meetings, employment opportunities, and more. Widgets also connect users to the town's Facebook page.

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