

Public Hearings Scheduled for April 9, April 23

Herndon Town Manager Bill Ashton has proposed a Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Budget of \$74,632,184, a 19.9 percent increase from the adopted FY 2024 Budget. The town's FY 2025 begins July 1, 2024, and extends to June 30, 2025.

"Although improving, the state of the economy calls for fiscal prudence, particularly as we continue to navigate supply chain and labor market challenges," Ashton said. "The Proposed FY 2025 Budget allows for continuation of the programs and services valued by our residents and businesses, as well as funding for new initiatives such as previously deferred public works projects as well as work on the town's Comprehensive Plan, a document that guides our present and future in such elements as land use, transportation, historic areas, community service facilities, public buildings and utilities."

Most town tax rates and fees in the Proposed FY 2025 Budget remain unchanged from the current fiscal year. "While most property owners will receive higher tax bills in FY 2025 due to rising real estate values, the town's proposed real estate tax rate remains at \$0.26 per \$100 of assessed value, a rate that was reduced in FY 2024 after holding steady for more than a decade," Ashton said. Increases are proposed for water and sewer rates, attributed to higher supply and treatment costs.

The proposed FY 2025 Budget is available in interactive detail at <u>Herndon-va.gov/Budget</u>. A comprehensive accounting of the proposed budget is presented, including narratives, charts and graphs that are easily navigated and accessible to all. The interactive tool allows taxpayers to enter their personalized tax amounts and see how their taxes are allocated.

By law, the Herndon Town Council must adopt a FY 2025 Budget by June 30, 2024, with enactment to begin on July 1, 2024, the first day of the new fiscal year. The council will

hold two public hearings on the proposed budget, on Tuesday April 9 and Tuesday April 23, both beginning at 7pm in the Ingram Council Chambers. Comments may also be submitted online at Herndon-va.gov/Budget or via email at budget@herndon-va.gov.



The town's annual spring clean-up, an opportunity for residents to place large or bulky items curbside for pickup at no extra charge, takes place April 24-26. Pickup is on your trash day only. Items may include:

- Appliances (remove doors)
- Furniture
- Vehicle parts and plumbing fixtures (all under 50 lbs.)
- Tires (maximum 2 per household)
- Limited amount of building materials (approximately one cubic yard, lengths not to exceed 4 feet)

Items that will NOT be picked up include loose yard waste, auto parts weighing more than 50 lbs., large quantities of building materials, brick & block, electronics (including televisions, stereos, computers & peripheral) and household hazardous waste. Any of these items set out in the right-of-way are subject to a violation fee, per Town of Herndon code.

Items should be placed curbside by 6am on your trash day only, but no earlier than 24 hours prior to pick-up. Please place items in an organized manner with like items set out close together and away from containers used for regular trash collection.

Please note not all items are collected by the same truck; for instance, metal is collected using a smaller truck as it does not go to the same disposal facility. If you believe an item was missed, please email Public Works at public.works@herndon-va.gov Include in the email your address, contact information and a description of the items not collected.

Residents may contact the Department of Public Works at (703) 435-6856 or email public.works@herndon-va.gov for more information, or visit the town's website at herndon-va.gov/MyTrashDays.



Strategic Plan Adopted by Town Council

The Town Of Herndon's 2024-2029 Strategic Plan is a direct reflection of the Town Council's Vision for Herndon's future. The plan provides a benchmark of where we are,

where we would like to be, and how we plan to get there.

The plan is divided into five focus areas directly correlated to the Town Council's Vision: Environmental and Economic Sustainability, Good Governance, Strong Fiscal Stewardship, Secure and Interconnected Community, and Thriving Community. Each area, delineates goals, objectives, strategies, and success measurements. Combined, these areas of focus provide a framework for action by the town's governing body, administration, and community partners over the next five years.

The 2024-2029 Strategic Plan serves as an organic, adaptable roadmap that furthers the Town Council's Vision, celebrates Herndon's vibrant community and positions the town for a thriving, successful and inclusive future. Check it out, and let your Town Council know what matters most to you.

Strategic Plan



The town-wide annual Parks & Stream Cleanup is Saturday, April 20, 8am-noon at Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway. This is an excellent opportunity for corporate community service, team bonding, Scout project, or family day activity.

We'll be picking up litter, removing non-native invasive plants, and otherwise refreshing our parks as we head into spring. Wear closed toe shoes and long pants, and bring work gloves if you have them. Meet at Runnymede Park for supplies and assignments, then work on your own to help care for one of the eleven parks or three trails in Herndon.

Can you join us? Contact Julie Kagler at 703-435-6800 x 2119 or <u>julie.kagler@herndon-va.gov.</u>

Tennis Bubble Closure

The Indoor Tennis Center will be closed for the remainder of the season due to recent damage to the facility. Refunds are being processed for affected patrons. Please allow 5 business days for the refund to appear in your account. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope to see you on our outdoor courts.

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