



TOWN OF **Herndon** News You Can Use

Proposed FY 2026 Budget Presented to Town Council

Public Hearings Scheduled for April 8, April 22

The Town of Herndon has proposed a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget of \$95,628,447, a 28.1 percent increase from the adopted FY 2025 Budget. The recommended increase is due largely to anticipated capital spending across all funds and increased costs associated with projects, personnel and operations. Specifically, expenses related to core services have continued to rise, necessitating significant adjustments to provide the same level of services town residents have come to expect, and in some cases resulting in repurposing of resources and/or reduction in services.

Included in the Proposed FY 2026 Budget is a real estate tax rate increase, from \$0.2600 per \$100 of assessed value to \$0.2700 per \$100 of assessed value. The Proposed FY 2026 Budget also includes an increase in the meals tax, from 3.75 percent to four percent, and rate adjustments in business licensing, solid waste and development fees.

The Proposed FY 2026 Budget accounts for increasingly high costs associated with hiring and maintaining top-quality employees; continued supply chain pressures; the assumption of capitol costs as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding ends; and funds associated with initiatives included in the town's Strategic Plan. Details on these and all components of the proposed FY 2026 Budget are available in interactive detail on the town's website, at Herndon-va.gov/Budget.

By law, the Herndon Town Council must adopt a FY 2026 Budget by June 30, 2025, with enactment to begin on July 1, 2025, the first day of the new fiscal year. The council will be discussing the proposed FY 2026 Budget at work sessions on March 11 and March 18 and will hold two public hearings on **Tuesday April 8 and Tuesday April 22**, to solicit input from the public. All meetings begin at 7pm and are held at the Herndon Council Chambers building, 765 Lynn Street. Comments may also be submitted online at Herndon-

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Town Green Closed until April 14th

Aeration, reseeding and fertilization of the Town Green is under way to prepare for the busy summer season. Fencing is going up; the Green will reopen for use in all its seasonal finery the week of April 14th!



Kid's Trout Fishing Derby Saturday, March 29 8am - noon

Children age 2-15 and their families learn about fishing and experience a relaxing and successful day catching fish.

Trout Unlimited will help clean and store your catch. Volunteers will be on hand to teach you how to bait, cast, hook, and cook your freshly caught dinner. Teens and adults age 16 & up **MUST** have a valid Virginia State Fishing License to fish. Adults are not permitted to fish during kid's fishing time

Get details, fee and registration information on our website.

[Derby Registration](#)



Puzzle Palooza Sunday, March 30 2:00-4:30pm

Puzzle enthusiasts, get ready to shine! Puzzle-Palooza is back and better than ever. Form a team of up to 4 and compete to be the first to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. It's a race against time and other teams, with exciting prizes on the line!

Enjoy light snacks during the event and take home the puzzle you complete. Cost \$35 per team. Due to space limitations all attendees must be registered on a team.

[Puzzle Palooza Registration](#)

Only Rain Down the Drain!

If you see an illicit discharge to storm drains like yard refuse, gas, grease or oil spills, please report to publicworks@herndon-va.gov. Thank you!

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