

## VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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## Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 66-2 of the Montgomery County Code (1984 Edition), notice is hereby given that the Friendship Heights Village Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Center, 4433 South Park Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815, in connection with the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026, based on a proposed tax rate of 4¢/\$100 assessed property value. The final tax rate will be determined after the public hearing. The Village Council will vote to establish the tax rate for FY2026 and notify the Montgomery County Council of said rate on or before June 1, 2025, pursuant to Section 66-2 of the County Code. A copy of the proposed budget is available on the Village website at <https://friendshipheightsmd.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/FHV-DRAFT-FY-2026-Budget.pdf> or by visiting the office of the Friendship Heights Village Council, 4433 South Park Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Please contact Julian Mansfield, Village Manager, at [jmansfield@friendshipheightsmd.gov](mailto:jmansfield@friendshipheightsmd.gov) or (301) 656-2797 for additional information.

*Posted 3/31/25*

## Friendship Heights Village DRAFT FY2026 Budget

LI	REVENUES: 3% Increase for FY27 & FY28	Final Audited FY24	Budget FY25	Budget FY26	Budget FY27	Budget FY28
1	Property tax <sup>1</sup>	\$659,030	\$660,000	\$660,000	\$679,800	\$700,194
2	Income tax <sup>2</sup>	\$1,368,933	\$1,398,000	\$1,481,000	\$1,525,430	\$1,571,193
3	Municipal Tax Rebates <sup>3</sup>	\$114,884	\$119,000	\$122,221	\$125,888	\$129,664
4	Gas/highway tax <sup>4</sup>	\$84,242	\$97,000	\$104,343	\$107,473	\$110,697
5	Parking violation incomes <sup>5</sup>	\$243,348	\$275,000	\$240,000	\$247,200	\$254,616
6	4602 N. Park Ave. rental	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$42,000	\$43,260	\$44,558
7	Interest income <sup>6</sup>	\$127,631	\$120,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
8	Village Center rental income	\$4,139	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,150	\$5,305
9	Permit and License fees <sup>7</sup>	\$4,548	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,725	\$7,957
10	Newsletter ad income	\$18,457	\$30,000	\$24,000	\$24,720	\$25,462
11	Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12	Village Center program/misc. incomes <sup>8</sup>	\$18,812	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$20,600	\$21,218

**TOTAL REVENUES: \$2,680,024    \$2,765,500    \$2,836,064    \$2,917,246    \$3,000,863**

### EXPENDITURES: 3% Increase for FY27 & FY28

LI	General Government	Budget FY25	Budget FY26	Budget FY27	Budget FY28
1	Elections	\$202	\$13,000	\$0	\$14,000
2A	Financial admin. and accounting <sup>9</sup>	\$10,492	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$13,390
2B	Administrative costs <sup>10</sup>	\$43,445	\$17,000	\$12,000	\$12,360
2C	Memberships <sup>11</sup>	\$39,703	\$14,000	\$10,000	\$10,300
2D	Conference/Travel/Training Expenses		\$30,000	\$36,000	\$37,080
2E	Legal counsel	\$27,571	\$40,000	\$62,500	\$64,375
3A	Salaries <sup>12</sup>	\$788,695	\$814,000	\$876,000	\$902,280
3B	Health and life insurance <sup>13</sup>	\$218,338	\$237,021	\$305,300	\$314,459
3C	F.I.C.A.	\$62,783	\$62,000	\$67,000	\$69,010
3E	Retirement contribution <sup>14</sup>	\$60,455	\$65,000	\$70,000	\$72,100
4A	Xerox copiers <sup>15</sup>	\$6,837	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$9,270
4B	Village Center Aquarium/Indoor Plants	\$6,033	\$11,600	\$12,000	\$12,360
4C	Heating and cooling maintenance	\$7,295	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$8,240
4D	Bldg. security system maintenance	\$9,840	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,300
5C	Bldg./General liability insurance <sup>16</sup>	\$12,040	\$12,040	\$12,040	\$12,400
6	Telephone and utilities	\$46,688	\$50,000	\$45,000	\$46,350

7	Hospitality <sup>17</sup>	\$1,595	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$4,120	\$4,244
8A	Equipment and supplies <sup>18</sup>	\$9,933	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$13,390	\$13,792
8B	Office and building furniture	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,060	\$2,122
8C	4608 N. Park Ave Maintenance <sup>19</sup>	\$10,071	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,609
8D	4602 N. Park Ave. maintenance	\$9,622	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,360	\$12,731
8E	IT Website, Equipment, Supplies, Support <sup>20</sup>	\$5,758	\$38,000	\$40,000	\$41,200	\$42,436
		<b>Final Audited FY24</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Budget FY26</b>	<b>Budget FY27</b>	<b>Budget FY28</b>
8F	Center Maintenance/repairs	\$67,569	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$61,800	\$63,654
8G	Contracted maintenance service <sup>21</sup>	\$14,171	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$22,660	\$23,340
8H	Art Curator Contract <sup>22</sup>	\$0	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200
8I	New Initiatives <sup>23</sup>	\$0	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
8J	Wynne repayment	\$3,011	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Total General Government:</b>	<b>\$1,462,147</b>	<b>\$1,544,861</b>	<b>\$1,723,040</b>	<b>\$1,788,364</b>	<b>\$1,827,229</b>
	<b>Public Safety</b>					
9A	Parking enforcement contract	\$63,722	\$91,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$72,000
9B	Police Field Office <sup>24</sup>	\$689	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,030	\$1,061
9C	Police Patrol <sup>25</sup>	\$167,207	\$175,000	\$180,000	\$185,400	\$190,962
9D	Security Vehicle Maintenance <sup>26</sup>	\$7,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Total Public Safety:</b>	<b>\$238,618</b>	<b>\$267,000</b>	<b>\$251,000</b>	<b>\$256,430</b>	<b>\$264,023</b>
	<b>Public Works</b>					
10	Bus Contract <sup>27</sup>	\$497,692	\$525,000	\$435,000	\$448,000	\$461,000
11A	Street maintenance	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,150	\$5,300
11B	Sidewalk maintenance	\$1,785	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,725	\$7,800
11C	Snow removal	\$30,479	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$36,050	\$37,130
12A	Waste collection <sup>28</sup>	\$16,370	\$18,000	\$19,000	\$20,000	\$21,000
12B	Recycling <sup>29</sup>	\$5,298	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,150	\$5,300
13	Street lighting	\$20,736	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$12,360	\$12,730
14	Street signs	\$5,606	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,240	\$8,500
15	Trees	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,600
16	Villagescape <sup>30</sup>	\$12,443	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Total Public Works:</b>	<b>\$590,409</b>	<b>\$628,500</b>	<b>\$536,500</b>	<b>\$552,975</b>	<b>\$569,360</b>
	<b>Health/Education/Social Serv.</b>					
17B	Health/Social services <sup>31</sup>	\$12,600	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,360	\$12,730
	<b>Total Health/Education/Social Serv.:</b>	<b>\$12,600</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$12,360</b>	<b>\$12,730</b>

**Recreation and Parks**

18C	Lecture fees	\$2,915	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,609
18D	Musicians' fees	\$26,123	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,900	\$31,827
18E	Instructors' fees	-\$11,681	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
18F	Trip fees	\$407	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,090	\$3,183
18G	Art/theme shows	\$653	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,090	\$3,183
18I	Consumable supplies	\$2,345	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,060	\$2,122
18K	Lunches, brunches, teas & dinners	\$10,389	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,300	\$10,609
18M	Center special events <sup>32</sup>	\$28,068	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$36,050	\$37,132
19	Reading Room materials	\$3,615	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,150	\$5,305
20C	Village newsletter	\$31,959	\$32,500	\$33,000	\$33,990	\$35,010
		<b>Final Audited FY24</b>	<b>Budget FY25</b>	<b>Budget FY26</b>	<b>Budget FY27</b>	<b>Budget FY28</b>
21A	Village Parks: Electricity	\$1,507	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,545	\$1,591
21B	Village Parks: Water	\$7,722	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,450	\$15,914
21C	Village Parks: Fountain maint.	\$14,109	\$20,000	\$17,000	\$17,510	\$18,035
21D	Village Parks: Lighting maint.	\$1,215	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,060	\$2,122
21E	Village Parks: Furniture	\$2,330	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,060	\$2,122
21F	Village Parks: Walkway maint.	\$3,723	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$5,300	\$5,459
23	Landscaping contract	\$105,744	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$123,000	\$126,700
24	Arborist contract	\$11,564	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$22,000
25	Art Supplies	\$450	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
26	Hospitality	\$1,979	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Total Recreation and Parks:</b>	<b>\$245,136</b>	<b>\$313,000</b>	<b>\$313,500</b>	<b>\$322,855</b>	<b>\$332,921</b>
	<b>Total Operating Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$2,548,910</b>	<b>\$2,765,361</b>	<b>\$2,836,040</b>	<b>\$2,932,984</b>	<b>\$3,006,263</b>
	Surplus/(Deficit):	\$131,114	\$139	\$24	-\$15,738	-\$5,399
	Capital Outlays	\$120,769				
	OPEB Expenditures	\$0				
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$2,669,679</b>	<b>\$2,765,500</b>	<b>\$2,836,064</b>	<b>\$2,917,246</b>	<b>\$3,000,863</b>
	<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$2,239,263</b>	<b>\$2,239,402</b>	<b>\$2,489,426</b>	<b>\$2,473,688</b>	<b>\$2,468,288</b>
	<b>OPEB TRUST FUND RESERVE<sup>33</sup></b>	<b>\$1,459</b>	<b>\$1,543</b>	<b>\$1,627</b>	<b>\$1,711</b>	<b>\$1,795</b>

## CAPITAL BUDGET & EXPENDITURES

	<b>FY26 Budget</b>
<b>Beginning of year balance</b> <sup>34</sup>	\$1,450,000
All funds shown in the capital budget are available to transfer to the general fund.	
<b>Estimated Expenditures</b>	
27 Costs necessary to complete Page Park including funds withheld in the original contract	\$350,000
28 Sidewalk maintenance, street signage, striping, and other related items	\$15,000
29 Security: Cameras and street lighting	\$20,000
30 Allocation of funds towards the purchase and installation of two (2) EV Charging Stations	\$25,000
31 Red House renovations to prepare property for rental, including ADA requirements	\$100,000
32 Miscellaneous capital expenses - park maintenance, building repairs, HVAC replacement, renovations	\$50,000
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<b>Total Capital Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$560,000</b>
Interest earned 3%	\$26,700
<b>End of year balance</b>	<b>\$916,700</b>

**FOOTNOTES**

**FN# LI# Revenues**

- 1 1 The special tax rate for the Village of Friendship Heights (not less than 4¢/\$100 nor more than 20¢/\$100 on assessments based on 100% of value), set by the Friendship Heights Village Council, was 4¢/\$100 in FY2025 and is proposed to be 4¢/\$100 for FY2026, which begins July 1, 2025.
- 2 2 Estimate reflects the portion of the County tax rate returned to the Village from state filings.
- 3 3 An agreement between the County and municipalities (including special tax districts) requires the County to reimburse special tax districts for a portion of certain expenditures, which currently include park maintenance, health services, and road maintenance.
- 4 4 This amount is derived from a State formula based on the number of registered vehicles at Village addresses.
- 5 5 Parking violation income is collected by Montgomery County. The Village revenue share is 75%.
- 6 7 Interest is from Village funds placed in State approved investments.
- 7 9 Permit fees are paid by contractors who occupy public rights-of-way (streets and sidewalks). By law, the fees defray only the reasonable administrative costs of maintaining the permit system and are currently \$250. Certain license fees are also received from the State.
- 8 12 Includes a percentage of art sales and commission from produce market sales.

**Expenditures**

- 9 2A Includes the annual audit and financial statements required by law.
- 10 2B Includes postage and stationery, and contracted administrative support i.e. Netflix, Zoom, AccountEdge, Quickbooks, ApprovalMax.
- 11 2C Includes Maryland Municipal League and other membership organization dues.
- 12 3A Salaries of seven full-time and six part-time employees. (The Center is open seven days a week and four evenings until 9 p.m.) Volunteers provide additional support to staff.
- 13 3B Covers costs of health insurance and life insurance provided to qualifying employees.
- 14 3E Council contribution to employee retirement plan.
- 15 4A Xerox-Usage has increased due to council packets and copy requests from councilmembers.
- 16 5C Includes Workers Compensation, Public Officials Liability, Fidelity Bond, and Building/General Liability.
- 17 7 Condolence flowers, and holiday cookie plates.
- 18 8A Includes general cleaning products, restroom paper supplies, copier paper, and office supplies.
- 19 8C Maintenance of red house property recently purchased by Village.
- 20 8E Line item has been renamed and consolidates expenditures previously included in other expense categories.
- 21 8G Contract for maintenance supplies, supplemental cleaning at Village Center, and special events maintenance workers.
- 22 8H Contract for Art Curator reclassified.
- 23 8I Funds to be approved by Council for new projects, which may include capital expenses.
- 24 9B Cost to maintain Police Field Office at 4602 North Park Avenue.
- 25 9C Continuation of Security Patrol.
- 26 9D Cost of security vehicle provided by security contractor. This is now combined with Line item 9A-Parking enforcement contract.
- 27 10 Contract for operation of shuttle bus, including vehicle, drivers, maintenance, insurance.
- 28 12A Includes collection of Center trash and park trash six times per week. Rate increase as of 3/1/24.
- 29 12B Includes collection of Center recyclables and Shredding service four times per year.
- 30 16 Combined with account #23 (Landscape Contract) - Cost to install and maintain flower baskets on streetlight poles.
- 31 17B Includes cost of nurse consultation services and other health related programs.
- 32 18M Cost of four major seasonal events each year.
- 33 -- Reserve for payments into Montgomery County Trust for retiree health benefits. Additional money will be moved into the reserve as required.
- 34 -- For FY26 Budget only - Reflects transfer of \$750,000 to Capital Improvements Fund from \$1 million payment to be received from Donohoe for density rights from the Village's red house.