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Community Updates from Woodbridge District Supervisor  
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Together, A New Start!

What an exciting year! We have worked extremely hard to ensure that we handle the day-to-day needs of our constituents, we also focus on services and policies that will make life easier in Prince William County.

Since taking office, I am proud of the amazing things we have accomplished. But, I don't plan on resting on the accomplishments, I am already looking at different areas in the county that we can approve upon.

My focus is on all my constituents, whether you are a young couple starting out, or a senior citizen trying to make ends meet, everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to live, so working with the other Supervisors in the county, we are working on how to get affordable housing throughout the county.

Sincerely,

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## Community Updates

### **Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin Announces Priorities for County ARPA Spending**

Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin announced her priorities for county spending from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in September 2021 at Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) meeting. Franklin highlighted the need for spending on 6 key areas:

- Prince William County Health Department
- Hazard Pay for county employees
- Grant program for small businesses
- Housing assistance for rental, mortgage, and utility assistance)
- Eviction prevention funds
- Nonprofit grants to serve immigrant communities

According to Franklin, “It is crucial as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 virus that we wisely and strategically use this funding to help those most vulnerable and impacted by the pandemic.”

### **Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin Elected Vice-Chair of Prince William County Board of County Supervisors**

Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin was elected January 2022 Organizational Meeting of the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) as Vice-Chair for 2022. Supervisor Franklin previously served as Chair Pro-Temp in 2020 and 2021. The vote was unanimous.

Upon her election by the BOCS, Supervisor Franklin expressed her sincere thanks for their vote of confidence.

According to Franklin, “I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that Prince William County continues to be one of the premiere jurisdictions in this country.”

## Community Outreach

- Backpack Giveaway (August)
- Town Hall with Unity Church (September)
- Opitz Boulevard Sidewalk Ribbon Cutting (September)
- Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail Ribbon Cutting (September)
- Belmont Bay Town Hall Meeting (October)
- Neabsco Creek Bandalong Litter Trap Ribbon Cutting (November)
- Woodbridge District Town Hall Meeting (January)
- Black History Month Program (February)
- Women’s History Month Program (March)
- Woodbridge District Office Open House (May)
- Belmont Bay Street Light Ribbon Cutting (May)
- Bike-to-Work Day (May)
- Dumpster Day (June)
- Infrastructure Meeting with Congressman Connolly
- Latino Roundtable (June)
- Bar-B-Q/Ice Cream Social at Potomac Place (June)
- Gun Violence Town Hall Meeting (June)
- Route 1 Renaming Ceremony
- Meetings with numerous HOA’s
- Civic Association Meetings
- Weekly email updates

## In the Community (cont'd)



Freedom High School Decision Day



Acknowledging Child Abuse Awareness Month



Dumpster Day at Fred Lynn Middle School



Potomac Place Assisted Living Facility meeting with residents and calling out the bingo game (even though they told me I was going too slow)! Looking forward to visiting again!



Thank you Prince William County for recognizing and celebrating LGBTQIA + Pride month



Class of 2022 Potomac High School Graduation

## In the Community (cont'd)



Supervisor Franklin, Delegate Guzman and other community leaders host Latino Roundtable



Virtual Gun Violence Town Hall with Representatives from Senator Warner's office, Congressman Connolly's office and Chief Peter Newsham



"22 Extraordinary Women who are Changing and Making an Impact in our Communities"



A new day with Richmond Highway: Prince William County leaders celebrate roadway name change

# Transportation Update

## Transportation Projects in Woodbridge District

- Neabsco Mills Road Widening**  
 Construction bid opened on July 20, 2022  
 Construction anticipated to begin September 2022 and end Spring 2024
- Neabsco/Potomac Commuter Parking garage**  
 Design progress meetings with the Design-Builder team began in May 2022  
 Proposed site lighting layout and fixtures under review by the County  
 The design public hearing for the project is anticipated for advertisement in September 2022  
 Design/Construction began March 2022  
 Design/Construction ends Summer 2024
- Rte 1 Widening from Mary's Way to Featherstone**  
 Southbound lane traffic shift completed in May 2022  
 Second phase of Southbound -lane traffic shift scheduled for late July 2022  
 Roadway construction completion anticipated for late 2023
- I-95 Auxiliary Lane**  
 Construction is ongoing  
 Anticipated completion in late Fall 2022.
- I-95 Express Lane-Opitz Boulevard Ramp**  
 Construction start expected in Summer 2022
- Route 1/Route 123 Improvements**  
 Project was awarded \$3 million from NVTA in their Six Year Program.  
 The STARS Study for the project has been completed and the Project will be submitted for SMART SCALE funding August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- North Woodbridge Mobility Improvements (Formerly Annapolis Way)**  
 Project is fully funded with regional NVTA funds  
 Design end Fall 2022  
 Construction begin Spring 2023  
 Construction end Winter 2024

# In the Community

Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin invites you to attend a **Virtual Town Hall Meeting**

**Discussion**

- Programs and Initiatives
- Economic Development Projects
- Transportation Projects
- Community Outreach

Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Zoom Meeting Info**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/819068529017>  
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 Meeting ID: 819 0685 2901  
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 New App: [apple.co/2Sbfwpt](https://apple.co/2Sbfwpt) or [bit.ly/3S76lbu](https://bit.ly/3S76lbu)

**Woodbridge Town Hall Meeting**

**Pioneers in Education in Prince William County**

Join Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin and Prince William County Pioneers in Education as we celebrate **Black History Month**

Tuesday, February 22, 2022 7:00 pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88127372993?pwd=V1h0Z3oXaXhhVWVMT1JlbnBoc2RjZjZkOQ==>

**Black History Month—Pioneers in Education in Prince William County**

Woodbridge Potomac Communities Civic Association and Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin invite you to attend a **Virtual Meeting**

**Update on the Woodbridge District and School Activities**

Woodbridge District Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin

Mason Landing Project Director

Vice Chairwomen Loree V. Williams

Join Meeting

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807504747?pwd=V1h0Z3oXaXhhVWVMT1JlbnBoc2RjZjZkOQ==>  
 Meeting ID: 818 0750 4747  
 Meeting ID: 818 0750 4747  
 Passcode: 295121  
 Or Call: +13017358592,,81807504747#,,\*295121# (Washington, DC)

Thursday, 17 March 2022 Start at 7 pm

**Woodbridge District Town Hall Meeting**

**Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act with Congressman Connolly**

**Child Abuse Prevention Month Pinwheel Celebration**

**Todos Riverside Grand Opening**

## Community Updates

### **Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin of Woodbridge Speaks at Opening of Child Advocacy Center**



Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin spoke at the opening of the Prince William County Child Advocacy Center (CAC). The Child Advocacy Center will provide coordinated services for child victims of abuse in a safe and child-friendly environment. Supervisor Frank-

lin championed the cause of a child advocacy center when she learned of what happens in jurisdictions without one and how a child can be re-traumatized by a system that does not always focus on the child's best-interests. One of her budget priorities upon election was to advocate for the initial funding for the center.

The Prince William CAC will be a collaborative effort between Child Protective Services, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, the County Attorney's Office, and law enforcement agencies to ensure that the child victim of abuse is not re-traumatized by their involvement in the criminal justice system.

According to Franklin, "I know that at the CAC, a child victim, who has been abused, will be the center of attention. The child victim will receive the support and services needed to address current and future needs. The child victim will be surrounded by a skilled and trained team of professionals who will put the child first. But also, the CAC will make it possible to hold more offenders accountable for their actions."

## Community Updates

### **Vice Chair Margaret Angela Franklin Hosts a Bilingual Latino Roundtable**



Prince William County Board of County Supervisor Vice Chair Margaret Angela Franklin hosted a bilingual Latino Roundtable discussion at Fred Lynn Middle School on June 15<sup>th</sup>. She was joined by Delegate Elizabeth Guzman Virginia HD 31, Maria Burgos, Executive Director of Prince William Office of Equity & Inclusion and representatives from several local organizations including Edu-Futuro, Casa of Virginia, and Tenant and Workers United.

According to Delegate Guzman, "It was an honor to join Supervisor Franklin for a bilingual town hall so that the Hispanic community could not only attend, but also learn what the state and local governments are doing to improve the lives of working families in Virginia. Our goal is to meet ALL residents where they are and listen to their concerns in the language they prefer. We want PWC residents to get access to their elected officials outside of board chambers and the legislative session. Residents expressed their desire for safety in our schools, free or reduced cost for summer activities for youth, more services for children with special needs, access to early childhood education, and mental health services for children and youth."

Supervisor Franklin reiterated her commitment to guaranteeing that the Latino community have the resources necessary to thrive. According to Franklin, "I heard the concerns of the community and am working diligently to ensure that adequate health care, safe communities, and affordable housing is available to everyone, including those within the Latino community. It is vital that we have their community as a leading voice at the table."

During the event, Supervisor Franklin encouraged residents to stay engaged and to contact her office with their questions and concerns.

## Community Updates

### **Supervisor Franklin Introduces Resolution to Establish a Sustainability Commission**

Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin continues her efforts to put in place the necessary infrastructure to address the sustainability issues that face Prince William County. Supervisor Franklin introduced a resolution co-authored by Supervisor Boddye to establish a Sustainability Commission that will make recommendations for the Community Energy/Sustainability Master Plan. The Board passed the resolution 6-2.

The Sustainability Commission will have the authority to make recommendations to the Board of County Supervisors on meeting its energy efficiency and greenhouse and carbon emission reduction goals while considering economic development, population projections as well as equity, diversity, and inclusion, among other things. The Commission will consist of eight members appointed by members of the Board of County Supervisors. Desired appointees will have academic, professional, non-profit, or other work experience in the sustainability-related fields. Members will serve without a stipend.

Supervisor Franklin worked closely with Supervisor Boddye, and many community leaders who ardently and vocally advocated on these issues.

*According to Franklin, Together with the Office of Sustainability, and the Joint Environmental Task Force, Prince William County's new Sustainability Commission will help us keep our focus on achieving and maintaining our sustainability goals."*

## Community Updates

### **Vice Chair Margaret Angela Franklin Hosts a Gun Violence Prevention Town Hall**



Gun violence continues to shatter lives and communities. The time between tragedies gets shorter and shorter. However, we cannot allow ourselves to become numb to the horror and tragedy of these events. Nor can we ignore the pain and suffering of gun violence victims and their families. Whether a mass shooting in Highland Park, Uvalde, Buffalo, or the murder of a woman in Woodbridge, this gun violence must stop.

Last month as part of Gun Violence Awareness Month, I hosted a Town Hall on Gun Violence Prevention featuring Prince William Police Chief Peter Newsham, representatives from the offices of Senator Mark Warner and Congressman Gerald Connolly. We were also joined by a representative from Moms Demand Action, a gun safety advocacy group. This town hall allowed members of our community to hear directly with those involved in making the laws, enforcing the laws, and advocating for better laws.

The impact of gun violence on our community is a key focus of my frequent discussions with Chief Newsham and the Police Department. Over the past several months, I have held joint meetings with several apartment management companies and the police department on ways that better security measures can enhance and improve the quality of life of Woodbridge residents.

I have taken a proactive approach to make the revitalization of Route 1 a reality and partnered with the police department and local neighborhoods on implementing safety measures that will help us have a safe and secure community.

I urge you to get involved in our effort to prevent gun violence. We must do more to ensure the safety of our children, our schools, our families as we go about our daily lives.

If you are interested in finding out how you can become involved in advocating for gun safety to help prevent gun violence, please contact my office at [WoodbridgeDistrict@pwgov.org](mailto:WoodbridgeDistrict@pwgov.org).

## Fall 2021 Ribbon Cutting Events



**Opitz Boulevard Sidewalk Ribbon Cutting  
September 20, 2021**



**Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail Ribbon Cutting  
September 26, 2021**



**Neabsco Creek Bandalong Litter Trap Ribbon Cutting  
November 17, 2021**

## Upcoming Events

Woodbridge District Appointees Meeting	September 24
Woodbridge Office Fall Open House	October 13
Woodbridge District Community Event	October 15
Woodbridge District Dumpster Day	October 22
Woodbridge District Tribute to Veterans	November 12
Senior Center Holiday Event	December 9

## **BOCS Schedule 2022**

September 6	2:00 pm		Regular Meeting
September 13	2:00 pm		Work Session
September 20	2:00 pm	7:30 pm	Regular Meeting
October 11	2:00 pm	7:30 pm	Regular Meeting
October 18	2:00 pm		Work Session
November 1	2:00 pm	7:30 pm	Regular Meeting
November 22	2:00 pm		Regular Meeting
December 6	2:00 pm		Regular Meeting

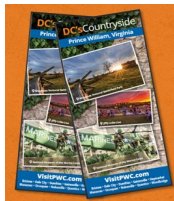
## Supervisors Margaret Angela Franklin and Victor Angry Issue a Directive to Charge the Newly Created Veterans Commission to Explore Options of Creating the First Ever Veterans Service Center in Prince William County



Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin and Supervisor Victor Angry issued a joint directive to county staff that authorizes the Veterans Commission to explore options of locating a Veterans Service Center in Prince William County. A Veterans Service Center would allow veterans in Prince William County to have access to services and information in one centralized location within the county.

“A Veteran Center is long needed here in Prince William County. With Quantico located within our county and Ft. Belvoir located just outside of our county, Prince William has become home to thousands of our nation’s bravest individuals. As a veteran, I understand what it’s like to need easy and efficient access to services. This Center will create a one stop shop for veterans to receive critical information,” said Supervisor Angry.

According to Supervisor Franklin, “There are so many veterans in our community who need to access veteran services without having to travel far distances and it’s my pleasure to work alongside Supervisor Angry to put our veterans first by helping them access the resources they need.



### Prince William County a Beautiful Place for a Staycation!

Located a short drive from the Nation's Capital, in DC's Countryside - Prince William, VA is a destination filled with American history, storied battlefields, picturesque park lands, family-fun attractions, shopping, arts & culture, a thriving local food & drink scene and so much more. Subscribe to our Newsletter to experience all that Prince William VA has to offer. Click the link below and plan an exciting and fun filled day with your

<https://www.visitpwc.com/plan-your-trip/visitor-services-maps/view-guide-newsletter-signup/>

## Route 1 Sign Unveiling Ceremony From Jefferson Davis Highway to Richmond Highway



Names make a difference! From Jefferson Davis Highway to Richmond Highway. We have finally come into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and removed the stain of the past.

Good morning! Welcome to the Woodbridge Magisterial District where I proudly represent the residents in this vibrant, family-friendly, diverse community.

Removing Jefferson Davis’s name from the main road in this community was a personal goal of mine and I greatly appreciate the support and collective action of the Board of County Supervisors. It has been through the collective hard work of the Board of County Supervisors, county leadership, and our community that we are here today to celebrate this milestone.



As we undertook this process, public engagement was a central focus. We wanted to ensure that the public, and specifically those impacted, stay informed throughout. Therefore, during this period we have held a virtual town hall, send numerous mailings, engaged in community outreach and a had dedicated webpage with information.

I’ve said it before, but it’s worth repeating: This is a tremendous step in the right direction as we continue the revitalization of Route 1 and spur economic growth in Prince William County.

Names make a difference!