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Dear Woodbridge Residents,

As your representative on the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, I am very excited about what we have been able to achieve together. I welcome the opportunity to serve as your representative and advocate. Listening to your concerns, I have prioritized revitalization of Route 1, community safety, and improving the quality of life in our community. We have accomplished numerous goals, while at the same time responding to hundreds of individual calls requesting assistance and offering suggestions to make your local government more responsive to your needs.

We have completed several transportation projects including the 2nd phase of the Route 1 Widening Project from Featherstone to Mary's Way and the four-lane widening of Neabsco Mills Road, from Route 1 to Dale Boulevard. The completion of these two roads offers our community greater connectivity, more sidewalks, and paths.

Please call my office at 703-792-4646 with your concerns or questions. You can also stop by to see us at 2701 Neabsco Common Place, Suite 150.

Sincerely,

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Ribbon Cutting/Groundbreaking Events



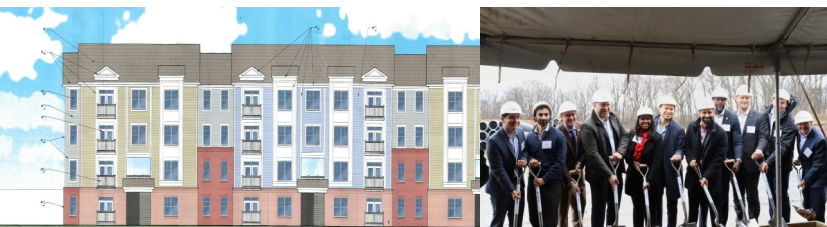
**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Neabsco Mills Road Widening Project.**



**Groundbreaking on the Summit School Road and Telegraph Road
Widening Project (Ocoquan District).**



**Groundbreaking Ceremony for Woodbridge Area Elementary
School, Woodbridge, VA.**



**Groundbreaking of the Jefferson Plaza Apartments
Woodbridge, VA.**

Supervisor Franklin's Legislative Initiatives

- Renaming Jefferson Davis Highway to Richmond Highway
- Small Business Micro-grants
- Housing Assistance Program
- Racial & Social Justice Commission
- Child Advocacy Center
- Summer Youth Program
- Environmental Sustainability Office
- Prince William County Health Department
- Recreational Ferry/Public-Private Partnerships
- Affordable Housing Chapter in Comprehensive Plan
- Affordable Housing Ordinance
- Woodbridge Library & Senior Center
- Beautification of State Roads Initiative
- Bus Shelters on Richmond Highway
- Funding for completion of Featherstone Trail of the PHNST
- Streetlights in Neighborhoods
- Traffic Calming in Neighborhoods
- Disposal of dredged materials from navigable waters
- Added 20 acres of open space to Veterans Park
- Funding for North Woodbridge Pedestrian Bridge
- Lowered Density in Belmont Bay in the Comprehensive Plan
- Eliminated Road Diet in Belmont Bay in the Comprehensive Plan
- New Pickleball Courts in Veterans Park
- Championed Tax Relief from C&P and meal tax for small business owners
- Championed new rental assistance program for residents facing immediate eviction

Community Outreach

- Taste of Woodbridge
- Seals on Wheels
- Pickleball Lunch at Veterans
- Acclaim Community Meeting
- Belmont Bay Rehab & Health Community Meeting
- Unity Church Town Hall Meeting
- Potomac Woods Community Meeting
- Potomac Shores Town Hall Meeting
- National Night Out
- Woodbridge Senior Center Community Meeting
- Back to School back pack Giveaway
- Rededication Ceremony Marumsco Acre Lake Park
- PRTC Ribbon Cutting
- Groundbreaking for Holiness Tabernacle Church
- Fall Festival/Chili Cookoff
- Latino Roundtable
- Meet & Greet Potomac Shores
- Woodbridge Senior Center 40th Anniversary
- Fall Dumpster Day
- Woodbridge Community Family Fun Day
- Ribbon Cutting Route 1 Widening
- International Festival
- Christmas Tree Lighting at Stonebridge
- Woodbridge Senior Holiday Luncheon
- Literacy Night
- Black History Month Program
- Jefferson Plaza Groundbreaking
- Grayson Family Tomb Event
- IDI Groundbreaking
- Women's History Month Program
- Spanberger Presentation
- Woodbridge Area Elementary School Groundbreaking Ceremony

Upcoming Events

National Night Out	August 6th
Stonebridge Chili Cook-off & Fall Festival	September 14th
Dumpster Day	September 28th
Community Family Fun Day	October (TBD)
Holiday Tree Lighting at Stonebridge	December (TBD)
Holiday Lights at the Boardwalk	December (TBD)
Woodbridge Senior Holiday Luncheon	December 13th

Community Updates

Supervisor Franklin's Remarks at the Neabsco Mills Road Widening Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Today is an exciting occasion for me and Supervisor Angry as we celebrate, the completion of the Neabsco Mills Road Widening Project. We are so glad that you could join us.

As some of you may recall, it was here on the campus of Freedom High School where the Design Public Hearing was held on September 26, 2018. Despite a long Right-of-Way process and challenges with utility relocations, we have arrived at the finish line on time. We can thank Rick Canizales and the dedicated team of professionals who have worked on this project for that accomplishment.

This \$34.3M project was included in the County's Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan with the goal of improving traffic along Neabsco Mills Road and the Route 1 corridor. This is yet another linchpin in my continuing efforts to revitalize Route 1 and improve the quality of life for the residents of this community.

The 10-foot Shared Use Path provides safe pedestrian travel for both Freedom High School and Northern Virginia Community College students to use before and after classes. The widening of Neabsco Mills, provides easy access to restaurants, hotels, and residential areas. It also supports the county's economic development by encouraging the traveling public to explore the hospitality offered in our community.

We encourage you to continue supporting the Board of County Supervisors and Prince William County Department of Transportation as we strive to improve our roadways and pedestrian facilities.

Again, thank you for coming out this morning as we celebrate yet another milestone in creating a safe, secure, and thriving community.



BOCS Schedule 2024

August	SUMMER RECESS	No Meetings
September 3rd	2:00—7:00 pm	Regular Meeting
September 10th	2:00 pm	Work Session
September 17th	2:00—7:00 pm	Regular Meeting
October 8th	2:00—7:00 pm	Regular Meeting
October 15th	2:00 pm	Work Session
October 22nd	2:00—7:00 pm	Regular Meeting
November 19th	2:00—7:00 pm	Regular Meeting
November 26th	2:00 pm	Work Session
December 10th	2:00 pm	Regular Meeting
	6:00 pm	State Delegation Meeting
December 17th	2:00 pm	Regular Meeting
	6:00 pm	Joint School Board Meeting

Community Updates

"Some Things Your Neighbor Should Not Have to Look At!"

<https://www.pwcva.gov/department/neighborhood-services/outdoor-junk-clutter>

Most residents of the County know that there are just some things your neighbors shouldn't have to look at. Be a considerate neighbor and take the following actions to make your yard clutter free!

In order to comply with County Property Codes residents should take care to ensure that:

- Tools and lawnmowers are put away in a garage or shed and are out of sight after use.
- Construction materials are either donated, removed or recycled after projects are completed.
- Bags of trash and trash cans are to be stored at the side or back of the dwelling, or are screened from view by plants such as evergreens, or are placed behind a solid fence. (Remember also to roll the cans out to the curb on pick-up day and return them to their appropriate storage place as soon as you can after pick up.)

OUT OF CODE OUTDOOR STORAGE CREATES A VARIETY OF PROBLEMS

A frequent complaint in our neighborhoods is what the County Code terms as 'outside storage.' Outside storage provides shelter for rodents and insects that can affect our health. Outside storage creates safety concerns for those who approach the home. Outside storage clutters the yard and renders the space unsafe. Outside storage detracts from the appearance of the home as well as the surrounding neighborhood. Outside storage sends a negative message to people looking to buy homes in the neighborhood and can diminish the value of the homes in the area. Also, outside storage invites criminals to target the neighborhood since it appears no one cares about properties in those areas.

So what are you going to do with all of that stuff?

- Organize, sort and reduce possessions that require storage.
- Store items indoors, garage or shed, or behind areas that shield from view of others (Remember that sheds and fences require zoning approval.)
- Reduce things no longer needed.
- Recycle.
- Take unwanted materials to the County Landfill.

Participate in an organized community clean up or arrange for a clean up in your community. Call (703) 792-7018 to find out about upcoming clean ups or to organize one for your neighborhood. Report a problem: <https://www.pwcva.gov/department/neighborhood-services/report-problem>

Please plan on attending the Woodbridge District Dumpster Day and Paper Shred Event on Saturday, September 28th @ Rippon Middle School, from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Seniors Corner

Virtual Center for Active Adults



Find Connection, Stay Active and Have Fun!

The goal of the Virtual Center for Active Adults is to enrich the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities in Northern Virginia while combatting isolation. Here you can connect with your peers, engage in a variety of activities, and discover useful resources.

Join live, interactive programs and engage with other adults. You can also watch prerecorded programs on demand on your own schedule.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/virtual-center-active-adults>



**Older Americans Month Celebration
Camp Snyder, May 2024**

In the Community



On June 4th, to kick off Pride Month, Supervisor Franklin spoke a few words at the county's Pride event held at the James J. McCoart Building.



Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin spoke at the "Juneteenth and Me" county event

Community Updates

Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin is Excited About the Woodbridge Area Elementary School



Prince William County Public Schools celebrated what will be the first new elementary school in the area in several decades.

"While construction began last fall, the school division could not host the official groundbreaking ceremony until now due to weather and site conditions," said Kimberly

Werle, the associate superintendent for eastern elementary schools.

The new \$60 million school will be a three-story building with large open spaces and high ceilings. It is designed for a 775-student capacity, with the main building area taking up roughly 129,900 square feet. It will be designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified silver rating and Energy Star Certification.

While the school is currently called the "Woodbridge Area" elementary school, the official name for the school will be chosen by the school board after it receives suggestions from the naming committee.

Lateef thanked Woodbridge District Supervisor Margaret Franklin for making the school a priority when she assumed office in 2019, as well as the rest of the Board of County Supervisors.

Loree Williams, the school board member who represents the Woodbridge District, echoed Lateef's remarks and emphasized how much of a collaborative effort the project has been.

Supervisor Franklin told the audience, the collaboration between the supervisors and school board members was integral in ensuring the new school would be built.

Franklin stated before she was sworn in for her position as supervisor, Williams began discussing with her the need for a new school and the need to secure a site for the school.

Community Updates

In the Community

Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin Issues Four Directives to Ease the Tax Burden on Small Businesses and to Provide Financial Assistance to Residents Facing Immediate Eviction

WOODBRIIDGE, VA – Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin issued four directives that would ease the tax burden on small businesses, provide financial assistance to residents facing immediate eviction, and identify a funding source for a multipurpose building for the Woodbridge District library and senior center. These directives reflect her long-standing position on ensuring that small businesses are not taxed at the same rate as large companies and providing financial assistance to residents in need of housing assistance. Additionally, the community has long needed an improved space for both the public library and the Woodbridge senior center.

Supervisor Franklin expressed her desire to have the Board of Supervisor’s legislative agenda outlining its priorities for the General Assembly include provisions that would give localities the ability to grant exemptions and waivers from the Computer and Peripheral Tax and the Food and Beverage Tax for small businesses. She expressed her concerns about the impact of these taxes on small “mom & pop” businesses throughout Prince William County.

According to Supervisor Franklin, ***“I do not think that a small business should endure the same level of taxation as those of data centers. Localities need the support of the General Assembly to grant flexibility to address the impact of these taxes.”*** She expressed similar concerns about the impact of the Food and Beverage Tax on small locally owned restaurants and shops.

As the Board of County Supervisors finalizes the FY 2025 budget on Tuesday, April 23, Supervisor Franklin stated that she ***“will continue her efforts to see that small businesses are not adversely affected by tax increases and that our most vulnerable residents in the Woodbridge community receive rental assistance and the other services they deserve and desire.”***



Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin hosted Bike to Work Day at Woodbridge VRE. The turnout was amazing!



Spring Cleanup—Dumpster Day with Shred Truck was hosted by Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin. Even in the rain, people were excited to get rid of the clutter.

In the Community



Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin, Supervisor Andrea Bailey, and Dr. Alice Howard recognized 24 Amazing Women at the Annual Women's History Month Event.



Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin provided important information at the WPCCA Legislative Updates Meeting.



Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin attended a presentation where Congresswoman Abigail Spanberger presented Prince William County officials with a ceremonial check for \$2.5 million for infrastructure projects.

In the Community



Supervisor Margaret Franklin will be celebrating this year's theme, "African Americans and the Arts," with special guests Denise McPhail, Herb Williams, and Kim B. Miller.



Supervisor Margaret Franklin read to the children at the Jack and Jill Black History event.



Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin had the opportunity to attend Leesylvania Elementary School Literacy Night.

In the Community



Supervisor Franklin gave the Woodbridge Women's Club a commendation and acknowledgment for all of their hard work throughout Woodbridge.



Supervisor Franklin and other county officials met with Senator Mark Warner for a roundtable discussion on affordable housing.



Supervisor Franklin hosted a Strategic Planning Town Hall. Encouraging residents to provide feedback to help shape PWC.

Transportation Update

Neabsco-Potomac Commuter Parking Garage – Project constructs 1,400 space garage for commuter parking and serves as a hub for OmniRide bus services. Garage includes electric vehicle charging stations and 750 feet of sidewalk on Opitz Boulevard.
Began 2018 – Complete September 2024

Neabsco Mills Road (Route 1 to Dale Boulevard) – Project widens Neabsco Mills Road from two to four lanes with a 10-foot shared use path and 5-foot sidewalk from Route 1 to Smoke Court.
Began June 2017 – Complete May 2024

95 Express Lane-Opitz Boulevard Ramp – VDOT project to construct new reversible ramp between Opitz Boulevard and Express Lanes that will provide access northbound in the AM and southbound in the PM.
Began 2021- Complete Fall 2024

North Woodbridge Mobility Improvements – Project extends Annapolis Way to provide a full connection between Route 1 and Route 123.
Began 2019 – Complete Fall 2024

Marina Way Extension – Project constructs a connection between Annapolis Way and Horner Road in North Woodbridge Town Center.
Began 2023 – Complete Summer 2027

I-95/Route 123 Interchange – VDOT project to reconstruct interchange at Route 123 and I-95 to improve safety, operations, and pedestrian and bicyclist connectivity.
Began 2023 – Complete 2027

Prince William Parkway Sidewalk – Project constructs a sidewalk between Summerland Drive over I-95 to Horner Road Commuter Lot.
Began 2023- Complete 2026

Route 1 Corridor Public Transportation Improvements Project – Project upgrades bus shelters along Route 1.
Began 2023 – Complete 2024

Blue Pool Drive Sidewalk – Project constructs missing segment of sidewalk on Blue Pool Drive.
Began 2022 – Complete 2024

Port Potomac Neighborhood Traffic Study – Project to develop comprehensive safety improvements for Port Potomac neighborhood.
Began 2023 – Complete 2024

Green Infrastructure Study – Study on incorporating green infrastructure, including rain gardens, landscaping and bioswales, into transportation projects using Route 1 in Woodbridge as a pilot corridor to design recommended infrastructure.
Began 2023 – Complete 2024

Marumscos Pedestrian Streetlighting – Project installs 8 streetlights in front of Marumscos Plaza.
Began 2023 – Complete 2024

Bel Air Road – Project reconstructs Bel Air Road to bring it up to state standards and turn over to VDOT for maintenance.
Began 2023 – Complete TBD
(schedule determined by funding)

Automated Photo Enforcement Pilot Program – Program installs speed and red-light cameras at sites as allowed by state legislation. Red light camera planned for installation at Route 1 and Route 123.
Began Summer 2024