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Community Updates from Woodbridge District Supervisor
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Together, A New Start! As we enter the fall of 2021, I am greatly pleased by the positive responses that I have received from you as I travel throughout the district. I take my job as your local government representative seriously and work diligently to improve our community for you and your families.

As COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the country, please know that I vigilantly monitor the data and work to make sure that the people of Woodbridge have access to vaccines and testing. In this edition of the newsletter, you will read about my initiative to create a Prince William County Health Department that is more responsive to the needs of our residents.

Affordable housing continues to be a key focus of my efforts as I hear from residents about the rising costs of housing and the inability of many people who work here being unable to afford to live here. These concerns have been the focus of a town hall co-hosted by me and Supervisor Boddye this past spring. It will also be a substantial focus of the Board of County Supervisors as we update the Comprehensive Plan for 2040.

You may have heard that our office is moving from the Ferlazzo Building. The county government is expanding services and needs our office space. We will certainly miss the Ferlazzo Building but look forward to serving you in our new office beginning in 2022. We will share more information in the next edition of the newsletter. Until we move, my staff and I are available in our office at 15941 Donald Curtis Drive, Room 140. Please stop by to see us or call us at 703-792-4646 with your questions and concerns.

We also are making plans for a new library and new senior center in Woodbridge. The VRE is coming to Potomac Shores and more businesses are looking to locate in Woodbridge. We are very excited about the future of Woodbridge and look forward to working with you to create a safe, dynamic, enjoyable, and economically vibrant community.

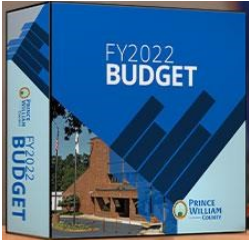
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Budget Recap

Independent Local Health Department



This past year we have seen the devastating effects of COVID-19 all over the world. In Virginia, each locality has responded to the pandemic in various ways. Here in Prince William County, with a population of almost half a million, we need the capacity to effectively handle and manage our own health operations without depending on resources from the commonwealth. Our priority must be to take care of our residents. We must have streamlined processes to handle such situations. Therefore, I direct staff to study and prepare a proposal for creating a Prince William County Health Department..

Supervisor Franklin also championed some other major projects such as:

- The Summer Youth Program
- Recreational Ferry/Public-Private Partnerships
- Small Business Grants
- Housing Assistance Program
- Child Advocacy Center (CAC)
- Environmental Commission
- Racial & Social Justice Commission
- Created Health Department
- Route 1 Renaming
- Replace existing Potomac Community Library
- Build a new Woodbridge Senior Center
- Explore the First Ever Veterans Service Center in Prince William County

Community Outreach

- Woodbridge Community Town Halls (January & June)
- Black History Month Program (February)
- Renaming Route 1 Town Hall (February)
- Latino/Latinx Heritage Round Table (March)
- Dumpster Day and Route 1 Cleanup (April)
- Route 1 Widening (Annapolis Way to Mary's Way) Ribbon Cutting (April)
- Bike- to- Work Day (May)
- Affordable Housing Town Hall (June)
- Acclaim at Belmont Bay Ribbon Cutting (July)
- Breakfast Meeting with Woodbridge District Appointees (July)
- National Night Out (August)
- OmniRide 35th Anniversary (August)
- OmniRide Western Facility Opening (August)
- Community Back to School Event (August)
- Dumpster Day (August)
- Meetings with numerous HOA's
- Weekly email updates

BOCS Schedule 2021		
September 7th	2:00 pm	7:30 pm
September 14th	2:00 pm	
September 21st	2:00 pm	7:30 pm
October 5th	2:00 pm	7:30 pm
October 12th	2:00 pm	
October 19th	2:00 pm	7:30 pm
November 9th	2:00 pm	7:30 pm
November 23rd	2:00 pm	7:30 pm
December 7th	2:00 pm	
	7:00 pm	State Delegation Mtg*
December 14th	2:00 pm	
	7:00 pm	Joint School Board Mtg*
*Location TBD		

In the Community (cont'd)



Thanking Hilda Barg for her many years of service as chair of the Social Services Committee



Visit to the PWC Landfill



Rippon Middle Back to School rally



Our first annual back to school event pictured with Commonwealth Attorney Amy Ashworth



Dumpster Day at Rippon Middle School



Visit to Potomac Shores Middle School with Superintendent McDade



Interview with Pastor Will Archer, Potomac Valley Church

Economic Development

Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin's Efforts to Build New Public Library and Senior Center Passes First Step Along with the Implementation of Grant Program for Businesses Impacted by the Renaming of Jefferson Davis Highway

Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin's directives to develop options and proposals for a new Potomac Community Library, a new library in the Woodbridge Magisterial District, and a new Senior Center passed the first step Tuesday, July 20 when the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) voted to allocate \$930,000 from the Capital Reserves to begin the process. The existing Potomac Community Library is the oldest library in the system and demand by library patrons exceed availability of the existing space. Additionally, the demand by Senior Center patrons exceed availability in the existing space. As the senior population grows in the county, so does demand for more exercise rooms, meeting spaces, and classrooms. According to the staff report, "[a] new modernized, facility that would accommodate current and future needs and be located near shops, a grocery store, and possibly a library would be greatly welcomed by current and future patrons."

Another of Supervisor Franklin's initiatives also made progress Tuesday when the BOCS authorized and established the Route 1 Refresh Grant Program to financially offset anticipated business expenses related to the renaming of Route 1/Jefferson Davis Highway. Last fall Supervisor Franklin received unanimous support for her motion to rename Route 1/Jefferson Davis Highway to Richmond Highway.

"We are on the brink of transforming the Route 1 corridor by renaming Jefferson Davis Highway, improving economic development opportunities, and modernizing critical services including the senior center facility and the potential for a new or remodeled library. Our residents deserve the best that the county has to offer," said Franklin.

Pending Development Projects

- Belmont Bay Small Area Plan**
- Station Plaza/Cowles Ford Town Center**
- Jefferson Plaza Re-Development (Affordable housing)**
- Potomac Shores Town Center & VRE Station**
- Mason's Landing (Affordable housing)**

Transportation Update



VDOT Widening of Route 1 from Annapolis Way to Mary's Way: Completed

Phase 2: Route 1 Widening from Mary's Way to Featherstone Road

The next phase of construction has begun. This 2nd project involves the widening of Route 1 from Mary's Way to Featherstone Road from a four-lane undivided highway to a six-lane divided highway. The total distance of the project will be 1.3 miles and will include the construction of a 10-foot-wide multi-modal trail and a 5-foot-wide sidewalk along the sides of the road. It is an 18-month project. Dominion has completed their utility relocations. Comcast and Verizon utility relocation is ongoing. Estimated Completion Date: Summer 2022

Annapolis Way

This project is a roadway improvement project to extend Annapolis Way to connect Route 1 to Route 123. The project also includes a design of extending the adjacent roadway of Marina Way and a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) for North Woodbridge. Update: NVTA has moved up the appropriations from FY24 to use in FY22.

Route 1 and 123 Improvements

VDOT is working with a consulting firm to analyze the feasibility and produce preliminary engineering concepts for interchange improvements at Route 1 /Route 123 (Part of STARS program- Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions)

Neabsco Mills Road Widening

Four-lane widening from Route 1 to Dale Boulevard
Update: Partial acquisition from a total of 25 parcels was required for the project. Right-of-Way authorization obtained in November 2019. Offers are being made to property owners. Design activities are completed. Utility relocations are ongoing, and construction advertisement is anticipated for early 2022.

Construction advertisement –January 2022.

Construction begins –May 2022.

Construction ends –November 2023.

Project Budget: \$35,000,000; Project Funding: Local / State / Federal

In the Community



Ribbon cutting for the Route 1 widening project within the Woodbridge District.



The Washington, DC Regions 20th Anniversary Bike to Work Day.



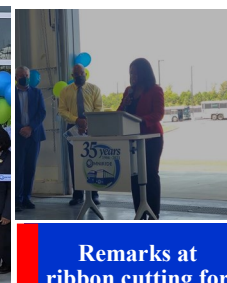
Thank you to the Belmont Bay Marina for taking me out kayaking to learn more about the Occoquan River and to discuss ways we can all work together on make Woodbridge a marina destination.



**National Night Out— August 3, 2021
A National community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnership**



The ribbon cutting for the western maintenance facility



Remarks at ribbon cutting for western maintenance facility



Visiting with employees at PRTC

Community Services

Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin Appointed by Governor Ralph Northam to the State Executive Council for Children's Services

On April 22nd Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin was sworn in as a Member of the State Executive Council for Children's Services by Secretary of the Commonwealth Kelly Thomasson. Governor Ralph Northam appointed Supervisor Franklin to this board that is the "supervisory body responsible for the establishment of the programmatic and fiscal policies that support the CSA (Child Services Act)."

"I am honored to be appointed to this body that has such an integral part in supporting our youth and their families in times of need. I look forward to working with the other members of the State Executive Council for Children's Services and carrying out the important work under the Child Services Act."

Supervisor Franklin led the effort to create and secure funds for a Child Advocacy Center in Prince William County that will provide important wrap around services for victims of child abuse.

Transportation Update Cont'd

Commuter Parking Garage

Purpose: Construction of a 1,400 -space garage within the vicinity of the Neabsco Mills Road Widening Project. Stonebridge has been selected as the site for the garage. The construction of the garage will serve as a park and ride facility for commuters, relieving capacity at the Route 1/Route 234 park and ride lot. Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2023

I-95 Auxiliary Lane:

Purpose: to improve operations and reduce weaving on I-95

- No Right-of-Way needed
- Inside shoulder widening completed ahead of Project Contract has been awarded and is currently under construction.

95 Express Lane -Opitz Boulevard Ramp

Purpose: Construct new entrance from Opitz Boulevard onto the southbound 95 Express Lane

Overview:

- New south-facing access ramp connecting the 95 Express Lanes and Opitz Boulevard.
- During northbound operations, the ramp will provide northbound 95 Express Lanes users the opportunity to exit onto Opitz Boulevard near Potomac Mills Mall and Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center.
- Proposed ramp is planned for the existing median between the southbound 95 general purpose lanes and the 95 Express Lanes and connect to an expanded Opitz Boulevard Bridge over I-95.
- This project is part of the extension of express lanes to Fredericksburg.
- Preliminary engineering, environmental and traffic reviews initiated in February. Summer of 2022.

Affordable Housing

*County Supervisors Take Local Lens to Regional Challenge:
Affordable Housing Town Hall*



Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin's directives to create an affordable housing program passed the first step on Tuesday, July 13 when the Board of Supervisors voted to initiate an update to the Housing Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan and to initiate a zoning ordinance and county code amendments to create an Affordable Dwelling Unit Ordinance. Both motions were approved by the Board of County Supervisors (BOCS) and are part of an expanded scope of work to make the update of the Prince William County Comprehensive Plan more holistic and cohesive.

Prince William County Supervisors Kenny Boddye (Occoquan District) and Margaret Franklin (Woodbridge District) held an ["Affordable Housing" Virtual Town Hall](#) on June 23 at 6:30 pm. Even as [the gap between incomes and housing affordability](#) widens across the DC metro area, Prince William remains one of the few Northern Virginia jurisdictions to not have affordable housing policies or funding in place. Something that both Franklin and Boddye want to see remedied.

Boddye noted that while the county has suffered from decades of missed opportunities in creating affordable housing, it can now make up for lost time. "We are in a position to learn from others as we create policies that address housing affordability in Prince William," said Boddye. "While this is foremost a quality-of-life issue, it is also an economic issue. It's also a workforce issue - our teachers, public safety personnel, and our other county employees should be able to live where they serve. When everyone has access to quality, affordable housing, the whole community benefits. I look forward to working with staff, subject matter experts and residents to tackle this important issue."

Affordable Housing, Cont'd

Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin Affordable Housing Initiatives Passes First Step into Implementation

Supervisor Franklin said that she wants to ensure housing affordability is a central topic as county staff work to update Prince William's Comprehensive and Strategic Plans.

"The county must address the important issue of affordable housing as we plan for the future growth of Prince William County. It is vital that all community stakeholders have a voice in creating a vision of this community that is fair, and equitable, and also contributes to its economic vibrancy."

The supervisors were joined by Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Housing Programs Manager Hillary Chapman, PWC Community Development Director Rebecca Horner and PWC Planning Director Parag Agrawal.

"If we want Prince William to be a place that everyone can live and thrive, we must address the important issue of affordable housing and this board has just taken the first crucial step," said Franklin.

Housing affordability is a central topic of discussion as the BOCS works to update Prince William County's Comprehensive Plan.

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