



# Woodbridge Times

*Together A New Start*

Being an effective leader involves listening to constituents, translating their concerns into workable proposals, and building consensus. I could not do this job without the involvement and openness of the people I represent. You have taken the time to share with me your ideas, your concerns, and your aspirations, and I sincerely appreciate your willingness to discuss what really matters to you. Not only have you entrusted me with the responsibility of speaking on your behalf as your representative, but you also continue to provide me with the ideas and feedback I need.



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### *CENSUS 2020*

- It's About Funding
- It's About Representation
- Its About Trust, Confidentiality and Privacy
- It's About Participation

**QUESTIONS?**

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# STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Pamela Montgomery joins the staff following a 3-decade career in the federal government. She served as Deputy General Counsel and later the Director of the Office of Education and Sentencing Practice where she led inter-disciplinary policy development teams and conducted training programs on the federal sentencing guidelines for federal judges, prosecutors, and defense attorneys. Ms. Montgomery also served on active duty as an appellate defense counsel in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. She began her legal career at Georgia Legal Services where she represented indigent clients in civil rights, domestic violence, and housing discrimination cases. She currently serves as President of the Woodbridge Rotary Club and the former Vice Chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ms. Montgomery is a graduate of Carleton College and the University of Georgia School of Law.



Brenda Medrano-Frias will serve as Senior Advisor. Brenda attended NOVA Community College where she was an advocate for Dreamers and other undocumented students. She also participated in student government where she advocated for key changes in administrative and academic affairs and represented the student body at trustee and national board meetings.

Ms. Medrano-Frias served as an Aide to State Senator Jeremy McPike and Delegate Luke Torian. Brenda brings years of advocacy and management experience and will serve as the lead on outreach activities within the Supervisors office.

Bertha is a seasoned Executive Assistant with over 25 years of experience. She has spent the last twelve years supporting the Woodbridge District Office and the Woodbridge community at large. Bertha has a very exceptional relationship with co-workers and constituents alike, which has increased customer satisfaction in the Woodbridge District. Previously, as a Senior Assistant, she has developed many employee development programs and served as point for various key events throughout the community. For the past three years she has served on the WSAC for PWC Community Service..



# COVID-19

Dear Woodbridge District Residents,

I understand how hard it has been for our residents, families, employees, workers, and small businesses who bring such vibrancy to our county. I want you to know that I am with you and I am working hard to advocate for you and make sure we are ready to fight COVID-19. Just yesterday, our Board of County Supervisors sent an email to Vice President Michael Pence, head of the COVID-19 taskforce, calling on the Federal Government to send more testing kits. I also sent a letter urging Governor Ralph Northam to send more testing kits and provide relief for our residents during this State of Emergency. It is my utmost priority to ensure the residents of our county are taken care of and that we have every possible measure in place to control the spread of the virus and treat individuals who are infected.

Prince William County Government has been working diligently to provide continued support for our residents. In the video, I emphasize some of these including free meals for our students, and partnerships with local food pantries. For the safety of our community, our buildings are closed to the public. However, our government is STILL open and serving members of the community, online and over the phone. If you have any questions, or need any help, my office is always happy to assist via email ([woodbridgedistrict@pwcgov.org](mailto:woodbridgedistrict@pwcgov.org)) and over the phone (703-792-4646). We also post updates on social media at Woodbridge District Supervisor on Facebook and @WoodbridgeBOCS on twitter.

Lastly, I personally ask that each and every one of you does everything you can to follow all CDC guidelines and STAY HOME as much as possible. It is on us, together as a community, to do our part for the greater good. Please be mindful of other residents who also need supplies and do your best to only take what you need. Each of us can do our part to “flatten the curve” and protect our community. If you are feeling like you have symptoms of COVID-19, please call your primary care doctor or local hospital, who will refer you to be tested if appropriate. I am confident that, together, we will get through this.

Sincerely,

*Margaret Angela Franklin*



# COVID-19

## Prince William County Resources

Monday—Friday 9am—10am

Packaged breakfast and lunch served simultaneously

**Elementary School Sites**, Mullen, Jenkins, Fitzgerald, Tyler, and Dale City

**Middle School Sites**, Marsteller, Fred Lynn, Rippon, Stonewall, Beville, Graham Park, Parkside, Lake Ridge, Potomac, Hampton, and Woodbridge

**High School Sites**, Forest Park

If any student is in need of emotional support during this stressful time, he/she can email [studentsupportservices@pwcs.edu](mailto:studentsupportservices@pwcs.edu) to receive virtual support. Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS) will have counselors and other school-based mental health staff respond to any student who needs assistance.

For current information please visit: <https://emergency.pwcgov.org>

List of Resources: <https://coronavirus.pwcgov.org/resources/>

#Prince William Strong for local businesses offering takeout to continue to offer their services for our community <https://www.visitpwc.com/princewilliamstrong/>

**Food Banks**, ACTS, SERVE, and the Haymarket food Pantry

## Other important information

- The governor has HALTED all evictions. Sheriff’s department will NOT be evicting anyone. If someone is facing eviction against these orders please immediately call the police dept. non-emergency number
- The County has extended the Business Tangible Personal (BTP) Property tax filing deadline from April 15 to July 15, 2020 <https://emergency.pwcgov.org/>
- Prince William Health Hotline was established 703-872-7759
- Virginia was declared an “economic disaster zone” by the Small Business Administration. This allows small businesses and non-profits to apply for low-interest loans from the federal govt to provide relief during these hard times <https://princewilliamliving.com/sba-declares-virginia-an-economic-disaster-zone/>

# BUDGET 2021



The budget season was kicked off in Prince William County, and the Prince William Board of County Supervisors is set to hear presentations, hold work sessions and public hearings on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 budget, and receive community input before adopting the budget adoption on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

- ⇒ During the Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting at 2 pm, the supervisors was presented the proposed Capital Improvements Projects, or CIP, plan for 2021 through 2026.
- ⇒ During the 7:30 pm board meeting on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, the County Executive presented the proposed Budget, which details proposed funding for county services for Fiscal Year 2021.
- ⇒ On Saturday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, a community meeting was held from 9 am to noon, where county residents heard the presentations and asked questions about the CIP and proposed budget.
- ⇒ On Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, there was a Planning Commission CIP work session at 6 pm, where the planning commissioners provided their input on the proposed CIP.
- ⇒ On March 10<sup>th</sup> the supervisors held a budget work session, which covered specific areas of the proposed budget, as determined by the board.
- ⇒ On March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Prince William County School Board will present its proposed budget to the Board of County Supervisors during the county board's 7:30 pm meeting.
- ⇒ On April 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a recap on the proposed budget during the board's 2:00 pm meeting. There will then be a public hearing on the proposed budget at the 7:30 pm meeting. (The board will also hold an additional public hearing on the proposed budget at a date yet to be decided.)
- ⇒ On April 21<sup>st</sup>, during the budget mark-up session at 7:30 pm, the supervisors will determine any final changes they would like to make to the budget.
- ⇒ The budget is scheduled to be adopted on April 28<sup>th</sup> during the board's 7:30 pm meeting.

All meetings will be held in the Board Chambers at the McCoart Administration Building, 1 County Complex Court, in Woodbridge, with the exception of the Planning Commission meeting, which will be held in the Potomac Conference Room of the McCoart Building.

There are several ways the public can get involved during the budget process. Residents are welcome to attend the above-mentioned meetings and speak; You may leave a comment on the board's weekly agenda on SpeakUp Prince William at [pwcgov.org/speakup](http://pwcgov.org/speakup); ask a question using the interactive Budget Q&A, which will be available at [pwcgov.org/budget](http://pwcgov.org/budget) starting Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>; or they may contact their district supervisor, whose contact information can be found at [pwcgov.org/bocs](http://pwcgov.org/bocs). More information about the FY21 Budget can be found at [pwcgov.org/budget](http://pwcgov.org/budget).

# HIT THE GROUND RUNNING



Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin hosted her first Open House as Woodbridge District Supervisor, Wednesday January 22nd at the A.J. Ferlazzo building. She greeted attendees and provided remarks where she introduced her staff to members of the community and outlined district priorities and her vision for

*“It was wonderful to meet residents from all over the Woodbridge District. I’m looking forward to meeting many more residents and serving their needs”*



Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin hosted an inaugural Woodbridge Town Hall on Thursday, January 30th at Leesylvania Elementary School. Supervisor Franklin was joined by Seth Handler-Voss (Director of Parks and Recreation), Raul Torres (Director of the Human Rights Commission), and Loree Williams (Vice-Chair of the School Board). Each spoke about projects and initiatives taking

place in the Woodbridge District and answered questions from residents. Topics discussed include the widening of Route 1, parking concerns at commuter lots, cleanup at the Neabsco Boardwalk, and the FY 2021 Prince William County budget priorities for the Woodbridge District.

*“I am thankful for the number of residents who came to our first Woodbridge Town Hall. This shows we have a strong community that’s willing to work together and move Woodbridge forward. I’m looking forward to following up with our constituents and guaranteeing that their needs are put first.”*



# HIT THE GROUND RUNNING (CONT'D)

Supervisor Margaret Angela Franklin hosted a Latino Roundtable on Wednesday, February 12th at Fred Lynn Middle School. Supervisor Franklin was thrilled to see approximately 120 community members attend. She was joined by representatives from several local Latino organizations such as Comité Hispano of Prince William County, CASA, Edu-Futuro, Tenants and Workers United, Drive Virginia Forward and VACOLAO (Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations). Each representative informed the community about upcoming legislation such as driver's licenses and in-state tuition.



*“This roundtable is the first step in what we hope will be a long partnership with the Latino Community. Woodbridge is made up of the second highest-Latino population in the county at 21,097. My commitment is to guarantee that the Latino community has the resources necessary to thrive throughout Woodbridge and Prince William County.”*

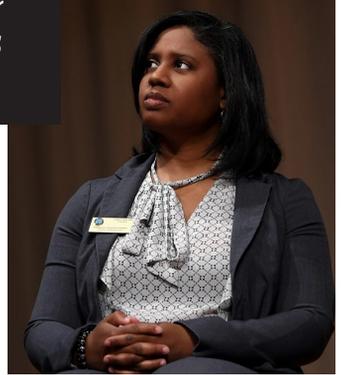
## VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH AT THE WOODBRIDGE SENIOR CENTER



# OTHER EVENTS



**BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH CENSUS  
CELEBRATION**



**MARUMSCO HILLS  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



**RIVER OAKS  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**



**FEATHERSTONE  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



**BELMONT BAY  
MEET AND  
GREET**

# MOBILITY PROJECTS PARKS AND RECREATION

**Opitz Boulevard Sidewalk**—This project involves the design and construction of approximately 1,300 feet of sidewalk along the south side of Opitz Boulevard. The facility will connect to an existing sidewalk on Potomac Center Boulevard, and to an existing sidewalk on Opitz Boulevard at the Potomac Library. This project is expected to be completed between 2022-2023.

**Route 1 expansion from Featherstone to Marys Way**—This project involves the widening of Route 1 from Marys 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 route. Utility duct work is being completed and road construction should begin this fall (2020).

**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.

**Neabsco Mills Road Widening**—This project widens Neabsco Mills Road and is currently under design along with a right-of-way acquisition. This project is expected to be completed by 2022.

**Neabsco/Woodbridge/Potomac Commuter Parking Garage**—This project includes the construction of a 1,400 space garage within the vicinity of the Neabsco Mills Road Widening Project. The construction of the garage will serve as a park and ride facility for commuters. This property is located on county-owned property behind Stonebridge/ Across street from Sentara Hospital.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

- Belmont Park-Belmont Park Bridge replacement;
- Hammill Mill Park- Paving; site Improvements (Americans with Disabilities Act compliance (ADA) and replacing the retaining wall;
- Rippon Lodge-Installation of a flat roof and a front gate; ADA compliance
- Trail; and installing an interior sidewalk;
- Veterans Memorial Park-Repaving the Tennis and Basketball court;
- Neabsco Regional Park – Connecting the boardwalk from Julie Metz to Leesylvania State Park; Installing boat launches at Rippon Landing and an exercise trail

# BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The following individuals have been appointed to serve the Woodbridge District on Boards and Commissions

|                    |                                       |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Clarice Torian     | Social Services Board                 |
| LT Pridgen         | Human Rights Commission               |
| Dexter Montgomery  | Industrial Development Authority      |
| Bonnie Klakowicz   | Person's with Disability Board        |
| Carly McDowell     | Person's with Disability Board (alt.) |
| Stephany Ospino    | Housing Board                         |
| Lynda Silverstrand | PWC Trails & Blueways Council         |
| David Brickley     | PWC Trails & Blueways Council         |
| Voneka Bennett     | Community Services Board              |
| Terry Hill         | Wetlands Board                        |
| Bruce Smith        | Wetlands Board                        |
| Carly McDowell     | Wetlands Board                        |
| Sandra Dawson      | Commission on Aging                   |
| Cynthia Moses-Nedd | Planning Commission                   |
| Virginia Douglas   | Solid Waste Citizen Advisory Group    |

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## It's About Funding

Counting every person in Prince William County will provide more funding for schools, transportation, parks, police, fire, housing and health services.

## It's About Representation

The Census count will determine the size of your congressional delegation.

## Its About Trust, Confidentiality And Privacy

Your personal information will not be shared with any other government agency or person, and the information you provide can't be used against you.

## It's About Participation

Participate and complete the 2020 Census. It will benefit you, your family and your community.

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## Se trata de fondos

Contar a cada persona en el condado de Prince William aportará más fondos federales para las escuelas, transportación, parques, policía, bomberos, vivienda y servicios de salud.

## Se trata de representación

El conteo de censo determinará el tamaño de tu representación congressional.

## Se trata de confianza, confiden- cialidad y privacidad

Tu información personal no será compartida con ninguna otra agencia o persona y la información que proveas no podrá ser utilizada en tu contra.

## Se trata de participación

Participa y completa el cuestionario del Censo 2020, será de beneficio para ti, tu familia y tu comunidad.

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