



# Woodbridge Times

*Together, A New Start*

**Together, A New Start!** January 2020 was a new start for me as the newly elected Woodbridge District Supervisor. I take my job as your representative very seriously. I would like to point out some accomplishments we have made this year, and areas that we are working to improve for our residents.

## End of Year Report

### Supervisor Franklin serves as:

- Chair of PRTC/OmniRide;
- Chair Pro Temp of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors; and
- Serves on the Operations Board at VRE.

### Overview—Led the effort on:

- Small Business Grant program; help businesses during COVID-19;
- Housing Assistance program to help residents during COVID-19;
- Child Advocacy Center to help victims of child abuse;
- Racial & Social Justice Commission to promote Racial Justice;
- Environmental Sustainability Commission to promote sustainability;
- "Grow your own" Public Safety Program to help recruit students to become police officers; and
- Renaming of Route 1.

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**QUESTIONS?**

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# Economic Development

## Led the effort in:

- Creating a small business grant program at \$5 million to provide grants to small businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19.
- Began implementing the North Woodbridge Small Area Plan, including working with members of the Belmont Bay community, and various renovation projects, such as;
  - ⇒ Station Plaza/Cowles Ford redevelopment;
  - ⇒ Shell Gas Station redevelopment in North Woodbridge.
- Directed staff to create a recreational ferry system to promote and propel our Marina growth along the Potomac River.
- Ever Brook Academy Child Development Center is planned for the location behind Wawa.

## Housing

### Led the effort in:

- Creating a Housing Assistance Program to provide mortgage, rental and utility assistance to those impacted by COVID-19.
- Issued directives as part of an Affordable Housing Initiative, to evaluate the feasibility of utilizing vacant residential housing stock as part of a local affordable housing program.
- Directed staff to create a housing trust fund to support affordable housing efforts;
- Directive for staff to submit an Affordable Housing (ADU) policy and Affordable Housing (ADU) ordinance for approval by the board by the end of winter 2021.

# Education

## Led the effort in:

- Securing additional funding during COVID-19 for technology and Personal Protection Equipment for teachers and students.
- Supporting the FY 2021 budget that included an increased in school funding.
- Working to support equitable boundary lines for the new Potomac Shores Middle School.
- Working to build a new elementary school in North Woodbridge revitalization corridor.
- Directed the County Executive to collaborate with Prince William County Schools (PWCS) to review options for managing school meal debt to help parents.
- Directed staff to investigate and consider the implementation of a "Grow Your Own" Public Safety Program, to recruit students to become PWC police officers and to positively interact with officers and the community.

# Transportation

## Projects Completed or Underway

- **Route 1 Widening from Annapolis Way to Mary's Way**
  - ⇒ VDOT has completed widening of Route 1 from entry to PWC to Mary's Way.
- **Route 1 Widening (Phase 2)**
  - ⇒ The next phase of construction begins shortly. This 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 side-walk along the sides of the route. It is an 18 -month project. 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.
- **Neabsco Mills Road Widening**
  - ⇒ Four- lane widening from Route 1 to Dale Boulevard.
  - ⇒ Construction advertisement –December 2020.
  - ⇒ Construction begins –September 2021.
  - ⇒ Construction ends –September 2023.
- **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.
- **Traffic Light at Rippon Blvd and Blackburn Road**
  - ⇒ Traffic Signal has been activated.

# Transportation Cont'd

- **95 Express Lane -Opitz Boulevard Ramp**

⇒ Construction on a 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 would be located in 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. Estimated completion in Summer of 2022.

- Ushered in the second phase of the Route 1 widening to be completed in 2022.
- Overseeing the design study of the overpass ramp connecting Annapolis Way to Belmont Bay.
- Completed reconstruction of the Annapolis Way intersection.
- Completion of the Gordon Blvd intersection where traffic switched to the new pavement between Horner Road and Route 1.
- Overseeing the parking garage design for the Rippon VRE station.

**Additional recently completed transportation projects include:**

- **Rippon Landing Neighborhood Park Parking Lot:** This project constructed a parking lot at the Rippon Landing Neighborhood Park for visitors to the park, Neabsco Creek Boardwalk and the Rippon Landing Historic Home.
- **Express Lane Sidewalk:** This project constructed a missing section of the sidewalk at the front of the Woodbridge VRE station to improve commuter safety. The project also replaced three ramps.
- **Horner Road Sidewalk:** This project constructed a missing sidewalk section with 360 feet of new sidewalk along Horner Road ending at Kilby Elementary School.
- **Vantage Drive and Route 1**
  - ⇒ The improvements to the median have been completed and the crossover has reopened.

## In the Community

We are being extra careful during the Pandemic, but we still try to get out and do things in our community. Social distancing and mask has allowed us to enjoy some community events.



Thank you to the Manassas-Woodbridge Chapter of Jack and Jill for the extraordinary work performed this morning at Fred Lynn Middle. Through their food, clothing, and toy drive, we were able to collect countless items ahead of the holidays.

Thank you Fox 5 DC for allowing me to highlight the scenic beauty of the Woodbridge District in Prince William County and thanks to management at REI for supporting local tourism efforts.



Visiting Merrimac Farm and learning about the conservation effort to save the property

Playing golf at Forest Greens Golf club, one of our county's finest golf courses.



# In the Community (cont'd)

Thank you to our Girl Scouts for visiting board chambers and learning about the work of local government!



Distributing Food with the PW Community Foundation.



Dumpster Day! A special thanks to the Prince William Department of Public Works! [#MakingWoodbridgeBeautiful](#)



Supervisor Franklin and Supervisor Bailey handing out PPE equipment to small businesses.

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