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## News and Updates from the Cville Dems (11/2/2023)

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### In This Issue

We have a few bits of new info (e.g. Saturday morning "Donut Forget to Vote" event for the final day of early voting!) and mainly the important reminders about all you can still do to help keep Democratic control of at least the Senate, and maybe even flip the House! Dems throughout the state (including us!) must turn out in good numbers, so... remind/nudge your friends to vote!

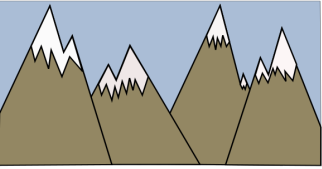
- Upcoming Events (mark your calendars!)
- 4 Ways to Bring Home Electoral Victories (incl. 11/4 "Donut Forget to Vote" morning event)
- REPORT: Senator Mark Warner's 10/28 GOTV Visit

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message". Or... read the complete issue [on our website](#) once we upload it (usually within an hour of mailing).

## Upcoming Events!

- **Today, tomorrow, Saturday** — Early Voting!
- **11/02** 4:00-6:30 — "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays" at Brazos Tacos
- **11/04** 8:30am-5:00pm — Saturday Early Voting
- **11/04** 8:30-11:30am — "Donut Forget to Vote" event by the Registrar's Office (see below)
- **11/07** 6am-7pm — Election Day!!
- **11/07** 7pm — join Albemarle Dems at victory party at [Vivace's](#), 2244 Ivy Rd., Cville
- **11/23** — Thanksgiving
- **11/27** 6:30pm — Full Committee Meeting



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## 4 Ways to Work for a November 7 Dems Victory!



### Local Option #1: Early In-Person Voting

You can still do Early Voting today, Friday, and Saturday at the Registrar's Office in the City Hall Annex, 120 7th St. NE, Room 142. Be sure to bring a valid-for-voting ID (see this [overview](#) and [list of acceptable forms of ID](#)). Saturday is our "Donut Forget to Vote", see below.

Hours of operation:

- Monday – Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm (Thursdays until 7:00pm)
- Next Saturday, October 28, and also Saturday, November 4, from 8:30am – 5:00pm

Note 1: When you do vote (whether Early or 11/7), be sure to wear the "I Voted" sticker they give you, to remind others to also vote!

Note 2: Curbside voting from a car is available to anyone with a disability, limited mobility, or who is over age 65; just call 434-970-3250 when you arrive at the Registrar's Office.

Whether you're voting early or voting on Election Day, [check now to make sure you're registered](#); botched Republican "voter security" efforts mistakenly purged thousands of eligible voters. Check your own registration, and warn friends and family to check theirs too!

Helpful website pages:

- [Voter Registration and Voting Information](#)
- [City of Charlottesville's Interactive Precinct Map](#) to find your polling place
- [Upcoming Local Elections](#)

## **Local Option #2: "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays"**

No more Option 2 efforts needed; we wrote and mailed approximately 7,500 postcards! This is far more than we've ever done before, thanks to (1) so many of you who pitched in by coming out to write postcards and/or who donated to buy stamps and cards, and (2) superb organizing by Mary Ann Harris, Nancy Damon, and Suzanne Michels — huge kudos!



So our Thursdays at Ix work is done for this election cycle; no more Ix Park meet-ups until Spring!



## **Local Option #3: Canvassing (Last Chance!)**

This is our last weekend to reach voters; we need to make a BIG final push to overcome what is looking like an otherwise low-turnout election (not good for abortion rights or continued constitutional government

or any of the issues that you care about!). The Charlottesville and Albemarle parties are partnering to ensure we win *all* our local races; with several uncontested City races, it makes sense to shift some of our energy and resources their way.

Senator Mark Warner came down last week to give our canvassing surge a boost (see report below) because winning Senator Creigh Deeds' State Senate race is critical to keeping it under Democratic control, but all these races we're canvassing for are very important:

- State Senate: Incumbent Senator Creigh Deeds is favored to win our crucial Senate District 11, but the district has some very conservative areas, and we can't be complacent if we're going to keep this seat. His opponent, Philip Hamilton, is quite a piece of

work; among other claims to fame, he's publicly misgendered his own 12-year-old, claiming that school teachers had [poisoned his child's mind into being non-binary](#). And he favors schools outing gay students to their parents (see below in "Preaching Beyond the Choir"). This is *not* someone we want representing us; please donate to or canvass for (or both) the [Deeds campaign!](#)

- House of Delegates: [Amy Laufer](#) (our Albemarle County neighbor running in a competitive District #55 race, recently endorsed by Gabby Giffords's Gun Safety PAC) and [Katrina Callsen](#) (running unopposed in our District #54).
- Charlottesville City Council: Natalie Oschrin, Michael Payne, and Lloyd Snook (running unopposed).
- Charlottesville School Board: Amanda Burns, Shymora Cooper, Chris Meyer, and Nicole Richardson (four candidates running unopposed for four open seats).
- Albemarle County Board of Supervisors: Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, Ann Mallek, and Michael Pruitt.
- Albemarle County School Board (ACSB): Rebecca Berlin, Judy Le, Ellen Moore Osborne, and [Allison Spillman](#). A few notes about Allison's race: she's running against Meg Scalia Bryce, the daughter of the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Bryce (a) said on 10/15 at an NAACP forum **"not everybody agrees that there is systemic racism. And it has to be OK for people to disagree about that."** (She's also very [offended by the County's anti-racist curriculum](#)), and (b) is very concerned that the ACSB has been treating LGBTQ kids with respect and support. Although Allison has been closing the fundraising gap, Scalia Bryce is still ahead. We can't let extremists like her (e.g. a fan of the Moms for Liberty book banners) start taking over our local schools (per [Forward Albemarle](#), all *her* kids attend private schools). Please help [Allison's campaign](#) any way you can, especially via donations and canvassing help.

**If you'd like to canvass locally (it takes about 3 hours):**

1. On a weekday, please email [karencombs6522@gmail.com](mailto:karencombs6522@gmail.com).
2. On a weekend, sign up via [Mobilize](#) to participate in one or more of these coordinated canvasses:

Date	Start Time	City	Location
Saturday, November 4	10:00 AM	Crozet	Mudhouse Crozet
Saturday, November 4	2:00 PM	Crozet	Mudhouse Crozet
Sunday, November 5	12:00 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Sunday, November 5	2:30 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office



This Saturday, Nov 4, 8:30-11 am

Outside City Registrar's office  
City Hall Annex, 120 7th Street NE

Meet Senator Deeds, Katrina Callsen, and  
candidates for City Council & School Board

Free Yummy Donuts!

## Option #4: "Donut Forget to Vote" Saturday Morning 11/4 Event!

On Saturday November 4, the last day of Early Voting, we'll be partying 8:30-11:00am near the Cville Registrar's office (120 7th Street NE at City Hall Annex, near the Pavilion). Come join us and a medley of candidates who will chat with us and encourage us (and those walking by!?) to get their vote in. Donuts never hurt, so we're offering them too!

Please contact Suzanne Michels [suzemichels@gmail.com](mailto:suzemichels@gmail.com) if you'd like to help with this event or have any questions. Thanks to our friends at Himalayan Fusion

for help with staging logistics.

Sen. Creigh Deeds needs all our Cville blue votes to keep his seat and a Dem majority in the VA Senate. Don't let the City's uncontested races lull you into complacency; we need to work to make sure our neighbors and friends turn out to vote! So far this cycle, Early Voting is way down, which is worrisome...

## Option #5 Non-local: Help Key VA Races with Time and/or Cash

Republicans control the House of Delegates and the Governor's mansion, and Dems barely hold the Senate; if Republicans take the Senate, then Virginia will become Florida, which means forced childbirth laws, schools teaching whitewashed history, "don't-say-gay" laws, and other measures to erase LGBTQ youth...we can't let this happen!



Below is a list of the hottest "battleground races" for Senate and House of Delegate seats. Please please please:

1. tell your friends and family who live in these districts how critical it is that they get out and vote for these Democratic candidates!
2. ask them to ask their friends and family too!

Seat	City/County	Dem Candidate	Notes
<b>Richmond area</b>			
SD 16	Henrico (western)	Schuyler VanValkenburg	Flip opportunity!
HD 57	Goochland/Henrico (parts of each)	Susanna Gibson	
HD 58	Henrico (western)	Del. Rod Willett	Incumbent Dem
<b>Western Virginia</b>			
HD 41	Montgomery/Roanoke (parts of each)	Lily Franklin	
<b>Northern Virginia</b>			
SD 30	Prince William (part), Manassas, Manassas City	Danica Roem	
HD 21	Prince William (western)	Josh Thomas	
HD 22	Prince William (part)	Travis Nembhard	
HD 30	Loudoun/Fauquier (parts of each)	Rob Banse	
SD 31	Loudoun/Fauquier (parts of each)	Russet Perry	
HD 29	Loudoun (Leesburg area)	Marty Martinez	
<b>Fredericksburg</b>			
SD 27	Fredericksburg/Stafford/Spotsylvania	Joel Griffin	
HD 65	Fredericksburg/Stafford/Spotsylvania	Joshua Cole	

<b>Hampton Roads area</b>			
SD 22	Virginia Beach (part)	Sen. Aaron Rouse	Incumbent Dem
HD 97	Virginia Beach (part)	Michael Feggans	Flip opportunity!
SD 24	Newport News (part), York, Williamsburg, Poquoson, James City (part)	Sen. Monty Mason	Incumbent Dem
HD 94	Norfolk (part)	Phil Hernandez	
<b>Tidewater and Southside</b>			
SD 17	See below	Clint Jenkins	
HD 89	Chesapeake/Suffolk	Karen Jenkins	
HD 84	Suffolk/Isle of Wight (Franklin City)/Chesapeake	Nadarius Clark	
HD 82	Petersburg/Dinwiddie/Prince George/Surry	Kimberly Pope Adams	Flip opportunity!

SD 17 is enormous: Suffolk, Isle of Wight (including Franklin City), Portsmouth (part), Southampton, Brunswick, Greensville, Dinwiddie (part), Emporia, Chesapeake (part).

Note: past newsletters highlighted some of these great candidates, e.g. teacher [Schuyler VanValkenburg](#), tech entrepreneur and veteran [Michael Feggans](#), long-time Democratic staffer [Lily Franklin](#) (for Delegate Sam Rasoul and Josh Throneburg), and more!

## REPORT: Senator Mark Warner's 10/28 GOTV Visit

Last weekend the Albemarle Dems hosted a Sunday pre-cavass get-out-the-vote (GOTV) event at Pen Park with Sen. Mark Warner as guest speaker. The Senator was in fine form, flagging the many ways that Democratic policies over the past few



years have benefitted Virginians:

- Preserving abortion and reproductive rights
- Infrastructure improvements under Biden (massive job-creating investments)
- Internet access for more people
- Efforts to address climate change and Environmental protection
- Democracy and rule of law (our election systems and Justice Dept withstood Trump's/Republicans' lawlessness)

All this progress (and more!) disappears if we lose our razor-thin majority in the Senate; Creigh Deeds' seat is critical!

Roughly 90 Dems came out to hear his inspiring remarks; they asked questions, took pictures, and then went out to hit lots of doors in the canvass afterwards. Buoyed by the nice weather and provided lunch, spirits and energy were high! Thank you Albemarle Dems chair Karen Combs for organizing this great gathering.



## Partner Organizations

Our friends the [UVA Dems](#), [Albemarle Dems](#), [Greene County Dems](#), [Nelson County Dems](#), and (the relatively new!) [Charlottesville Area Young Democrats](#) are doing good things too, check them out!

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