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News and Updates from the Cville Dems (5/9/2024)

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Upcoming Events!

5/3—Early voting for the June 18 primary elections began May 3 (see our website's [voter information](#) page). Last day to vote early is June 15.

5/18—5th Congressional District (5th CD) Convention in Fluvanna County

6/2—Democracy on Tap at Kardinal Hall, 3:30pm, Latino Community with Avery Chenoweth

6/7—Cville Dems Summer Bash, 6pm, Jefferson School on the lawn, next day if raining

6/18—Senate & Congressional Primary

6/15—Juneteenth Celebration (see below)

6/22—Democratic Party of Virginia Convention in Richmond

6/22—Blue Commonwealth Gala, Richmond, 7pm (see below)

6/24—Full Committee Meeting, 6:30pm

The Summer Bash is an opportunity to get together with old friends and



make new, like-minded friends.

You get a nice meal on (what we hope will be) a warm evening on the lawn of the Jefferson School, with chicken and

vegetarian options available. This year's bash will offer a silent auction with exciting items and experiences to enliven the evening. With the money from sponsorships, we plan to hire several student interns to help get out younger voters and what we call reluctant voters (people who do not always vote).

Join the Cville Dems on Friday, June 7, from 6 pm – 8 pm on the lawn of the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center for a Soul Food Dinner and Summer Gathering, aka The Summer Bash! (Rain date is the next day, June 8 at Carver Rec Center.) We'll be joined by many local and state-wide candidates and officeholders, names TBA... stay tuned.

Leading up to November general election, we'll canvass with the Tim Kaine and Pres. Biden campaigns in their new offices, and also with the 5th District Democratic candidate to be determined by the June 18 primary. (Later we hope to have our own office, assuming we get enough generous donations from members like you!).

<https://cville Dems.org/event/2024-cville-dems-summer-bash-june-7-6-8pm/>

Details, including food options and ticket and sponsorship cost levels and access, are at the link above.

To help with planning purposes, please purchase your tickets and sponsorships by May 17, if possible.

Please come out for the evening and support our next steps this election year. Consider sponsorship, buying tickets for friends and family, or coming solo. You may be inspired to join our fundraising and other volunteer teams.

Focus on Fifth District Candidates: Paul Riley

(Our newsletters have been featuring the Fifth District Congressional candidates in random order, picked from a hat. The wording is taken directly from their campaign websites.)

Paul Riley's years of service in the Army instilled and reinforced his core values. These values continue to guide his actions and decisions to this day, shaping his approach to leadership and public service.



As a proven leader with a wealth of experience in diverse and challenging environments, Paul possesses an innate ability to build consensus and find common ground on complex problem sets. His military background has equipped him with the skills to navigate through adversity, make tough decisions, and lead with integrity and empathy.

These qualities, combined with his unwavering commitment to serving his country and community, make Paul Riley a formidable candidate for Congress. His dedication to upholding core values and finding solutions that benefit all will undoubtedly serve him well as he seeks to represent and advocate for the people of his district.

Website: <https://paulrileycongress.com/issues>

Know Your Candidates and Vote!

Get to know the three Fifth District US Congressional Democratic candidates for the June 18 Primary Election.

Our VA-05 House of Representatives candidates in alphabetical order are:

Paul Riley:	https://paulrileycongress.com/
Gary Terry:	https://garyterryforcongress.com/
Gloria Witt:	https://www.gloriawittforcongress.com/

The Senate candidate is our incumbent Senator **Tim Kaine**. Go, Tim!

And of course, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are running hard against Trump for the White House and American democracy -- not demagoguery -- for all.

Everybody vote! Early voting is open through June 15.

Dues are Due!

Treasurer Jason Vandever reminds us that 2024 dues are due and can be paid via Act Blue or by mailing a check payable to Cville Dems, PO Box 916, Charlottesville, VA 22902. If you are already set up in Act Blue for a monthly donation, that recurring donation covers you, and you don't need to do anything.

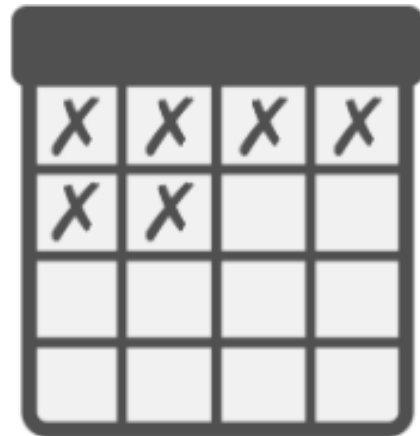


2024 Election Calendar

Mark your calendar and vote for a healthy US Democracy!!

2024 Democratic Party of Virginia (DPVA) Calendar of Events

- Early Voting for US Senate and Congressional Primary
May 6-June 15
- 5th District Convention – **May 18, 11am in Fluvanna**
- U.S. Senate and Congressional Primary – **June 18**
- DPVA Convention – **June 22, 10am in Richmond**
- Democratic Party National Convention – **Aug.19-23, in Chicago**
- General Election – **Nov. 5**



"Democracy on Tap," Discussing Latino Community with Avery Chenoweth

On Sunday, June 9, 3:30pm, our monthly "Democracy on Tap" event will feature Avery Chenoweth, author and documentarian, who will talk about the Latino community in Charlottesville. He was executive producer for the new bilingual documentary, "Sometime, Somewhere/Algún día, en algún lugar," by local (Argentinian-native) director Richard Preve. Avery is also a Spanish interpreter for Habitat for Humanity International.



Last Sunday's "Democracy on Tap" gave the Fifth District candidates – Paul Riley, Gary Terry, and Gloria Witt – an opportunity to discuss their platforms and viewpoints as contenders against Rep. Bob Good.

Dems Meetings are Fun! Next is June 24, 6:30 pm

It's a fired-up Election Year, and we can use your help, energy, and ideas. Join us at the next meeting, Monday, June 24, at 6:30pm. The location will be announced soon.



At the last meeting, Cville Dems spent time coming up with fresh ideas and ways forward to help our group be its most productive in an election year and an ally to the entire Cville community.

Voter Registration Moves Ahead, No Matter What!



Photo: Registering new voters at Ix Market. The foreground quote from 17-term Rep. John Lewis (D-MD) says, "The vote is precious. It's almost sacred, so go out and vote like you never voted before."

Weekend rain has slowed us down a bit, but we continue to get out into the community to register new voters. We've tabled at Mel's Diner, Sunshine Market on Cherry Ave., Community Day at Washington Park, UVA's Community Fair for high-school seniors, Mudhouse on the Downtown Mall, Kardinal Hall,

and of course, the Ix Market.

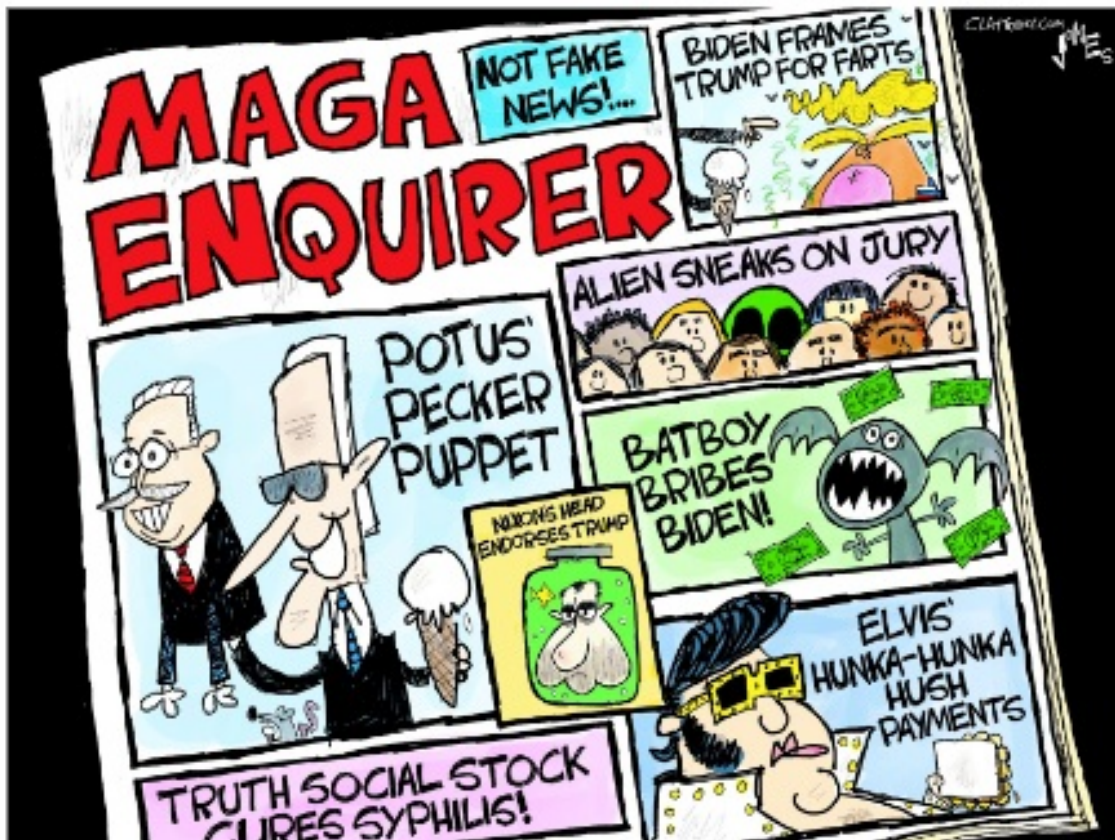
Please contact Suzanne (suzemichels@gmail.com) if you know of a local event or location ripe for our voter registration and/or rights restoration efforts or if you'd like to join the voter registration team! You'll always have a partner and it's pretty much always fun!

Volunteer Efforts are Gearing Up

As soon as we know who our 5th District candidate will be, Get Out the Vote Thursdays will resume on Thursday, June 27 at IX Park. Then, we'll meet every Thursday to canvass, phone bank, text bank (new for us), and/or write postcards. As well as reaching out to specific potential voters we identify in the City of Cville and the 5th District, we will be coordinating with the campaigns to help them reach their targeted individuals. Together we can reach out to thousands of registered voters and turn them into actual Democratic votes this November!

We hope you'll join us!

In the meantime, if your fingers are itching to start writing postcards, there is a (unaffiliated with Cville Dems) group meeting on Mondays from 10 - 12 at the Dunlora Club House. For more information, contact Mary Farrell at 703-655-3867 or wmekmf118@gmail.com. Also, May 24, 1-3pm with Donna Shaunessey, mail to: shaunesey@hotmail.com.



Join our Fundraising Group

We still need help with fundraising. If you'd like more information, or have a question about a role or volunteer opportunity, please contact Nancy as soon as possible at mail to: cvilledemschair@gmail.com, and she'll be happy to explain.

Senator Raphael Warnock is coming to Virginia!



Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock

Join Democrats from across Virginia at this year's Blue Commonwealth Gala in Richmond, June 22 at 7pm. The Gala is the annual fundraiser of the Democratic Party of Virginia and is the premier gathering of elected officials, candidates, community activists, and Democratic Party leaders.

Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock of Georgia will be our featured speaker, but the Gala will also include other notable Democratic leaders like Governor Andy Beshear of Kentucky, as well as most of the elected leaders here in the Commonwealth. There will be live music, food and drinks, speeches, and much more! The Gala will be held at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond and starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$250 per person, unless you get the early bird discount at \$200 per person. You can register at https://secure.engageraise.com/event/donate/bcg_2024_tickets/

Community Events! Juneteenth Celebration

Juneteenth Celebration is nearly here! Celebrate on June 15 at the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, 233 4th St NW, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

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15 JUNE 2024
9AM - 3PM
JSAAHC FRONT YARD

ELLIS WILLIAMS BAND

EZRA HAMILTON

JAMES BRYANT

DJ DOUBLE U

9AM PARADE BEGINS @
JACKSON P. BURLEY

11AM WELCOME, LIBATION,
NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM

1130AM - 3PM
EMANCIPATION CONCERT

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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