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## Canvassing is...

- A lovely walk with a purpose
- Getting to know Charlottesville
- Enjoying your neighbors
- Helping good candidates like Gloria Witt to win
- Being a part of American history
- Knowing you're doing important work.

For training and materials go to:

Charlottesville Democratic Coordinated Campaign Office  
1410 Incarnation Dr., Suite 203  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Canvassers leave from there:

Every Saturday: 10am, 1pm and 4pm

Every Sunday : 1pm and 4pm

The "field" team at the Harris/Kaine/Witt office (Charlie and Jack) will train you, set you up with a great list of doors to knock, all on your cell phone (which you charged up before coming!), and give you a paper map and candidate literature. To get to the doors more quickly, retrieve your Apple ID before you go, which you'll need in order to download the MiniVan app.

Thanks for coming out!

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**Harris-Walz Yard Signs are Ready for Pickup!**



Signs are available at the Coordinated Office for Harris-Walz, Sen. Kaine, and Gloria Witt.

If you're interested in distributing signs, please contact co-chair Nancy Damon at [NancyCDamon@gmail.com](mailto:NancyCDamon@gmail.com)

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## You Can Help Gloria Witt Win

There are many ways you can help Gloria win the Fifth District this election cycle. We'll include ideas in this newsletter each week, here's this week's:

Visit, follow, and like posts on the [Gloria Witt for Congress](#) Facebook page.

For more ideas, visit <https://www.gloriawittforcongress.com/get-involved> .

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**TURN  
OUT  
THE** **VOTE**  
**THURSDAYS**

**PHONE** **HAVE A**  
**BANK** **TACO**

**WRITE POSTCARDS**

**TO** **VOTERS**

### **Lots of Volunteer Options Every Thursday 5-7pm**

It's Thursday, so we'll be at Ix Park from 5pm to 7pm... let's keep the huge national momentum going here!

Volunteers (even babies!) are signing up and working at record rates for the Dems. We need everyone's assistance to win in November!

We'll gather by the picnic table outside of Brazos Tacos. From there, we can spread out to do a number of different tasks, including canvassing, our largest need. If you're planning on writing postcards or making phone calls, bring a



blanket or chair so you can sit on the lawn under the trees. If you want a drink or snack while you're working, you can sit at a table on the Brazos patio (or grab a table inside Brazos if you can't stand the heat).

On August 29:

- Charlie from the Coordinated Campaign will be there to get folks set up with phone banking and canvassing. Both of these are important because the more actual interactions we have with folks, the better.
- Frances will be there to work with folks wanting to respond to texts to rural voters, sent out by Rural Ground Game. If you're planning on responding to texts, you'll need to bring a laptop or tablet to work with.
- Postcards can be written for Gloria Witt.

If you want to do something specific for Gloria Witt, click on this link: [\\_https://www.gloriawittforcongress.com/get-involved](https://www.gloriawittforcongress.com/get-involved)

If you can't do any of the regular GOTV activities, then talk to people you know; don't underestimate how much of a difference conversations make. Talk with your relatives, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who may be on the fence or who may think voting doesn't matter. Pick an issue that's important to you and that you know something about. Listen to them BUT tell them your reasons for supporting this election's Democratic candidates. You never know whose mind you may change!

Whatever you do, it's appreciated!

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## Five Facts About Tim Walz

1. Walz enlisted in the Army National Guard at 17 years old and served for 24 years.
2. Last year, Walz signed a law that would provide free lunches and breakfasts to students at participating Minnesota schools.

3. Walz and his wife, Gwen, met as teachers in Nebraska. They moved to Minnesota in 1996.
4. As a high school football coach, Walz led his team to their first state championship.
5. A gun owner himself, Walz signed into law universal background checks for gun purchases in Minnesota.



[This article is by Ingrid Gay, one of our new Communications volunteers. Let us know if you too would like to help with Cville Dems Communications – email [communications@CvilleDems.com](mailto:communications@CvilleDems.com).]

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## Links for your Convenience

### Donate to Cville Dems

<https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/charlottesville-democratic-committee-1>

### Volunteer

<https://cvilledems.org/save-democracy-2024/>

### Check Voter Registration

<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/Lookup/status>

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## Early Voting Starts Sept. 20

Why not get voting out of the way long before the lines that may form on Tuesday, Nov. 5? You can vote early at the Office of Voter Registration 45 days before each election, starting Sept. 20 during all office hours (normally 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM,

Mon - Fri) and early voting ends at 5pm on Saturday, Nov. 2, the last Saturday before the election. The office is open the last two Saturdays before the election; the office may set additional hours. After early voting ends, you may cast a ballot at your precinct voting location on Nov. 5, Election Day. For more information:

<https://www.charlottesville.gov/431/Early-Voting>

Also, if you like t-shirts, wear the handsome "Love Vote" t-shirt to the polls; buying one benefits Cville Dems, thanks. Contact Co-Chair

Nancy Damon at [nancycdamon@gmail.com](mailto:nancycdamon@gmail.com) to get one. Sizes and supplies are limited:

- Women — 1 small, 4 medium, and large
- Men — 5 small, medium, and large.

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## Community Events

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### Jefferson School Greens Cook-off (September 7)

The Jefferson School African American Heritage Center (JSAAHC) is holding its annual Cook Off on the Yard from 10am-3pm where locals compete for the coveted title "Best Cook" for greens, mac-n-cheese, and dessert. Go to the [Jefferson School website](#) for information... and sign up to attend! Attendees' \$5 entry

fees become the prize money for the cooks that win. Your participation helps support this great nonprofit community resource.

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## Democracy Day 2024 September 14, 2024, Noon-3pm Market Street Park 101 E Market St, Charlottesville, VA 22902

Celebrate 248 years of freedom!

### MUSIC & DISPLAYS

#### SPEAKERS

Delegate Katrina Callsen, 57th District  
Senator Creigh Deeds, 11th District  
Meg Heubeck, League of Women Voters  
David Toscano, former 57th & House Minority Leader  
Eli Weinger, President, SERV

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Sierra Club, Cville National Organization for Women  
Belmont-Carlton Neighborhood Association  
Cville Friends Meeting, Peace & Social Concerns Committee  
Students for Equity and Reform in Virginia (SERV)

The U.S. Democracy Day collaborative got its start ahead of the 2022 midterms. It launched as an effort to encourage news organizations across the country to report more — and better— information about the crisis facing democracy here.

THE GOAL: Draw attention to the crisis and how individuals can respond.

Democracy Day is an effort to draw attention to this crisis, provide the public with the context and information they need, and bring all types of people and media together to sound the alarm collectively.

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**Cville Sabroso Festival — September 21, 1-10pm**



# CVILLE SABROSO FESTIVAL

CULTURE • MUSIC • DANCE • ART • FOOD

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 | 1 - 10PM**

**TING PAVILION • CHARLOTTESVILLE DOWNTOWN MALL**

**Casa de la Cultura Peru**  
Peru  
1:25 - 1:45 PM

**Raices Ecuatorianas Ecuador**  
2:00 - 2:20 PM &  
4:30 - 4:55 PM

**Panamanian Traditional Panama**  
2:30 - 3:00 PM

**LA MÀQUINA El Salvador**  
7:40 - 9:30 PM

**TINKUY**  
Peru, Ecuador, Boliva  
3:05 - 3:55 PM

**TinKus Bolivia**  
4:00 - 4:30 PM

**Villa Sabrosa Mexico**  
4:55 - 5:25 pm

**Foreign Playerz Dominican Republic**  
5:25 - 5:50 PM

**Atrapado Musical Mexico**  
5:50 - 7:00 PM

**Kids Zone (1-6 PM)**

**Beer Garden (Adults Only)**

**Tickets & Information**

**Sponsors:** EL TIO Sin Barreras, WINA (FM), GUADALAJARA, SHERWIN WILLIAMS, 91.1FM, DIVERSITY, WOODWARD, SIR SPEEDY, PRINTSOURCE, VIRESA HUMANITAS, CHARLOTTE-SIRIUS INSURANCE, LEGAL AID JUSTICE CENTER, CITY OF CHARLOTTEVILLE OFFICE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, WOODWARD COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION.

More Info: (434) 531-0104 • Link: Facebook.com/CvilleSabroso • Hosted by Sin Barreras

Come to Ting Pavilion for Cville Sabroso to celebrate the richness and vibrant diversity of Latin American culture and help support a great local community advocacy nonprofit, Sin Barreras ("Without Barriers").

Cville Dems will have a table there. The day promises nine hours of live music and lively dance performances, food, artisan crafts, and interactive cultural activities for kids. Immerse yourself in the warmth and hospitality of Latino communities at this family-friendly event.

More information [here](#), and tickets are available [here](#) (kids 12 and under are free).

## A reminder of Upcoming Events!

**Canvass every Saturday:** 10 am, 1pm, and 4pm from the Coordinated Office (see above)

**Canvass every Sunday:** 1pm and 4pm from the Coordinated Office (see above)

**9/07**–Jefferson School Greens Cook Off 2024 (see above)

**9/11**-Senior Statesmen of Virginia forum for Congressional candidates (The Center at Belvedere, 2:30pm)

**9/14**–Democracy Day (see above)

**9/21**– Cville Sabroso 2024 Latin American Cultural Festival at Ting Pavilion (see above)

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## Partner Organizations

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

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**Charlottesville Democratic Party ("Cville Dems")**

<https://cvilledems.org>

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**Thank you for your support!**

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