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Early Voting Begins Friday



for the Primary Election

Early voting begins this week at your Registrar's Office for June's primary races, running from this Friday, May 2 through June 14. Voting on Election Day, Tuesday, June 17, is done at your precinct polling location.

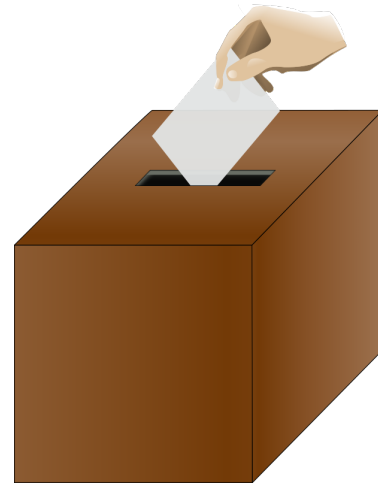
Cville voters will be able to vote via ranked-choice voting for City Council candidates (see below for more on ranked-choice voting). The other primary races will be for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. Abigail Spanberger is not being opposed as our Gubernatorial Candidate.

The [Voter registration](#) deadline is Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Voters can also [apply for a ballot](#) to be mailed to you through Friday, June 6.

The Office of Voter Registration and Elections ([Registrar's Office](#)) for Charlottesville is located at the City Hall Annex, 120 7th St. NE, Room 142 (mailing address is PO Box 1219, same zip code), and phone number is [434-970-3250](#).

List of Primary Candidates with Information Links

Here's the list of the Democratic candidates you'll see on the June primary election ballot:



Lieutenant Governor

- Former Richmond Mayor [Levar Stoney](#)
- Prince William County School Board Chair and physician [Babur Lateef](#)
- State Sen. [Aaron Rouse](#) of Virginia Beach
- Attorney [Victor Salgado](#), a former Dept. of Justice prosecutor of Arlington
- State Sen. [Ghazala Hashmi](#) of Chesterfield
- Attorney and former local union president [Alex Bastani](#) of Northern Va.

Attorney General

- Commonwealth's Attorney for Henrico County [Shannon Taylor](#)
- Former Va. Delegate [Jay Jones](#) of Norfolk

Charlottesville City Council

(listed in the randomized order for the ballot listing; you'll rank your preferred choices as 1, 2, or 3)

- [Juandiego Wade](#)

- Brian Pinkston
- Jen Fleisher

President Vice President	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice	5th Choice	6th Choice
Biden, Joseph R. Harris, Kamala D. Democratic	0	0	0	0	0	0
De La Fuente, Roque "Rocky" Richardson, Darcy G. Alliance Party	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawkins, Howard Walker, Angela Nicole Green Independent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jorgensen, Jo Cohen, Jeremy Libertarian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trump, Donald J. Pence, Michael R. Republican	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0

For the First Time, Cville will Use Ranked Choice Voting

Ranked-choice voting will be used for the first time in Charlottesville for its City Council primary race only. In alphabetical order, the candidates are: Jen Fleisher, Brian Pinkston, and Juandiego Wade. Voters will pick two candidates from these three. This means rather than voting for a candidate by filling in circles, you will be able to rank candidates as your

first, second, and third choices when you vote. The one in third place will lose the race. For more details on ranked-choice voting, [read this article](#) and/or [watch this video](#) and/or check out Ranked Choice Virginia's community education [events](#).

The League of Women Voters is conducting a May 7 online information session at 1:30pm; register in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1254496846839>.

UNUSUAL DATE! Full Committee Meeting on Monday, May 19

Because Memorial Day falls on the last Monday of the month, our usual meeting time, the Cville Dems Full Committee meeting will be held *a week early* instead:

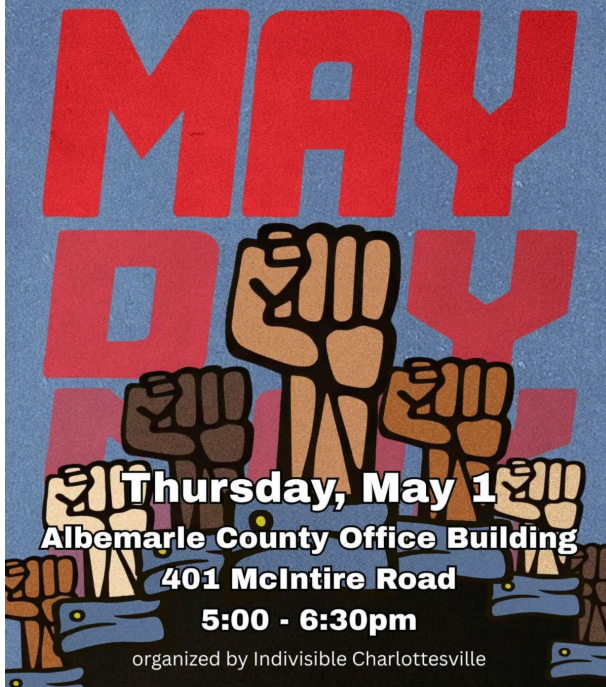
Monday, May 19, from 6-8pm
Patio at Fry's Springs Beach Club, 2512 Jefferson Park Ave.

Everyone is welcome, and we'll have a lot to discuss in this unforgettable year. The chairs have invited statewide candidates for lieutenant governor and attorney general to speak at the meeting.



**May Day Protest Rally
for Working Families
this Thursday
(Tomorrow)!**

STAND UP FOR WORKING FAMILIES



Indivisible Charlottesville is sponsoring a large rally again in front of the Albemarle County Building on McIntire Road from 5:00-6:30pm on Thursday, May 1 (tomorrow!) in a demonstration of solidarity with working families and everyone whose basic needs are under threat. We all stand for shared humanity when we all stand in "moral opposition" to the unlawful tactics of this administration. Hundreds of working people, parents, students and community members will rise in every corner of the country to fight

for dignity, justice, and public investment in our lives.

This is another national event, with [1000+ cities participating](#), sponsored with MoveOn, Indivisible, and other groups — just like the wildly successful [April 5 "Hands Off!" rally](#) where 5,000 of us turned out!). See the [Facebook Event page](#) for more info.

Note: some have suggested that pets should stay home, both for their own safety in crowds, and also because the County very strongly does not want people or pets on their lawn!

Summer Bash will be August 23

Save the date of Saturday, August 23, for our big night of the year, the Cville Dems Summer Bash. This year, tickets for the festive night out with speakers and a fine meal from Pearl Island Catering in the (air conditioned!) Carver Rec Center will be \$40 per person, and sponsorships are available at the levels of \$125, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, and \$5,000. Stay tuned for more information!



This is our only fundraiser of the year, so we really appreciate all the support you can give us this August.



Join the Spanberger for Governor Charlottesville Canvassing

The Abigail Spanberger for Governor Campaign will be canvassing the next two weeks and then some. If you'd like to knock doors to talk to Lean Democrats and Strong Democrats who don't always turn out to vote, see below. Canvassers will meet up at Belmont Park every Saturday at 10am and 1pm, and every Sunday at 1pm.

Here are the links to sign up:

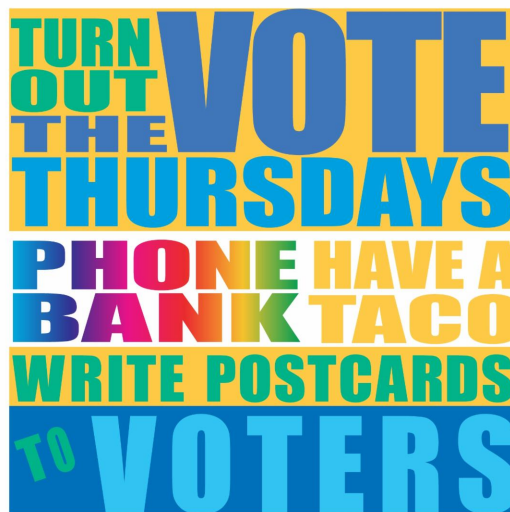
- Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd and 4th:
<https://www.mobilize.us/spanbergerforgovernor/event/778485>
- Saturday and Sunday, May 10th and 11th:
<https://www.mobilize.us/spanbergerforgovernor/event/778486>

CAMPAIGN NEWS: Sierra Thomas has just arrived in Virginia as campaign's regional organizer for the 5th and 6th districts. Jimmy Flood (jimmy@abigailspanberger.com) is the 5th District organizer we're in touch with for now; soon six organizers for the 5th District will be helping throughout the election cycle.

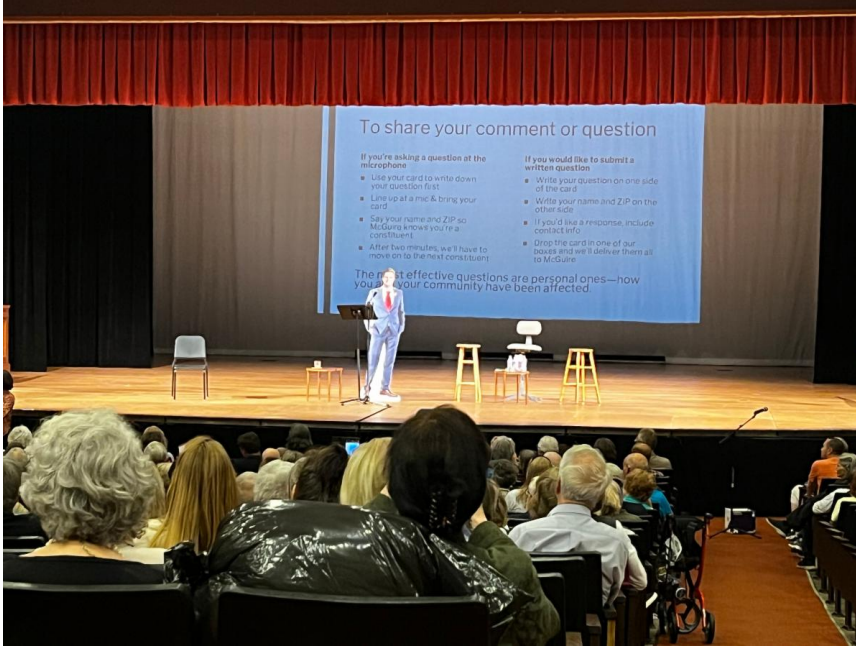
"Thursdays at Ix Park" Will Begin in June

We'll remind you again in the coming weeks, but the volunteer activities at Ix Park will resume this year after the June 17 primary, once we know which candidates will be on the final election ballot for Charlottesville voters. The time will be 5-7pm for Ix Park activities.

This year we'll also be helping Lily Franklin in the Blacksburg (VA-41) House of Delegates District with cards, calls, and texts. She lost by under 200 votes in her last try, and we want to bring her over the finish line with a seat in Richmond.



**Rep. John
McGuire an
(Expected)**



No-Show at Town Hall Meeting

Almost 1,000 people attended a town hall at Charlottesville High School's MLK Auditorium on Saturday, April 26 to which 5th District

Republican Congressman John McGuire had been repeatedly invited by Indivisible Charlottesville — but did not respond. The group propped up onstage a full-sized, cardboard cutout of McGuire at a podium.

Attendees then lined up at several microphones set up around the auditorium to ask questions they would have posed to the real McGuire on a wide range of topics including the economy and federal funding and job cuts. They also wrote questions on cards to be collated and delivered this week to McGuire's office. We'll see if he responds.

Also among the audience: other local, county, and state lawmakers. Thank you to Creigh Deeds, Katrina Callsen, Amy Laufer, Lloyd Snook, and Michael Payne for coming to listen to your constituents, and to Hashmi Ghazala for her inspiring words.

Note: Indivisible Charlottesville also shared a very amusing [“bird-dogging” video](#) of one of its members nabbing an unexpected McGuire on the street in Charlottesville to personally invite him to attend!

Community Event: “Youth and Incarceration” Learning Session



On Tuesday, May 6,
Noon-1:30pm at
CitySpace, 100 5th

Street NE, the Charlottesville Area Justice Coalition invites all to learn about youth incarceration rates/conditions nationally, how things are

at Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention and in our court system, and what ways we might work together to better serve the youth in our area. Coffee and snacks will be served. [Please register for this event.](#)

Reminders of Upcoming Events

- **5/1** - May Day Rally, County Office Building, 5-6:30pm (see above)
 - **5/4** - Canvassing for Abigail Spanberger (see above)
 - **5/6** - [Youth & Incarceration Learning Session](#), CitySpace, 12-1:30 (see above)
 - **5/10+11** - Canvassing for Abigail Spanberger (see above)
 - **5/19** - Full Committee Meeting, Fry's Spring Beach Club, 6-8pm (see above)
 - **5/23** - [Benefit for Reproductive Freedom](#), McGuffey Art Center, 7-9pm
 - **8/23** - Summer Bash, 5-7pm, Carver Rec Center (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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