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Last Days of Early Voting in Primary Election

Early voting for June primary races ends Saturday, June 14, 5pm at your Registrar's Office (weekdays the office is open until 4:30pm). The primary election is Tuesday, June 17, when you can vote at your precinct polling location from 6am-7pm (if you're still in line at 7pm you can vote).

Cville voters will be able to vote via ranked-choice voting (see below) for City Council candidates. The other primary races will be for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. In addition, Abigail Spanberger is running unopposed as our Democratic gubernatorial

candidate.

Voters can also [apply for a ballot](#) to be mailed through this 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, 22902), phone# [434-970-3250](#).

List of Primary Candidates with Information Links

Here's the list of Democratic candidates on the June primary ballot:

Lieutenant Governor (in alphabetical order)

- Attorney and former local union president [Alex Bastani](#) of Northern Va.
- State Sen. [Ghazala Hashmi](#) of Chesterfield
- 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
- Former Richmond Mayor [Levar Stoney](#)

Attorney General (in alphabetical order)

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

Charlottesville City Council (in randomized order for the ballot listing)

- [Juandiego Wade](#)
- [Brian Pinkston](#)
- [Jen Fleisher](#)

This race, and only this race, will use ranked-choice voting for the first time in Charlottesville. Rather than voting for just one candidate by filling in a circle, you'll rank each candidate as either your first, second, or third choice. Your preferred candidate will be ranked #1, your second preferred candidate as #2, and your third preferred candidate as #3... and the top two candidates win. For more details on ranked-choice voting, [read this article](#) and/or [watch this video](#).

Knock on Doors for Abigail for Governor — June 7+8

Please turn out to canvass for Abigail Spanberger for Governor; we'll be talking to Lean Democrats and Strong Democrats who don't always turn out to vote. Canvassers will meet:

- Saturday, June 7, 10am & 1pm, meet at 2407 Jefferson Park Ave OR Dunlora neighborhood, same times, at 1606 Sawgrass Ct.
 - Sunday, June 8, 1pm - meet at 2407 Jefferson Park Ave.
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Get Your Letter Hand-Delivered to the Senate!

Bruce Bair is a concerned American who's made it his mission to walk from North Carolina to Washington, DC to hand-deliver letters to senators. He'll be in Charlottesville the night of June 9, and could add your printed or handwritten letters to his collection and deliver them to our VA Senators Kaine and Warner at their DC offices. Drop your letter by Noon on June 9 on the front porch in the box labeled "Letters for Bruce" at 2407 Jefferson Park Avenue.

Summer Bash will be August 23, 5-7pm



Save this date — Saturday, August 23, 5-7pm, for our big night of the year, the Cville Dems Summer Bash. This year's tickets for the festive night, 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.

Whether as a sponsor or as an individual, [go to ActBlue now](#) to get your tickets, and stay tuned for more information! This is our only fundraiser of the year, so we really appreciate all the support you can give us.



Chris Burton spoke for Babur Lateef for Lieutenant Governor to the large Cville Dems crowd.



Dems encircling Lieutenant Governor candidate Victor Salgado (visible at rear, in suit), include Del. Katrina Callsen in a pink dress. Their "Everything Bagels" group won.

Cville Dems Meeting Brought Candidates Together

Cville Dems gathered behind Fry's Spring Beach Club on May 19 to hear campaign pitches from several candidates (or their reps) for lieutenant governor, one for attorney general, and city council. We also participated in a fun ranked-choice voting exercise (we considered bagel flavors) led by Josh Throneburg and ate bagels while learning the latest information on primary voting and upcoming topics and events such as volunteer Thursday evenings at IX Park

and the Summer Bash.

In the lieutenant governor's race, we heard from Alex Bastani and Victor Salgado. Del. Katrina Callsen spoke on behalf of candidate Jay Jones, and Chris Burton spoke on behalf of Dr. Babur Lateef.

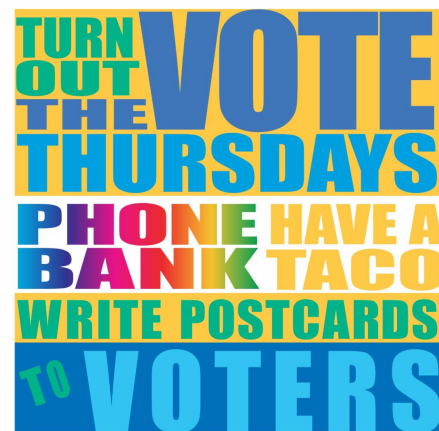
Shannon Taylor made her pitch for Attorney General, and Jimmy Flood reported Abigail Spanberger's campaign needs.

We also learned that, through tens of thousands of postcards and phone calls, Cville Dems are supporting [Lily Franklin's bid for delegate](#) in Southwest Virginia's 41st District. Last time she only lost by 183 votes, with almost no financial support from the state and national parties. This year that's different; let's also throw her lots of support and flip that seat!!

Everyone had a great time outdoors enjoying the beautiful weather and camaraderie.

“Thursdays at Ix Park” Begins June 26 (every week 5-7pm)

Our volunteer activities at Ix Park will resume this year on June 26, after the June 17 primary chooses the winning candidates. 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 last time!



Community Events (Today and Thursday)

Book Launch TODAY: "Charlottesville: An American Story" on Tuesday, June 3, 6pm at the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, about the shocking events that culminated on Aug.11-12, 2017. Registration required for this free event.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-launch-for-deborah-bakers-charlottesville-an-american-story-tickets-1316627170309>

An important session on knowing your civic rights as a protestor occurs Thursday, June 5, 6-8pm, Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 1901 Thomson Rd. The Indivisible Cville session covers fundamental civil rights, navigating law enforcement encounters, and strategies for resisting systemic injustice. This is part of a longer summer program that meets every Thursday.



No Kings Day is Saturday, June 14: Be Part of It!

No Kings Day is likely to be another *very big* event like April's Hands Off rally, as it's also sponsored by a large coalition of national groups. Indivisible Charlottesville is organizing the [local rally](#) on Saturday June 14, Noon-2pm, at the Shops at Stonefield (where Route 29 meets Hydraulic Road). Draft-dodger with bone spurs Pres. Trump is celebrating his 79th birthday that day by basking in the glory of a huge D.C.

military display. We, on the other hand, will be protesting his corrupt administration that has defied our courts, deported Americans, disappeared people, attacked our civil rights, slashed our services, and weakened our environment.

Carpool if you can to minimize parking challenges. We also suggest that pets stay home for their own safety in crowds near highways.

Reminders of Upcoming Events

- **June 3** – Book Launch, "Charlottesville: An American Story", 6pm, Jefferson School (see above)
 - **June 5** – Session on Knowing Your Rights, 6pm, Wesley Methodist Church (see above)
 - **June 7 and 8** – Knock on Cville Doors for Abigail for Governor (see above)
 - **June 14** – No Kings Day Protest, noon-2pm at Stonefield corner (see above)
 - **June 14** – Early voting ends at 5pm – ranked choice voting for city council (see above)
 - **June 17** – Virginia Primary Day (with some ranked choice voting, see above)
 - **Aug. 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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