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## Updates from The Charlottesville Democratic Committee

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### Looking Ahead:

- 3/21 6:30pm Del. Sally Hudson Town Hall, Burley Middle School
- 3/21 6:30pm City of Charlottesville's first [Budget](#) & Tax Rate Public Hearing
- 3/25 6:00pm "*The Moral Debt*" lecture by Prof. Davarian L. Baldwin ([Jefferson School](#))
- 3/26 2:00pm-? "Discover Black Charlottesville" @Ix Art Park
- 3/28 6:30pm Monthly Executive Committee meeting (see below)
- 3/29 6:30-8:00pm IMPACT Nehemiah Action (Reincarnation Church, Zoom TBA)

**Meeting the Nifty 5thD**



## Candidates!

The Albemarle County Dems co-hosted a March 15th Fifth District Candidates Forum with Josh Throneburg and Andy Parker that they're streaming on

Facebook in two chunks: [Part1](#) and [Part2](#). Make some popcorn, settle in, and meet the Candidates!

Dems elected to serve on the 5th Congressional District Committee are:

<b>Jackson Miller — Albemarle</b>	<i>Tina Winkler — Goochland</i>
<i>Lauren Whittington — Amelia</i>	<i>Gary Schatz — Louisa</i>
<i>Sam Soghor — Amherst</i>	<i>Patricia Harper-Tunley -F-Lunenburg</i>
<i>Casey Longenecker — Appomattox</i>	<i>Branden Riley — Lynchburg (City)</i>
<i>Jordan Miles — Buckingham</i>	<i>Melissa Hartman — Mecklenburg</i>
<i>Carter Elliott — Campbell</i>	<i>Lawrence Stopper — Nelson</i>
<b>Erin Monaghan — Charlottesville (City)</b>	<i>Thomas Crews — Nottoway</i>
<i>Paige Alvin — Cumberland</i>	<i>Lashawn Farmer — Pittsylvania</i>
<i>Clomeniea Oliver — Danville (City)</i>	<i>Michael Asip — Powhatan</i>
<i>Helen Schoene — Fluvanna</i>	<i>Pattie Cooper-Jones — Prince Edward</i>

Congratulations to our own Erin Monaghan (reelected as Charlottesville representative) and all the winning CD5 Central Committee Members! Albemarle County's Jackson Miller, a new addition, is well known to local Democrats for his tireless campaign work.

## The Passing of Virginia Germino

As many of you have heard, Cville Dems recently lost our long-time friend and member Virginia Germino. This picture from the Stacy Abrams GOTV rally shows Virginia with her daughter Renata and granddaughters Arianna and Maya.



Some excerpts from her [obituary](#):

...Virginia was tender but fierce, devoted to justice and equality and the need to actually accomplish both. As a teenager at Duke in the 1950s, she used a petition to end the practice of maids from Durham having to make the beds daily for students in campus dormitories. Virginia said the privileged youth of Duke ought to be old enough to handle that task on their own. In 1968, Virginia settled with her family in Charlottesville, two years before the University of Virginia went co-ed and only a few years after public schools had desegregated. While raising five children, she fought for civil rights, taking stances some deemed controversial at the time, but are now simply the right thing to do. She joined Trinity Episcopal Church in 1969, and later, St. Paul's.

A longtime member of the City's Committee to select "Bridge Builders" for the Drewary Brown Memorial Bridge, Virginia initiated the idea for stories of the Bridge Builders and collaborated on writing and editing *Bridge Builders 2001-2016*, recounting the lives of the 37 people honored for crossing racial, economic, and social barriers to create a better Charlottesville. Virginia was instrumental in the decision by St. Paul's Memorial Church to sponsor a Vietnamese family of refugees in 1979 following the Vietnam War. She took the family of four into [her] household of seven... An active parent in making Charlottesville schools a welcoming place for all, regardless of gender, religion, or race, she joined with other parents to pioneer the Unitarian Co-op nursery school uniting the children in town. Virginia's reaction to a daughter being sent home from 3rd grade in the 1970s for wearing a pantsuit was to inform the school their dress code needed to change. And so it did... Virginia taught as a faculty instructor at the Darden Business School for many years... More than anything, she listened. To her children, their spouses, her grandchildren, to all those she loved. She loved her family and her enormous group of friends with all her heart. Her house was a hub, a homeplace to all...

Suzanne Michels contributes this remembrance:

*At my first Cville Dems' meeting many years ago I knew very few folks. Virginia's big smile and invitation to sit by her drew me right in. She never passed up an opportunity to state her (wise) mind or to make folks laugh. Or to allow huge political signs on her property, looming strategically over the bypass.*

*Thank you, Virginia. You are missed!*

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## Help Us Reach Environmental Voters on Earth Day (Friday 4/22)!

The "Political Fun" group has 3-4 possible events lined up; if we get a few more volunteers we can do great stuff! Pitch in to chat up prospective Dem voters and/or help with kid-friendly activities (e.g. reading picture book stories, coloring, poster making). BONUS– we'll have opportunities to work with UVA Dems! Fun stuff, please join us!

Contact [communications@cville Dems.org](mailto:communications@cville Dems.org) if you might be interested

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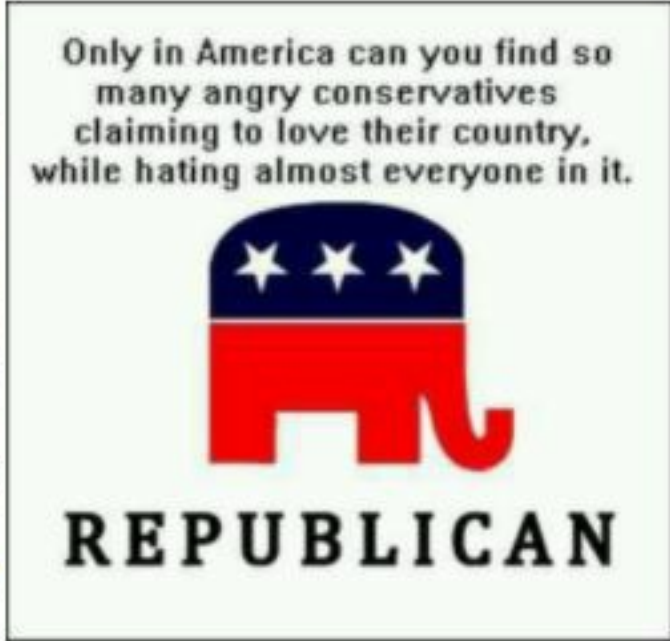


Thanks to all the Dems who contributed to the Reparations Run/Walk fundraiser (we hit our \$1000 target!) benefiting Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, the local NAACP, Vinegar Hill Magazine, PHAR, We Code Too, African-American Teaching

Fellows, and JAMZ 101.3. Thanks also to all those who walked with us. Let us know if you have ideas for similar ways we can give back to the community.

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**And now for something completely different...**



**Executive Committee Monthly Meeting (March 28, 6:30pm)**

All officers and Precinct Chairs are expected to attend, all Dems are welcome as well (request the Zoom link from [Mary Ann Harris](#)). The agenda includes the 2022-2023 Committee Budget, an update by Jim Nix on recent state electoral law changes that will impact how Virginia conducts elections, and a discussion of environmental positions ahead of Earth Day.

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***Swords into Plowshares – Survey***

The [Swords into Plowshares](#) project is seeking community input on how Charlottesville might repurpose the bronze in



the Lee statue to create [new works of public art](#). Please take a minute to take its survey [here](#).



## **Preaching BEYOND the Choir** (Why electing Dems matters!)

“...it is just the latest betrayal of constituent interests by the man who supposedly represents them in Congress, Rep. Bob Good. Good voted against the \$1.5 trillion omnibus budget last week. The bill, which included money to try and save Ukraine, overwhelmingly

passed the U.S. House and Senate with big bipartisan majorities. The budget bill will bring tens of millions of dollars in federal funds to residents of Virginia’s Fifth Congressional District, as well as aid to Ukrainians.

So forget about the prayers you offered for the victims of a Russian attack on a maternity hospital or the hordes huddled in subways to avoid the war crimes Putin commits daily. Good also voted not to fund programs for the people of his district who badly need financial support in a time of economic uncertainty.

This money that Good does not want our region to have is the product of political compromise that has eluded Congress for years. Not that Good would know anything about that... [Good] has spent his first 14 months in office fighting a full time culture war in behalf of gunmakers, abortion opponents and xenophobes.”

*Daily Progress Editorial (March 13, 2022)*

A [report](#) from Virginia's new director of the Department of Environmental Quality backs Gov. Glenn Youngkin's view that a program to reduce carbon dioxide emissions is a carbon tax without benefit to consumers....Walton Shepherd, a senior staff attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council in Virginia, said it's been transparent that the costs



of RGGI [Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative] are paid by consumers, but evidence from other states shows that [it] will result in lower overall costs by making electricity use more efficient and eliminating fuel costs of using fossil fuels to create electricity... Chris Bast, who was a deputy director at DEQ under Democratic former Gov. Ralph Northam, [attacked the report on Twitter](#)... "This 'report' is nothing more than policy laundering," Bast wrote. DEQ and its attorney "have spent years arguing how RGGI is NOT a carbon tax. The

Administration and political leadership have manufactured a report to push their policy preference. And laundered it through DEQ staff." [Daily Progress \(March 16, 2022\)](#)



*[The Board of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents] "urged Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) to scrap the 'tip line' set up to let parents complain about teachers and principals and have asked him to stop his campaign against the teaching of "divisive" content in schools.... [its executive director said] a recent administration report that rooted out policies aimed at racial equity was*

*misguided and prepared without input from school districts around the state."*

[Washington Post \(March 11, 2022\)](#)



**Del. Sally Hudson (a member of the House Committee on Health, Welfare, and Institutions)** notes that "Some leaders in Richmond say the state has a big budget 'surplus', but I think that obscures just how far behind we are in health care." Examples:

- In 2012, the US Department of Justice found Virginia in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act for failing to provide adequate services to Virginians with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ten years later, we still have 13,000 residents waiting.
- For nearly 20 years, Virginia has failed to fund minimum staffing standards for nursing homes, which now face critical shortages.

- Virginia made great strides by expanding Medicaid to 600,000+ patients, but many still can't get the care they need because the state pays providers too little.
  - *Virginia's behavioral health system is at the brink, too. Just last week Giles County sued the state for denying a child admission to a psychiatric hospital that only has staff for a third of its beds. [Sally Hudson Twitter thread \(3/15/2022\)](#)*
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## **Partner Organizations**

Our friends the [UVA Dems](#) and [Albemarle Dems](#) are doing good things too, check them out!

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