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Looking Ahead:

3/5 Fifth District Convention (delegates only, 9:00 am)

3/5 [Swords Into Plowshares information session](#) (3:00-4:00 pm)

3/5 Liberation & Freedom Day Fundraiser Walk (4:00-5:30 pm, see below)

Reparations
Run/Walk
2022

March 7-6

In support of :

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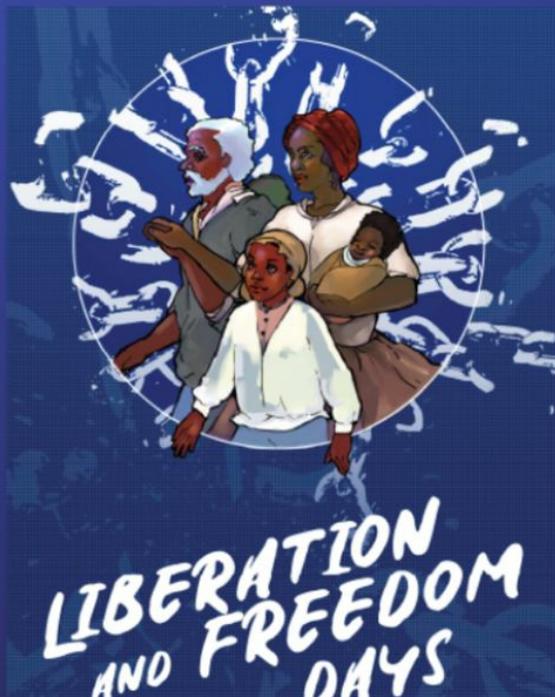
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Saturday 4pm: Liberation and Freedom Day Cville Dems Walk + Fundraiser

Join fellow Dems in celebrating Liberation and Freedom Day by supporting the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center (JSAAHC) and six other local Black-led organizations. Two options, do both if you can:

1. As many of us as possible are meeting at 4pm this Saturday 3/5 by the Jefferson School traffic circle to walk together for approx 60-90 minutes as part of the family-friendly [Reparations Fun Run/Walk](#) that stops at various historically-significant sites near UVA and Vinegar Hill. Participate to increase your knowledge of local Black history, support worthy non-profits, engage with your community, and meet more of your fellow Dems (a quadfecta!). Co-chairs Dashad Cooper and John McLaren will lead us – be sure to wear your Cville Dems T-shirts!
2. Team Cville Dems is also raising money for Jefferson School campaign [here](#); kick in a few dollars to show your support. As we're about to hit "send" on this we've raised \$875 of our \$1000 goal, in 3rd place for all teams (bronze medal, go Dems!).

Full information about the event is on the [Jefferson School website](#), including this [site map](#); you can do as few or as many on any given day as you like. Don't forget a hat or sunscreen, water, and comfortable walking shoes!

Executive Committee Statement of Support for Ukraine (2/28/2022)



"The executive committee of the Charlottesville Democrats strongly denounces the Russian invasion of Ukraine. We stand with the Ukrainian people in their resistance to this aggression, and we support both President Biden's support of the Ukrainian military defense and his economic and diplomatic pressure on Russia."

Pitch In, Do Your Part, Get Involved!

The Ukrainians' bravery in the face of Russian tanks has reminded us that sometimes you have to stand up and fight for freedom and democracy.

Those who love Peace must learn to organize as effectively as those who love War.

— Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.



If you haven't begun actively pushing back against Youngkin and Trump and racism and demagoguery, now is a good time. Retaining and winning Democratic majorities in the House and Senate, at both state and national levels, will take time and effort; who should be helping with this work if not you?

A good starting place is to volunteer with us just a few hours a month:

Open Positions (details [here](#)):

- Campaign Liaison — a fun and interesting role; you get to be on the front lines of multiple campaigns, learning who's running and what they stand for.
- Albemarle County Dems Liaison — attend the monthly Albemarle

Dems meeting to keep them posted about our activities and also report back to us about their activities.

- Breakfast/Events Chair — work with the co-chairs to plan and schedule monthly programs.
- Volunteer with a committee that needs members ([details here](#)): Voter Registration ([Suzanne Michels](#)' crew is starting up at the end of March!), Voter Protection ([Bekah Saxon](#)), Fundraising ([Nancy Damon](#)), and "Political Fun" ([Dan Doernberg](#)).

Please consider it... resisting authoritarianism is worth a little time!

Recap of the Executive Committee Monthly Meeting (2/28/222)

- Lynlee Thorne of [Rural GroundGame](#) introduced herself and her group's work helping candidates bring their message to rural voters (see this [Blue Virginia article](#)). Interested Dems can reach her at lynlee@ruralgroundgame.org
 - The two Fifth Congressional District candidates, [Andy Parker](#) and [Joshua Throneburg](#), introduced themselves to the committee with brief remarks and took questions. We hope to have a full-scale candidate forum in the near future.
 - Approved the [2022 Strategic Plan](#), a collaboration across the Executive Committee. It emphasizes expanding the reach of the Democrats through greater community engagement, collecting and processing data on our initiatives, and increasing our resources through robust fundraising.
 - Approved Suzanne Michels as Vice Chair of Voter Registration and Bekah Saxon as Vice Chair of Voter Protection. Both have been doing a huge amount of work in their respective areas, Suzanne more visibly out in the community and Bekah behind the scenes.
 - Erin Monaghan, our representative to the 5th District State Convention, gave a brief update on district and state-wide developments.
 - We need volunteers to fill key Cville Dems positions!
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Seeking Good Homes for Loveable T-shirts

Nancy Damon says there are just a few remaining Cville Dems T-shirts (mostly XL and XXL, a few L), collector's items possibly worth millions. If you don't have one yet, or if your beloved old one is worn out, then you *need* one! They're carefully designed for lounging on the

beach, canvassing, and other warm weather activities. For you, just \$25 (tax included).

[Order one from our website](#) today!



Political Fun in the Spring/Summer Sun

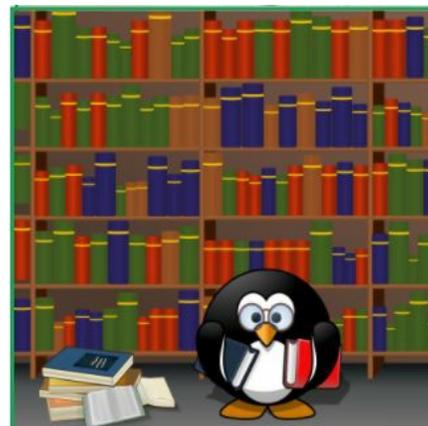
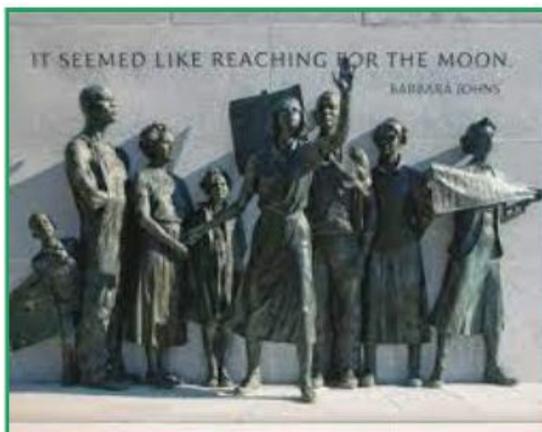
Our new "Political Fun" working group has been meeting weekly and is forging ahead at a good pace. The Reparations Walk above will be our first event, and the next two will likely be (dates and details still being firmed up):

- April — we'll participate in on one or more community Earth Day celebrations
- May — we'll host a social event for a number of community groups and organizations

The goal is to have fun while getting Democratic messages out into the community, so please [join us!](#) Extroverted folks to do tabling, behind-the-scenes folks to help organize things, creative folks to contribute artsy touches... all are welcome.

Preaching BEYOND the Choir

(Share with others why electing Dems makes a difference!)



Virginia

“A House subcommittee on Tuesday again voted down proposed constitutional amendments to remove defunct language barring same-sex marriage from the state constitution and to automatically restore voting rights for felons who have completed their terms... The House and Senate had backed both proposed amendments last year when Democrats led the legislature... The panel voted 6-4 along party lines...” ([Daily Progress](#)).



Virginia

Public education is again in Republicans' crosshairs. Their budget plan siphons \$150M away from local schools to fund “laboratory schools” (aka charter schools), cuts funding for early childhood education, and slashes funding for long-overdue raises for our hard-working teachers. Youngkin campaigned that he'd let local school divisions make their own decisions on local issues, but his mask leis a complete 180, yet another effort to hamstring local school boards who are constitutionally empowered with health and safety responsibility. (condensed from DPVA weekly newsletter).



National

President Biden nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the Supreme Court. It's long overdue that a Black woman serve on the Supreme Court, and she's exceptionally well qualified and experienced, as evidenced by her three previous bi-partisan confirmations. Yet “Few Republicans are likely to back Biden's nominee” ([New York Times](#)).

International

Biden has vigorously defended Ukraine, leading the global opposition to Russia's invasion; Trump held up military assistance in an attempt to extort political favors (hence impeachment #1 of 2). This contrast must not be forgotten! ([Daily Kos](#))

Partner Organizations

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

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Thank you for your continued support!

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