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4/30/2022 Update from The Charlottesville Democratic Committee

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Upcoming Events:

- 4/30 8pm free movie premiere [Raised/Razed](#) (Vinegar Hill) at the [Jefferson School](#), donation requested (also to be [broadcast by VPM](#) on 5/12 at 9pm)
- 5/10 7pm Q&A with 5th District candidate [Josh Throneburg](#) at the Jefferson School (mask+vaccine card required)
- 5/15 6pm Albemarle Dems [fundraiser](#) at Greencroft Club
- 6/19 Juneteenth Community Celebration, details to follow
- 6/24 Fish Fry at Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, details to follow



Thanks for Stepping Up!

A big tip of our collective hats to these good people who stepped up to fill important Cville Dems roles:

Liaison to Democratic Candidates/Campaigns

Dudley Doane

Communications Committee

Mary Jane Gore (see *Volunteer Spotlight* below)

Full Committee (new members)

Buford Precinct: Donna Kaiser and Steven Johnson

Clark Precinct: Laura Shea

Key Rec Precinct: Roxanne White

Tonsler Precinct: Susan Oliveri

Thank you all!

Note: electing Democratic candidates statewide requires all of us working together to register and turn out good numbers of Democratic voters. We still have [open positions](#); please consider pitching in and working with us to help turn Virginia blue again!

Full Committee Meeting Report (4/20/22)

The City Democratic Committee Of Charlottesville met on Wednesday, April 20th. Five new members joined the committee (see “Stepping Up” section below), we discussed having the Full Committee meet every other month



to give it more of a voice and active role in the community. A separate ad-hoc committee is being formed to revise the bylaws (not done since 2011).

The major agenda item was votes on formal statements on the environment and other matters. Among the nine resolutions adopted: we embraced the UVA Democrats’ call for divestment of the UVA endowment from fossil-fuel generating companies, called for the City of Charlottesville to launch a climate action plan including climate-conscious zoning reform this year, called for numerous state-level environmental reforms, and called for a ban on public utility companies making contributions to candidates for state political offices. Here’s the list of [all the resolutions adopted](#).

A Community Effort We Support

[“300 Bike Give Away” Fundraiser for Kids](#)



The Tonsler League kicks off June 5th
and we are looking to give away 300 bikes
to kids in the community for the summer.



In 2021, we gave away 50 bikes that was not enough!
Bikes will be for children ages 4 - 17
and cost about \$85 - \$100 each.

Contact Dr. Wes Bellamy at (757) 797-5459 or by email at
Wes@thetonslerleague.com if you have any questions.

We are trying to make Bike orders by May 4th.

*To Donate, visit the link below
or scan the QR code with Google Lens.*



[https://www.gofundme.com/f/300-bike-giveaway-every-kid-deserves-a-bike?
utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/300-bike-giveaway-every-kid-deserves-a-bike?utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer)



Another Community Effort We Support

[Sin Barreras](#) invites Cville Dems to bus up to DC with them this Sunday May 1st for the national **March for Immigration Reform**.



WE HAVE TO RAISE OUR VOICES

Let us not remain silent when there are millions of people without protection, especially after so many promises were made during the elections.

(VACCINATION REQUIRED TO TRAVEL WITH US BY BUS)

March for Immigration Reform

MAY 1ST AT 7AM

FROM CHARLOTTESVILLE
TO WASHINGTON DC

FOR MORE INFORMATION

(434) 234-8130



Sin Barreras



The Democratic Platform:

“Democrats believe immigration is not just a problem to be solved, it is a defining aspect of the American character and our shared history.”

Volunteer Spotlight

As noted above, electing Democrats (aka stopping Republican extremists) only happens when we spend some of our time and talents on the common good. So we're going to start running short profiles of some of the wonderful people doing this work.

But first, a shout-out (at her insistence not a profile)... **Jackie Lichtman** is stepping back after 8+ years as our tireless webmaster (and long-time Tweeter). Her reliability, conscientiousness, and high-quality work will be greatly missed as she channels her energy into her new granddaughter (congratulations!) who was born on schedule last week. Thank you Jackie for all your great work these many years!!

Mary Jane Gore



Mary Jane is a semi-retired journalist who still works with some clients and freelances. She's lived in the Charlottesville area as a UVA student, later returned to raise her children (now living out-of-town/overseas), and returned a third time in 2020 (but just from Crozet, and just in time for Covid). You may have seen her around town at the movies (her favorite movie ever is *Ida*), doing cyclocross, hiking, or playing frisbee golf. Or you may have seen her jumping off the strut of a Cessna in Orange, or at the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, or on trips to Paris. She's a pretty active person!

For professional reasons she didn't officially join the Dems until she moved to North Carolina in 2008, but at that point she became deeply involved. She canvassed and registered voters for the Hillary Clinton and Gov. Roy Cooper campaigns and participated in the compelling Moral Mondays marches led by Rev. William Barbour. Upon moving to Charlottesville she began canvassing and making calls for Biden/Harris (all the Virginia Dem campaigns really) and doing poll work at Buford. She's now co-chair of Buford Precinct and has started doing social media posting as part of the Communications Committee.

Welcome aboard, Mary Jane!

Earth Day 2022 Recap

Cville Dems had a busy but successful weekend of outreach; in addition to our regular Saturday Ix market, we tabled at two events and helped with the UVA Climate March. Thanks to everyone who helped, including Barbara Shenefield, Dan Doernberg, Donna Shaunesey, John Shepherd, Nancy Damon, Richard Price, and Suzanne Michels. Check out our [Earth Day recap](#), which includes more pictures like these.



Preaching BEYOND the Choir

(Why electing Dems matters!)



Virginia

“In the Democrat-controlled Senate, lawmakers challenged many of the Republican governor’s 26 vetoes but failed to secure the two-thirds vote needed to override any of them. The GOP-controlled House upheld each veto, despite the fact that many of the measures had initially passed with broad support.” Examples given:

“Senator Emmett Hanger is a Republican from Augusta County who introduced a bill to crack down on products he says are dangerous.... But then Governor Glenn Youngkin added a new criminal penalty for possession of marijuana.”

“Delegate Irene Shin, a Democrat from Herndon, introduced a bill to protect religious expression. But then the governor tacked on an amendment that she says did the opposite -- protecting people who want to discriminate based on religion.”

National

If you haven’t seen Michigan State Senator Mallory McMorrow's impassioned response (below) to a slanderous personal attack from a Republican colleague; take a look and pass it along. For context, here’s McMorrow's YouTube account summary: *“[her colleague] accused me by name of grooming and sexualizing children in an attempt to marginalize me for standing up against her marginalizing the LGBTQ community...in a fundraising email, for herself. Hate wins when people like me stand by and let it happen. I won't.”*



Partner Organizations

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

(aka "Cville Dems" and "Charlottesville Democratic Party")

<https://cville Dems.org/>

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