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Looking Ahead:

- 4/04 6:00pm 5th District Candidate Andy Parker meet-and-greet at Three Notched Brewery
- 4/12 7:00pm Prof. Anne C. Bailey lecture at Central Library *Remembering the Victims of Slave Auctions: The Healing of Charlottesville and a New Way Forward*
- 4/20 6:30pm (**tentative**, see Full Committee meeting re: bylaws update below)
- 4/22 3-5pm Earth Day march in support of Divest UVA
- 4/22 6-8pm Earth Day tabling at IX Art Park
- 4/22 6-8pm Earth Day tabling at Stonefield

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is here (news flash!!)

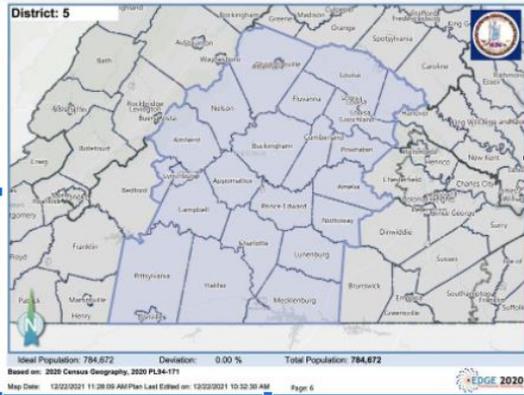


3/28 Executive Committee Meeting Highlights

- Jason Vandever's Treasurer's Report proposed a 2022-2023 budget that was approved unanimously.
- Dan Doernberg presented some possible consensus environmental issue positions we might want to promote on Earth Day at the three community outreach events we're doing (see calendar above). At present only the Full Committee can adopt resolutions (see Full Committee meeting blurb below).
- Jim Nix summarized key changes in election laws and procedures and precinct boundaries and (not relevant to November 2022 election) some precinct boundaries and polling site location. Taylor Yowell is the new City Registrar.
- Nancy Damon continues to work to fill out the rosters for certain precincts. Her committee and the "Political Fun" group are considering several outreach/fundraising events, including a picnic in the park and/or fish fry. She's also encouraging all committee members to commit to making a small monthly donation to Cville Dems (see bottom).
- Suzanne Michels and Barbara Shenefield have re-started Saturday morning voter registration at IX. They're still looking for tabling sites serving diverse populations (not Reid's or Food Lion).
- Mary Ann Harris presented an idea for increasing the habit of voting by newly registered voters, involving postcard writing, door knocks and phone calls to newly registered voters shortly before the election. Postcard writing will begin following the June primary.
- Positions that still to be filled: Webmaster, Events Coordinator, Campaign Liaison, Representative to attend Albemarle County

Dems meetings. [Position details here](#), please consider contributing a small bit of time to keep Virginia blue!

- We're considering when and how to return to some in-person meetings (perhaps with online zoom capability).
- Erin Corbett introduced us to her new organization [DinoDNA.org](#) which works to increase equitable hiring processes and networking among progressive professionals.



5th District Updates from Erin Monaghan

- The 5th District Democratic Committee held its reorganizing convention on March 5th. The Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP) gives a breakdown by county of the [new 5th District](#).
- The 5th District is trying to organize a Democratic candidates forum, details to be announced (same for its annual district dinner, Covid-permitting).
- DPVA has also reorganized and will hold its annual gala on Friday, May 13. More information [here](#).
- Albemarle Dems will be holding a fundraising event at Greencroft on May 15th 6-8pm; their annual BBQ will be in September, details TBA.

Likely Full Committee Meeting mid-April

The Cville Dems will likely have an online meeting of the Full Committee, **very tentatively Wednesday 4/20 6:30pm**, (1) to consider some reforms to the Cville Dems' bylaws, which haven't been revised since 2011, and (2) to provide an opportunity to vote on position statements for environmental issues (Dems need to make our voices heard!). Watch for an announcement soon.



Calling all Photographers (amateurs and pros!)



For all kinds of purposes, perhaps including a new website banner image, we'd love to have some good shots illustrating the kind of Charlottesville that Dems aspire to live in (e.g showing diversity of all kinds, people caring for each other, kids having fun, empowered women, etc. etc.).

That's where you can come in. Please [email](#) us a photo (or two or three!) that you've taken that you think might fit that spec; we'll give you a photo credit for any that we use and a big shoutout in the newsletter (can't afford billboards, see Donations below).



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

The "Political Fun" group has 3 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!

If you might be interested please contact communications@cville Dems.org

Precinct MeetUps

The Cville Dems officers are starting to meet with precinct chairs to get to know everyone a bit better. Nancy, Dashad,



Mary Ann and John met last Friday with Johnson Co-Chair Carrie Schaeffer, Carver Co-Chair Kathryn Laughon, and Key Rec Co-Chairs Barbara Shenefield and Erin Corbett at Cville Coffee. Views were shared about priorities, tactics, and ideas (as well as some colorful stories of how they all got involved with the Dems!). Carrie's idea of having

informal backyard get-togethers in each precinct made quite an impression!



Political Fun Group Pops Up

Our "Political Fun" group did its first pop-up booth at the Black Artisans Fair at IX on Saturday (overlapping with the regular market), but chilly/windy weather dampened attendance. Nonetheless, the intrepid crew of Suzanne Michels, Barbara Shenefield, and Lisa Draine did get five new voters registered... so we're very optimistic about future warm weather results!

Preaching BEYOND the Choir (Why electing Dems matters!)

Republicans showed despicable racism during Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's Senate confirmation hearing



- "GOP staged a Racist Clown Show"— [The Daily Beast, 3/22/2022](#)
- "When watching Supreme Court nominee Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson endure racial insult after insult..." — [USA Today, 3/23/2022](#)
- "The racist, sexist mudslinging at Ketanji Brown Jackson is disgraceful" — [CNN, 03/23/2022](#)
- "Scotus Hearings: Three Days of Microaggressions" — [Bloomberg News, 3/24/2022](#)
- "Ketanji Brown Jackson Fends Off Ugly GOP Attacks" — [Huffington Post, 3/23/2022](#)

Luckily, Democratic Senator [Corey Booker was there too..](#)

Republican Senator Mike Braun (OH) wants to discard federal Civil Rights protections and leave them to state discretion

'Asked if he would "be OK" with the US Supreme Court leaving the question of interracial marriage to the states, Braun [replied](#), "Yes, I think that that's something -- if you're not wanting the Supreme Court to weigh in on issues like that, you're not going to be able to have your cake and eat it too. I think that's hypocritical." Loving v. Virginia, the Supreme Court decision that legalized interracial marriage in the United States, was decided in 1967. Braun was then pressed on his view of Griswold v. Connecticut, which found in 1965 a constitutional right to sexual privacy and legalized contraception for married couples. Braun again said that the states should decide matters.' [CNN, 3/23/2022](#)



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We Cville Dems are frugal; we don't even have an office or our own phone#!

But we can't avoid some expenses: state party dues, printing voter registration information, website hosting, etc.

To help "keep the lights on" in our non-existent office:

- Pay your \$15 annual dues via [our ActBlue account](#).
- Make a donation. Setting up a small automatic monthly donation via [ActBlue](#) is super-easy and painless! Consider \$5 a month, or whatever works for you.
- Support our occasional fundraisers.

Partner Organizations

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

Charlottesville Democratic Party

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