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6/03/2022 Update from The Charlottesville Democratic Committee

3 easy ways you can support Cville Dems today:

- Come have fun at our [Fish Fry fundraiser](#) (see below)
- Forward this to friends who aren't politically engaged but might want to know what Cville Dems are all about
- Like/Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)

• Upcoming Events

June is Pride Month, look for events on the [Cville Pride Facebook page](#).

6/03 4-7pm Gun violence prevention event (see below)

6/09 8pm Day#1 of televised House Select Committee investigation of January 6th assault on Congress

6/11 12-3pm [March for our Lives](#) (UVA to ???)

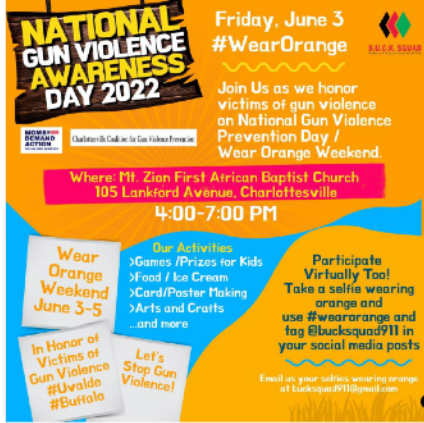
6/16 7:00pm Zoom Abortion Access webinar (see below)

6/18 2:00pm Democratic Black Caucus of Virginia Virtual Luncheon

6/17 - 6/19 [Jefferson School Juneteenth Celebration](#)

6/24 6-8pm [Fish Fry Fundraiser](#) (see below)

Friday 4-7 pm: Charlottesville comes together for National



Gun Violence Awareness Day

If you're reading this in time... the B.U.C.K. Squad, Moms Demand Action (VA), and Charlottesville Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention are putting on a community event (outdoors!).

There'll be:

- activities for children
- food and games
- a proclamation from Mayor Snook
- poster making for the #WearOrange movement.

4-7 pm at Mt. Zion First American Baptist Church, 105 Lankford Avenue. Cville Dems will be there, please come join us!



Blue Ridge Abortion Fund

6/16 Event: Abortion Rights and Access in a Post-Roe Charlottesville

Mark your calendars: Cville Dems are co-sponsoring a webinar Blue Ridge Abortion Fund (BRAAF) has put together to explain what a post-Roe America will look like for people seeking abortion in Charlottesville, in Virginia, and beyond. Panelists will include BRAAF Executive Director Tannis Fuller and representatives from the Richmond Reproductive Freedom Project and the Deep South-based Yellowhammer Fund. You'll come away with a deeper understanding of how we got here, how the potential overturning of Roe isn't just about abortion, and how to talk about abortion and reproductive healthcare as a moral and community good.

"Turn Out the Vote Thursdays"

We're now doing "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays", taking the place of "Take Action Tuesdays"; we'll be meeting every Thursday from 5-7pm (until we win in November!) outside of Brazos Tacos, to overlap with the sunset market at IX Park. At our first meet-up on June 2nd,

**TURN
OUT
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THURSDAYS
PHONEBANK
GRAB A BITE AT A FOOD TRUCK
WRITE POSTCARDS
TO VOTERS**

we made phone calls, but we'll also be sending postcards to newly registered City of Charlottesville voters, door knocking, and doing other activities as needed.



June 24th Fish Fry Fundraiser with VA State Senator Louise Lucas!

Our big annual fundraiser will be the long-awaited, much-discussed fish fry... with special guest Senator Louise Lucas!

- **WHEN:** Friday, June 24, 6-8pm
- **WHERE:** on the lawn of the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, 223 4th Street NW

Come meet and hear VA Sen. Louise Lucas, President pro

tempore of the Virginia Senate (and social media star known for her barbed sense of humor!). VA 5th District candidate Josh Throneburg will also say a few words.

The outdoor setting will let us get together in person (finally!) in a safe way to catch up, hang out, and meet new people; it will be great fun! And your ticket purchases fund our November election work and everything else we do this year.

Individual tickets are \$15, "bring a friend" tickets are \$30, and children under 12 are only \$5.

Sponsorships by individuals and companies (at various higher levels that include the dinner) make up the bulk of our proceeds (i.e. our annual budget!), so if you can, please choose one of the sponsor options when you get your tickets.

Tickets are available now:

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/demsfishfry>

Additional event details (e.g. you can choose a vegetarian option when ordering your tickets) are also on that page.

Please buy your tickets as soon as possible, but definitely **before June 10th** (just a week away!); our caterer, Royalty Eats, needs to get its big order in early to avoid supply chain problems. We *won't* be able to accommodate more than a handful of walk-ins without reservations (if any), so order your tickets now before you forget!

Josh for Congress Yard Signs: Put them to work now!

If you live at a high-visibility property, help raise Josh Throneburg's visibility by hosting one of his yard signs! Dudley Doane or his wife Jane Boatner will be happy to deliver one to you, just contact: jlbd1013@gmail.com



Highlights: 5/23 Executive Committee Meeting

- Dudley Doane was announced as campaign liaison, and Lewis Combs was announced as liaison to the Albemarle Democrats.
- Executive Committee and Full Committee meetings will alternate month-by-month to the end of the year; meeting dates can always be found on the "events" tab of <https://cvilledems.org> (the next Full Committee meeting will be Thursday, June 27 at 6:30 PM over Zoom).
- Mary Ann Harris announced "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays" (see above).
- Dashad Cooper worked out a plan with Wes Bellamy to have a Cville Dems presence at the Tonsler Park summer basketball competitions.
- Kathryn Laughon is continuing talks with the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center about our participation in a Swords Into Plowshares public forum.



Volunteer Spotlight: Sarah Peaslee



Sarah came to Charlottesville 38 years ago to visit family and go to nursing school at PVCC; she met her then-husband Bill Davis here (they remain good friends) and has been here ever since, now living in the Elks Lodge area. She retired after working as a nurse at UVA Hospital's psychiatric inpatient unit for about 35 years, where she also did a lot of teaching.

Sarah comes from a long line of Irish Democrats, at least three generations! Her parents Sandy and Catherine "Kay" Peaslee were very active in the Democratic Party; her dad actually ran for Congress here in 1990. Kay was originally from the Chicago area; she loved Eleanor Roosevelt and Adlai Stevenson, and constantly read the news. In 1978 Kay started a local newspaper, "*The Charlottesville Observer*", that she later sold. Sarah and Bill raised two strong Democratic sons here too.

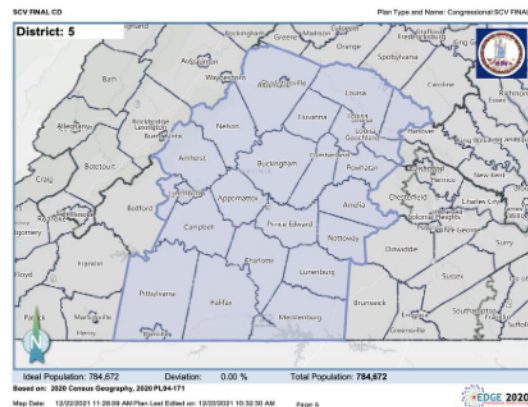
She's been really involved with the party since Obama, before '08, when her neighbor, former Charlottesville Vice-Mayor Kristin Szakos, inspired her to get going. She's been registering voters at the City and IX markets for the last 10 years. Her biggest political thrill was shaking hands with Obama at a downtown event and experiencing the kind but direct gaze of his eyes.

She's hosted lots of phone banks at her home, but her main interest is canvassing; she loves walking around exploring and getting to know Charlottesville's various neighborhoods, either on her own or with a partner. Those interactions are really good and friendly, since the people we contact are preselected Dems or Dem-leaning.

5th District News

Highlights from the 5/21 monthly Committee meeting:

- The Committee has "Forward 5th" face masks available for purchase
- June 4 Throneburg campaign leadership summit in Prince Edward County
- All local committees should press for one Sunday voting day during this Fall's general election Early Voting period.
- The Committee will contact UVA's Batten School to see if it will



host a general election candidate forum; if so, we and Albemarle Dems will be notified.



- The State party hosted its first in-person Blue Commonwealth Gala in 3 years on May 15. Keynote speaker was Senator Jon Tester (D-MT). Our 5th CD Democratic candidate Josh Throneburg attended with his wife Minhee and joined his fellow Democratic congressional candidates for Congress (Elaine Luria, Don McEachin, Abigail Spanberger, and Jennifer Wexton) on stage for photos and worked the room afterwards.
 - At the 5/16 DPVA Central Committee quarterly meeting they announced that the Executive Director Andrew Whitley will be stepping down (search for a replacement to begin). Data gurus Brenner Tobe and Katie O'Brien are working on an unofficial way to get the new legislative district lines available in VAN (the official process is slow since it's important to get it right).
 - DPVA has put up an ["accountability" website](#) razzing Gov. Youngkin about already falling way behind on his job creation campaign promises.
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Preaching **BEYOND** the Choir

(Why electing Dems matters!)

With the U.S. Supreme Court likely to [overturn Roe v. Wade](#) in the coming months, reproductive rights will be determined by individual states, and the scope goes beyond abortion. For more than a decade, some states have sharply increased criminal investigations of pregnancy loss, including miscarriages, stillbirths and self-induced abortions.

Prosecutions have overwhelmingly targeted pregnant people who are poor, young, have substance abuse issues or live in areas with limited health services. Advocates fear the reversal of Roe will fuel more such cases and

particularly harm women of color, already disproportionately overpoliced and prosecuted on pregnancy-related issues. [Center for Public Integrity](#), June 3rd.

Partner Organizations

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

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