

# C'VILLE DEMS

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6/24 Fish Fry, 6/23 webinar "*Abortion Access post-Roe*"

## 3 easy ways you can support Cville Dems today:

- Come have fun at *next weekend's* [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
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## June 24th Fish Fry Fundraiser with VA State Senator Louise Lucas!

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

- **WHEN:** Friday, June 24, 6-8pm (Louise is speaking promptly at 6pm, try to arrive by 5:45!)
- **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 and Fifth District

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 are also on that page.

Please buy your tickets now; we won't be able to accommodate more than a handful of walk-ins without reservations (if any)!



## "Josh for Congress" Campaign News

Trent Fisher, a VCU grad from Greene County, has just come on board as the Campaign's point person for Charlottesville and Albemarle: canvassing, phone

banking, text banking (coming very soon!), meet & greets, etc. Come meet him in person at next Saturday's Fish Fry (you *do* have your tickets, right!?) or reach him by email [trent@joshforvirginia.com](mailto:trent@joshforvirginia.com) or text 434-825-5487.



Dudley Doane reports that Josh's Saturday, June 4th Leadership Summit went really well, an all-around great day. Turnout was good (and diverse), and Dudley was particularly struck by a major turnout of trained up and motivated people from the former Spanberger districts and from the Lynchburg/Amherst

area. Del. Sam Rasoul, Sen. Jennifer McClellan, DPVA's Gaylene Kanoyton, 5th District Chair Patricia Harper-Tunley, and Rural

GroundGame's Jennifer Kitchen provided valuable training.

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

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**JUNETEENTH  
CELEBRATION**

FRIDAY JUNE 17

6PM HONORING OF LOCAL ANCESTORS

SATURDAY JUNE 18

10AM JUNETEENTH PARADE

1130AM JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

6PM EMANCIPATION CONCERT

SUNDAY JUNE 19

630PM CPG PRESENTS: TOPDOG/UNDERDOG  
BY SUZAN LORI PARKS

ARTISTS INCLUDE:  
MYRA ANDERSON  
PAIGE WEST HILL  
RICHELLE CLAIBORNE  
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JACOB BRIGGS  
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## This Weekend's Juneteenth Celebration

The Jefferson School African American Heritage Center is hosting local community artists and activists to celebrate Juneteenth events all weekend (see schedule at top).

Juneteenth, like Black History Month, provides an opportunity to educate yourself and the people around you about what this holiday, marking the end of slavery, means to Black Americans. Join me in choosing meaningful ways to celebrate Juneteenth:

- sign up to make Juneteenth a national holiday
- buy goods and services from Black-owned business

- like and share information on social media
- educate yourself on how to actively be anti-racist
- uplift Black voices.

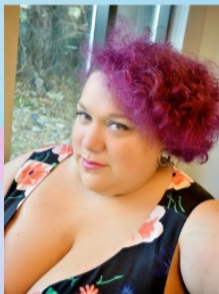
— Dashad Cooper

**Webinar June 23 @7pm Abortion Rights & Local Access post-Roe**  
 (originally scheduled for 6/16)

*Abortion bans anywhere impact abortion access everywhere.*

**Join us for a virtual panel discussion about a post-Roe Virginia**

**Thursday, June 16  
 7 - 8:30 pm EST**



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 The Yellowhammer Fund



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 Richmond Reproductive Freedom Project



Tannis Fuller  
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 Blue Ridge Abortion Fund



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If the Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade* as expected, bans in many Southern, Central, and Midwestern states (but not Virginia) will kick into effect or get passed, and Virginia will become a “receiving” state for many abortion seekers blocked elsewhere. How will this impact Charlottesville and Virginia in general?

We're co-sponsoring a virtual panel produced by Blue Ridge Abortion Fund to share “in the trenches” perspectives from a variety of

Southern abortion funds, to help our community understand and prepare for the challenging new abortion access local landscape.

Pre-registration is required:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ssl39I46QEuznYVZsy0\\_YQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ssl39I46QEuznYVZsy0_YQ)

Issues to be explored will include:

- How the bans of neighboring states will impact Virginia and Charlottesville
- How greater travel distances will impact people's need for support
- How abortion funds will be able to meet these needs
- How community members can support abortion access today

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## "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays"

We've started doing "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays" every Thursday (taking the place of "Take Action Tuesdays") from 5-7pm outside of Brazos Tacos, to overlap with the sunset market at IX Park.

We're writing postcards to newly registered City of Charlottesville voters, making phone calls, and generally doing what's needed to help us win in November.

Come join us and hang out while we help elect Dems!



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## Voter Registration (VR) team rolls on!

In addition to their every Saturday morning work at the outdoor IX Market, the VR team also takes advantage of special opportunities to register folks and provide voting information. In the coming week, for example, they'll be:

- This weekend — at the Jefferson School's Juneteenth celebration events (see above)
- On Monday — at the World Refugee Day celebration (IX Park)
- Next Sunday — at the Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church



Suzanne Michels and her crew are really really good at doing this important work; please contact Suzanne ([suzemichels@gmail.com](mailto:suzemichels@gmail.com)) if you might like to be part of the team!



## Volunteer Spotlight

Donna Kaiser and Steven Johnson, Fifeville residents since 2015, are both lifelong Democrats who recently joined the Full Committee from the Buford Precinct. They strongly believe in the ideals and values of the Democratic Party. Together, they established, curate, and frequently contribute to the Neighborhood Art Gallery, a free art exchange on Grove Street. They have one dog, three cats, and nine backyard chickens.

Before retiring, Donna worked as a professor and therapist and ran art therapy programs at Albertus Magnus College (New Haven) and Drexel University (Philadelphia). She's an avid vegetable gardener.

Steven is an Associate Professor at the UVA McIntire School of Commerce and has been actively involved in launching the local volunteer advocacy group *Livable Cville*. His most memorable political experience was attending Barack Obama's acceptance speech at the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver.

## 6/27 Full Committee Meeting

The main agenda item is discussion of suggested changes to our bylaws (details were emailed today to all Full Committee

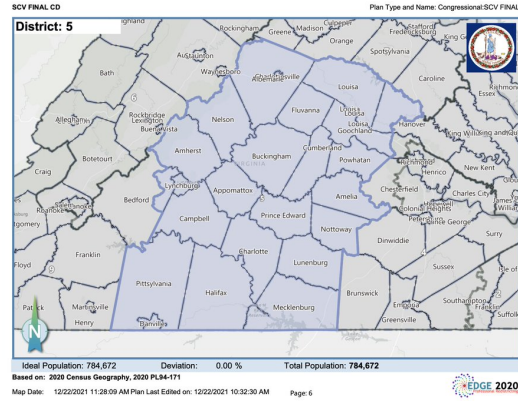
members).



## 5th District News

### Highlights from June's monthly Committee meeting:

- The committee received a short update about the likely need for the General Assembly to come to Richmond for a day soon, if Governor Youngkin recommends budget amendments.
- There'll be a District-wide dinner/fundraiser in 2023 (likely in Lynchburg with target date Saturday, September 30).
- Many Democratic committees will be participating in their local Juneteenth activities.

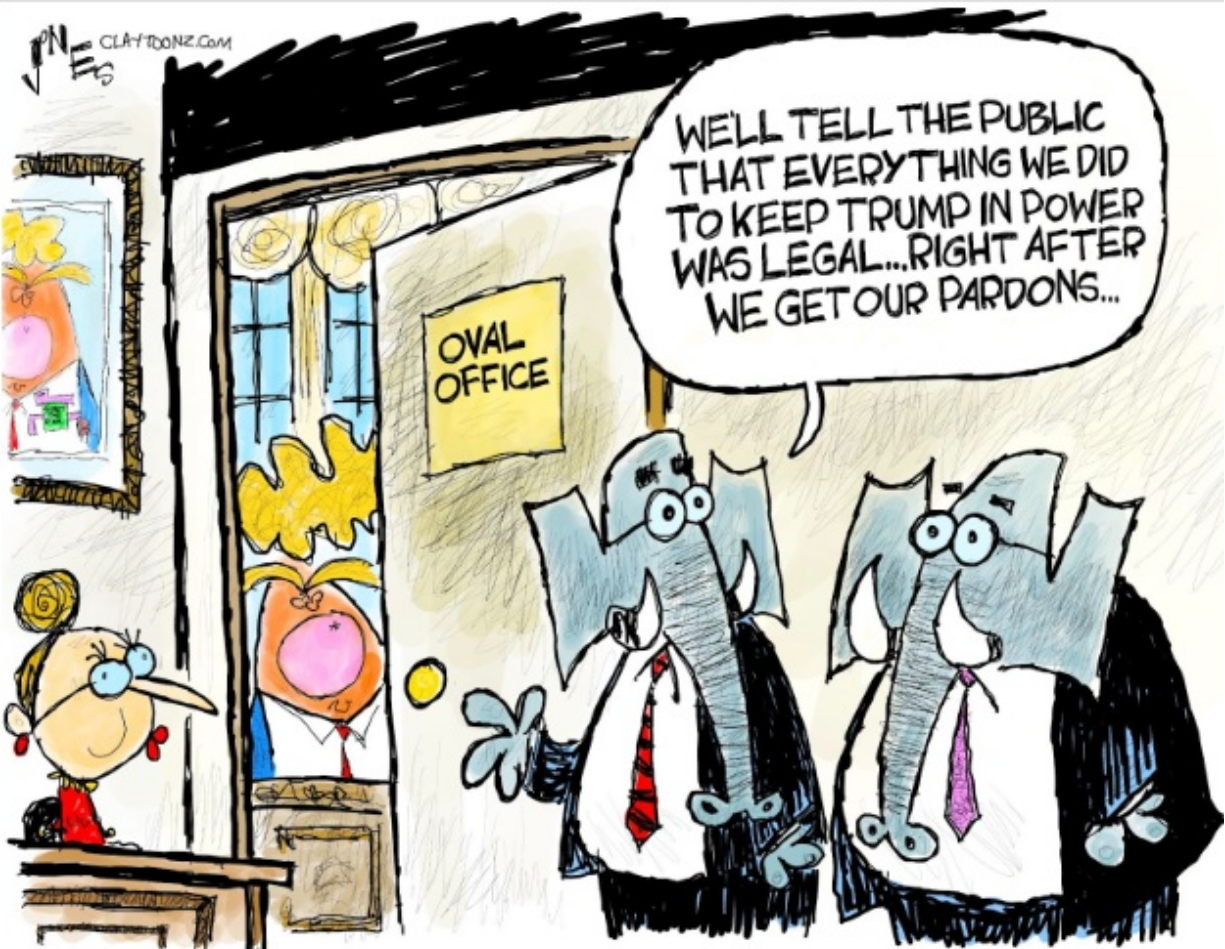


## What's with all the Political Cartoons?

If you regularly read our social media posts (of course you do!) you've noticed that we've started running political cartoons from Clay Jones, the award-winning political cartoonist whose work is featured in CNN's

weekly "Opinion Newsletter" and appears in lots of other national publications. I love his cartoons and he lives in Virginia (Fredericksburg), so I contacted Clay and asked if he'd give Cville Dems an affordable price so we could run his cartoons as well as the big guys... and he did, very generously! So... kudos to Clay, please share his great cartoons widely! – Dan Doernberg





Preaching BEYOND



# the Choir (Why electing Dems matters!)



Even with American democracy on the line, Republicans have consistently tried to stop all investigation into the January 6th assault on the US Capitol: opposing creation of an independent commission, trying to pack the House committee with Trump partisans, and now naysaying its findings. But those findings have been momentous:

## **Hearing #3 video (Thursday 6/16) and partial CNN recap**

- Trump was told Eastman's plan was illegal -- but tried it anyway
- The danger to Pence was real as the mob got about 40 feet from the vice president
- Eastman emailed Giuliani about receiving a presidential pardon after January 6

## **Hearing #2 video (Monday 6/13) and partial CNN recap**

- Trump peddled fraud claims in bad faith after he was personally told they were not legitimate
- Committee revealed details of how Trump made hundreds of millions of dollars off his baseless claims
- Committee connected the fraud to the violence

## **Hearing #1 video (Friday 6/10) and partial CNN recap**

- Trump's own Cabinet almost turned on him
- Attorney General Barr told Trump the idea that he had won the election was "bullshit"
- Mike Pence, not Trump, sprang into action
- The campaign knew it had lost the election
- GOP leaders were running from rioters
- Ivanka Trump accepted Barr's opinion on the election loss
- The riot was dangerous for police

Information about future hearings is a little hard to find on the [January 6th Committee's website](#), but it's on most news sites, e.g. [this one](#).

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