

# C'VILLE DEMS

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## News and Updates from the Cville Dems

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

- Participate in “Turn Out the Vote Thursdays” (see below)
- Forward this to friends who aren’t politically engaged but might want to know what the Cville Dems do and stand for
- Like/Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) (and like some of our posts!)
- Tell all your friends about [Josh Throneburg](#) and encourage them to vote for him.

### Mark Your Calendars!

- 08/10 6:30pm Town Hall with Ézé Amos about his A12 Photo Exhibit (below)
- 08/13 11am Ézé Amos 1-hour Guided Tour of Mall A12 Exhibit
- 08/14 3-5pm School Supply Drive (see below)
- 08/22 Full Committee Meeting (see below)
- 09/22 Dahlia Lithwick talk (details TBA)

- 10/02 3-6pm Albemarle County Dems BBQ fundraiser at Pen Park Picnic Shelters
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- **6:30pm Tonight and 11am Saturday: Ézé Amos Presentations about his A12 Exhibit "The Story of Us"**



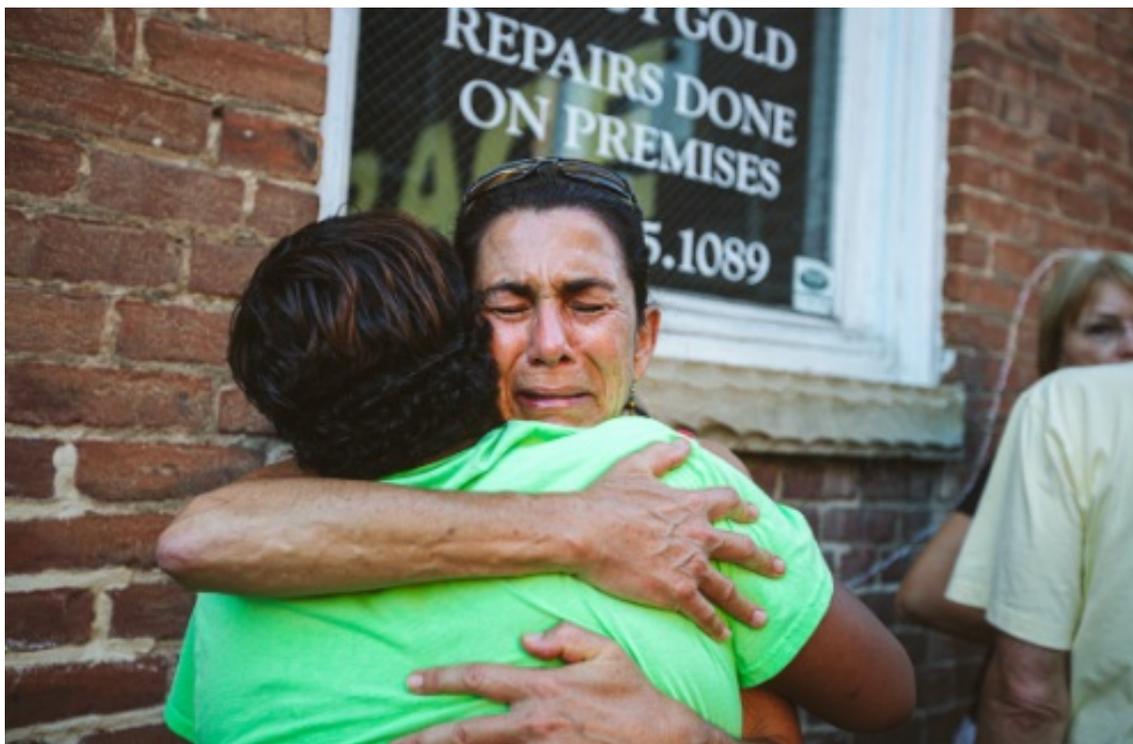
Charlottesville's only city-supported event commemorating the 5th anniversary of the infamous "Unite the Right" violence is the outdoor photo exhibit *The Story of Us: Reclaiming the Narrative of #Charlottesville through Portraits of Community Resilience*. Local photojournalist extraordinaire Ézé Amos is leading two free events, organized by the Cville Dems and open to all:

- **Wednesday, August 10, 6:30pm** — Ézé will facilitate a town hall-style presentation in which he will both explain the genesis and intentionality behind his exhibit (in conversation with Andrea Douglas, Executive Director of Jefferson School African American Heritage Center) and encourage community members to actively participate in the remembrance of that landmark event. Join us in-person in the Charlottesville Downtown Library's Swanson Case Room or on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85683422230>
- **Saturday, August 13, 11am** — Ézé will lead a roughly one-hour guided walking tour of his photos, stopping at each installation to share his unique insights. The meetup spot will be the Downtown Mall water fountain at the intersection with 2nd Street NE. The exhibit's photos will be mounted on trees all along the Downtown Mall, and each photo will have a QR code linking to a roughly 3-minute recording of the person in the photo describing that moment captured in the photo in their own words and voice. The photos will be installed August 9-10.

Ézé created the exhibit to overturn caricatured perceptions and narratives of Charlottesville as no more than the place where the Alt-right perpetrated violence and spewed hate in 2017. The exhibit elevates the equally important truth that our community came together in resistance — holding space, being brave, being vulnerable, showing love for each other in the face of that assault.

You won't want to miss these powerful presentations and the chance to interact with Ézé about his interactive exhibit; please spread the

word, please bring family and friends!



## Full Committee Meeting: Monday 8/22 6:30pm

We're voting on a Bylaws update (need a quorum, which we didn't get last time!) and have other important November election work to get done!



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## Thursday's Weekly Night of Action!

### Josh Throneburg Campaign Update (90 Days until Election Day)

If you want to help the Josh Throneburg Campaign #FlipThe5th and unseat Bob (No)Good, here are some great options:

1. Come out to "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays"

Thursday 5-7pm at Ix, see details below, for a wee bit of socializing and a good bit of action! We sometimes do phone banking (there'll be a printed phone list for folks to use for calling), sometimes canvassing prep.

If you plan to attend, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.mobilize.us/joshforvirginia/event/475179/>

There will be training on MiniVAN for those who need a refresher or haven't ever used it (don't worry, it's not hard!). If you want to canvass at any point, please download "MiniVAN" (download the app from these [Apple](#) or [Android](#) links if you don't already have it)... if you want you can even create an ActionID in advance to save time.

2. Other weekly opportunities you can sign up for at:

<https://www.mobilize.us/joshforvirginia/>

**Wednesday Nights Virtual Phone Bank / 6:30– :30pm**

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**Sunday Afternoon Virtual Phone Bank / 1–4pm**

**Sunday Evenings Virtual Text Bank / 4–6pm**

**Saturday Canvassing in Charlottesville (meet at The Dairy Market) / 10am–Noon & 1–3pm**

3, Sign the petition demanding that Bob Good agree to some debates:

<https://secure.ngpvan.com/i6WnNFjCskaGmcQR62Lckw2>

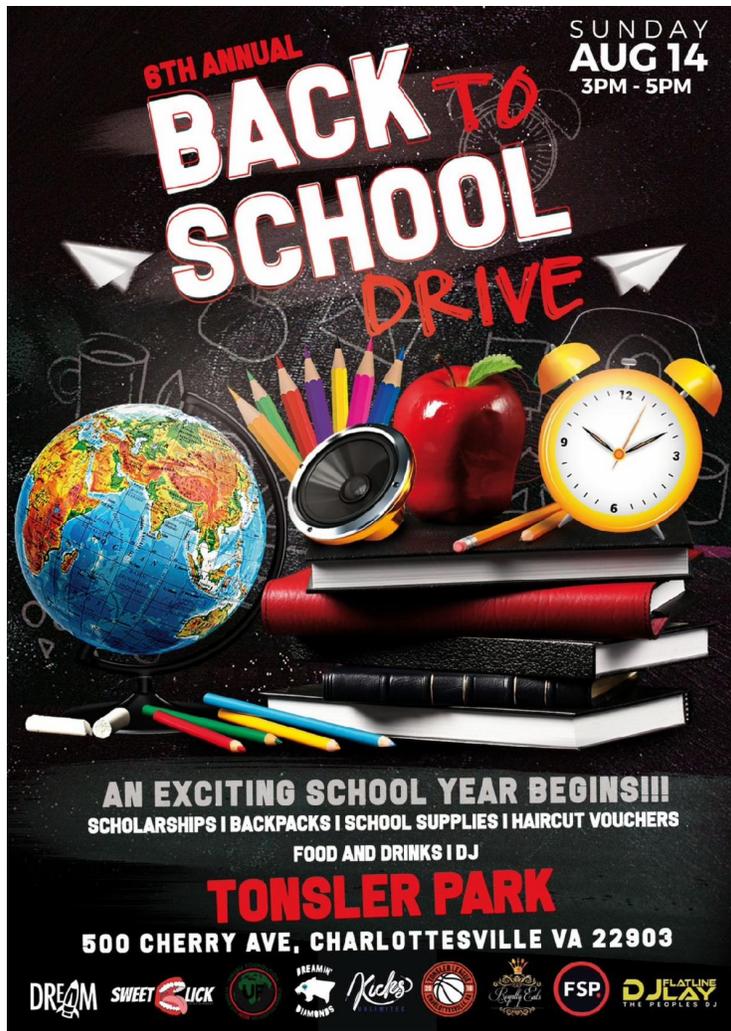


## ***Virginia Young Democrats Forming a Local Chapter!***

If you're between the ages of 13-35, you can join (help us form!) a new organization Charlottesville Area Young Democrats (CAYD). Our focus will be recruiting and motivating young people across Charlottesville and the surrounding counties to get politically involved! If you might be interested:

- please fill out the interest form at [bit.ly/cvilleyds](http://bit.ly/cvilleyds), which will get you an invitation to:
- attend an informal planning meeting at 7pm tonight (Wed. 8/10) to get ready for the first large public meeting.

Questions? Please email Kara at [cvilleyds@gmail.com](mailto:cvilleyds@gmail.com)!



## Back to School Time = School Supplies Time

The Cville Dems encourage our members to give back to the community by supporting our youth. Local activists (led by Jamar Pierre Louis and Robert Gray) are now in their 6th year organizing their annual drive to help community students obtain needed school supplies and raise money to help worthy students afford college. Come out to Tonsler Park Sunday

August 14, 3-5pm, to lend a hand or kick in a few dollars for a very good cause!

## "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays"

Every Thursday we meet from 5-7pm outside of Brazos Tacos at Ix Art Park, to overlap with the sunset market. It continues to be a great success; last Thursday almost a dozen people refused to let the heat deter them!

Come hang out and help get Josh Throneburg elected! In addition to building the party and helping get Josh elected, it's a fun community-building event and a great way to get to know other Dems! The group does whatever will help us that week win in November.



One current project: we're sending personalized postcards to introduce Josh to new audiences; you can write postcards with us or do an in-kind donation of stamps or postcards. Contact Nancy Damon at [nancycdamon@gmail.com](mailto:nancycdamon@gmail.com) for information.

Rain cancels, threat of rain does not; we're a hardy bunch!

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## **Volunteer Profile: Erin Corbett**

Erin Corbett is one of the newest and most dynamic Democratic organizers in town. She came here in 2020 to help with R.D. Huffstetler's campaign, gathering petition signatures for the first couple months and then... total quarantine (that was hard on a hard core extrovert!). Now that

things are opening up again, she finds Charlottesville a fun city (enjoys sampling the local food and bar scene) and hopes to stay on awhile.

That's not been her usual course; her always-moving Air Force family had many stops before landing in upstate New York, where she graduated from Syracuse's well-regarded journalism school, and before moving here she worked in a number of cities (most recently Sterling and Virginia Beach).

Erin started doing political work as a field organizer for Rep. Elaine

Luria in Fall 2018; she had been doing hospice work, but realized she was more interested in working for change at a systemic level. Since then she's helped a number of candidates, including State Sen. Jennifer Boysko (VA33) and most recently the sure-to-win Dem candidate for DC Attorney General. Her current gig is political data analytics, helping clients decide which mailing lists to rent.

Despite the long hours in the political operative trenches, she somehow also finds time to run [DinoDNA](#), a donation-based "Progressive Talent Community" offering social change-oriented job listings. Traditionally, political jobs have been filled by friends and friends of friends, resulting in very limited diversity. Her site hopes to change that.

Next time you see Erin please thank her for all her good work for Dem causes and candidates... and encourage her to stay in town!

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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 shows up at lots and lots of community events.

In the last couple weeks they pitched their tent at the Chihamba African-American Cultural Arts Festival/Community Health Fair (Josh Throneburg was there, photo below) and at Westhaven Community Day. Both were great events, good ways to get out into the community and meet nice folks. Co-chair Dashad Cooper attended both events and said there was lots of energy there!

Barbara Shenefield and Suzanne Michels and their 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!





## Cville Dems support Tonsler League Summer Basketball

We're one of the sponsors for the final two weeks of the Tonsler League season:

- the All-Star Game last weekend
- the championship game this Sunday (time TBA).

Come watch the finest summer basketball in Virginia under the banner bearing the Cville Dems logo!

### Partner Organizations

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

**Charlottesville Democratic Party ("Cville Dems")**

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