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News and Updates from the Cville Dems (5/11/2023)

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- Like/Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Mastodon](#), and [Instagram](#) (and like some of our posts!)
- Come have fun at our [Summer Bash fundraiser](#) and Summer Picnic (below).

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And please let us know if you have any problem reading this on your phone or tablet; we've heard there may be some issues!

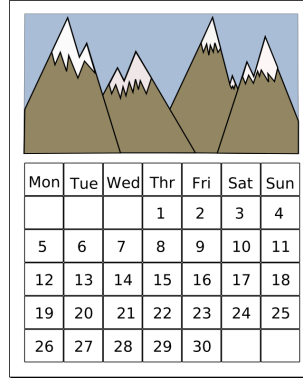
Mark Your Calendars!

- **Now through 6/17** – Early Voting in Democratic Primary (see below)
- **5/22 6pm** (time change!) – Full Committee Meeting

- **5/24** – City Council candidates forum (details TBD)
- **6/02** 6-8pm – Cville Dems 2023 Summer Bash fundraiser (see below)
- **6/10** 10:30-11:30am kids, 11:30am-6:00pm adults – non-stop “Celebration of Tales” storytelling at The Center at Belvedere.

Information: celebrationoftales@gmail.com

- **6/12** 7pm — NAACP forum for State Senate candidates (Zoom only)
- **6/20** 6am-7pm – June Primary election (see registration info below)
- **6/26** 5:30pm – Picnic with Albemarle Dems (see below)
- ~~6/26~~ Executive Committee meeting (to be rescheduled)
- **9/30** 5th District Dems Extravaganza (details coming soon)



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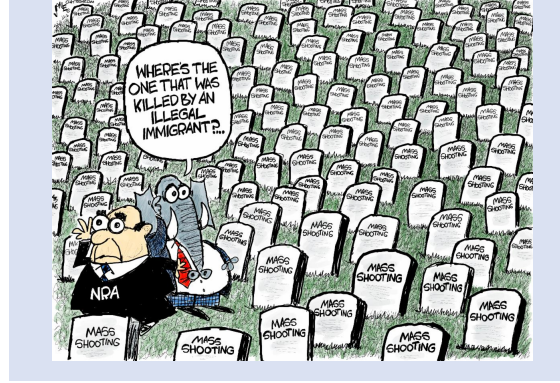


Full Committee Meeting (Monday 5/22, unusual 6pm start)

The Full Committee will meet, weather permitting, at the Forest Hills Park picnic shelter, 1000 Forest Hills Park Ave., starting at **6pm; the unusual start time gives** primary candidates a final Full Committee opportunity to informally meet and chat with members before the primary. Please bring your own chair and an extra if possible. If rain (or snow!) is forecast, we'll email everyone to switch to Zoom.

Tentative agenda item highlights (after the candidate time ends):

1. Assuming we can get a quorum (so please attend if you can!!), vote to amend our bylaws to reflect precinct redistricting necessitated by the 2020 census (details in last month's newsletter). The proposed amendment language, with full explanation, is [here](#).
2. Volunteers will be needed to staff current polling places and the **two old polling places (Alumni Hall and Tonsler)** on Primary Day to answer voters' questions and thank them for coming out to vote.
3. June 2 Summer Bash Fundraiser report (see below).
4. Charlottesville City Council Candidate forum on May 24 (see below).
5. June 26 picnic with Albemarle Dems (see below).
6. Zoning info forum (see below).



Meet the June Candidates (6/20 Primaries!)

Here are the candidates in all three races:

House of Delegates District 54

- Bellamy Warren Brown (bellamybrownfordelegate.com) — [overview info](#) (partial)
- Katrina Elizabeth Callsen (katrinacallsen.com) — [overview info](#)
- David M. Norris (votefordave.org) — [overview info](#)



Charlottesville City Council (3 seats)

- John Lloyd Snook Jr. (lloydsnookforcouncil.com) — [overview info](#) pending from candidate
- Dashad Lorenzo Cooper (dashadcooper.com) — [overview info](#)
- Natalie Oschrin (nat4cville.com) — [overview info](#)
- Robert F. Fenwick Jr. — [overview info](#) pending from candidate
- Michael Keith Payne (michaelpayneforville.org) — [overview info](#)

State Senate District 11

- Robert Creigh Deeds (senatordeeds.com) — [overview info](#)
- Sally Lindquist Hudson (sallyforvirginia.com) — [overview info](#)

Note: as a matter of policy, the Cville Dems don't take sides in primaries, but we'll continue to share information about these races through June in an even-handed way.

We're tracking these races on our website and giving candidates some access to our social media... and we're offering each candidate some space towards the bottom of each newsletter for campaign information and graphics.

2nd Annual Summer Bash Fundraiser is just 15 Days Away!

The 2023 Summer Bash will be an outdoor

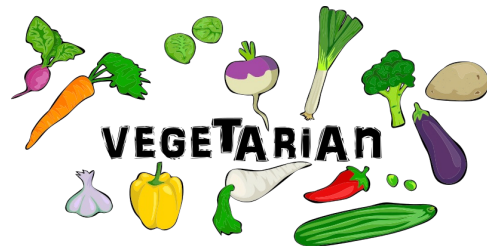
event taking the place of the traditional spring pasta supper; last year we had a great time! Guest speaker TBA.

- **Date:** Friday, June 2
- **Time:** 6-8pm
- **Cost (includes dinner!):** \$25 per person (only \$15 if this is your very first Bash!)
- **Location:** on the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center (JSAAHC) lawn, 233 4th St. NW
- **Food:** fried chicken or vegetarian dinner options.
- **Signup:** <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2023summerbash>



Having the event right before the June 20 primary also gives us the perfect chance to chat with our City Council, House of Delegates, and State Senate candidates.

So far we're only at 75% of our \$10K goal, but there's still time! Cville Dems members signing up to be event sponsors are our main source of funding for everything we do: supporting campaigns, writing to newly registered voters, providing scholarships, and generally encouraging people to exercise their rights as citizens.



Sponsorship levels:

- \$100 or \$250 (both include 2 dinner tickets)
- \$500 (includes 4 dinner tickets)

You can also buy two tickets and bring a friend.... or bring your whole precinct! If you'll be away, you can donate your tickets so some newcomers can come.

We've started "dialing for dollars" to invite those of you who can afford it to become sponsors.

If you'd like to help call people, please contact Nancy Damon: nancycdamon@gmail.com or 434-295-6774 or 434-953-6890.

Summer "Fun in the Sun" Picnic with

Albemarle Dems



The flyer below has all the details of the joint Cville Dems/Albemarle Dems picnic on June 26 at Darden Towe Park. Food, games, and lots of Democrats attending... what's not to like? Bring family and friends, spread the word!!

RSVP to: karencombs6522@gmail.com



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ALBEMARLE COUNTY
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Albemarle & Cville Democratic Party Picnic

Summer Fun in the Sun + Meet all our Candidates!!

- We provide: Hotdogs/Burgers/Vegan food options + games for all ages!
- You bring: a side dish or dessert, 1 chair/person, and your Democratic Spirit!
- Kid Friendly

Come meet all our great candidates and help launch their November campaigns!

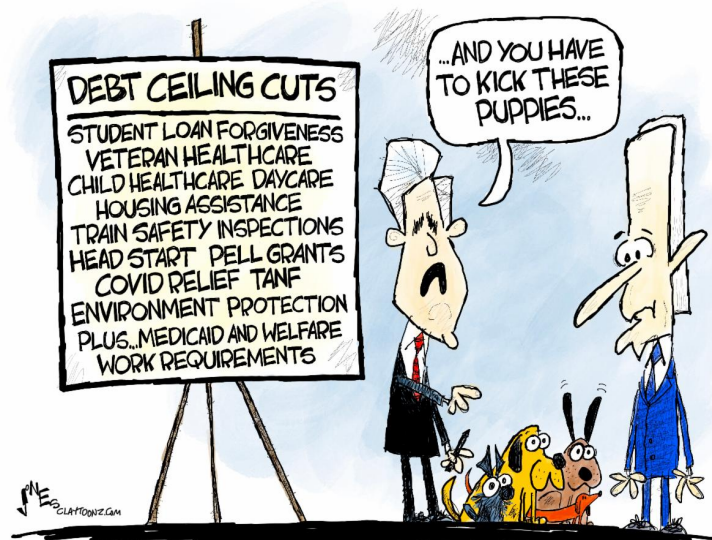
- Where: Darden Park Picnic Shelter
- Date: Monday, June 26 2023
- Time: 5:30 PM — ??

RSVP to: karencombs6522@gmail.com

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Action Item: Spread the Word re: Republicans' Disastrous Proposed Spending Cuts

As America comes dangerously close to defaulting on our debt obligations, which would have catastrophic economic consequences, Speaker Kevin McCarthy continues to demand an incredible 22% domestic spending cut.



You can help pressure Republicans to back down from tanking the

economy by (1) retweeting some of the latest posts from the [White House Twitter feed](#) and (2) making sure your friends and family know just how much harm such massive cuts would cause, especially to the most vulnerable Americans.

Some specific effects:

- "Thirty million fewer healthcare visits. Fewer staff, increased claims backlog, longer wait times for benefits. Almost a \$30 billion shortfall for veterans funding." [Military Times, 4/24/23](#)
- "...kick 300,000 children out of child care and Head Start, slash nutrition services for more than 1 million seniors and turn off the heat in 5 million low-income homes." [MSNBC, 4/23/23](#)
- "...make healthcare more expensive and less accessible for 2 million vulnerable people who rely on community health centers." [MSNBC, 4/23/23](#)
- Education Secretary Miguel Cardona "said the budget cuts would hurt students and student loan borrowers in part by eliminating loan forgiveness, 'pulling 60,000 educators and support staff from schools' and 'derail(ing) the response to the youth mental health crisis in this country.'" [USA Today, 4/25/23](#)
- "...make college more expensive by reducing the maximum Pell Grant award by nearly \$1,000 for the 6.6 million recipients, as well as 80,000 who will no longer receive those grants." [MSNBC, 4/23/23](#)



Primary Time = Voter Registration Time

- Early voting for the Democratic Primary (which in Charlottesville more or less determines the winners of the November General Elections!) started Friday May 5 at the Registrar's Office and runs through June 17 (Mondays-Fridays, and there will be Saturday voting on 6/10 and 6/17).
- Register now through 5/30 at your Registrar's Office, or online, or at a registration drive.
- Do same-day registration when you early vote 5/31-6/17 at your Registrar's Office.
- Vote on Election Day 6/20 any time from 6am-7pm at your local precinct (when you use same-day registration at your precinct, you vote with a provisional ballot, which will be counted unless there's some other problem).

Related Notes

City Council approved some changes to precinct boundaries and

polling locations that took effect on April 7, in time for the June primaries. **Around May 1 the Registrar's Office sent postcards to all registered Charlottesville voters**; if you didn't get one, or if you have any questions about voting or your voting status, call the City of Charlottesville Registrar at 434-970-3250 (Albemarle readers should call the County Registrar at 434-972-4173).

Whenever you cast your ballot, bring an ID that meets Virginia's criteria (see lists of acceptable IDs in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Korean](#), and [Vietnamese](#)). If you don't have an ID, or forget to bring one, you can sign a form affirming your identity and you'll still be able to vote a regular ballot.



Biden/Harris Reelection Campaign Has Begun!

Here are the official campaign website and donation pages:

- <https://joebiden.com>
 - https://secure.actblue.com/donate/web_bfp_launch
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Voter Registration Time = VR *Team* Time!

Q: Why does our wonderful voter registration team, led by Suzanne Michels and Barbara Shenefield, table at events at least once every weekend (often more) during the spring, summer, and fall?



A: Because Cville has one of the highest Dem percentages and turnout rates in the state! When we register a voter here, the chances are very high that they'll vote Democratic (and yeah, giving everyone a voice *is* the right thing to do!).

At our event tents we register new voters, including those who've recently moved to (or within!) our area, answer questions about the upcoming primary, and help voters figure out where they vote, either early (hint...at their Registrar's Office!) or on Election Day (40% of city

residents have had changes made to their precinct locations, so that will require some thought!). We will also help folks who need to have their right to vote restored file the paperwork to start that process.

There are few things more satisfying than signing up a new voter! Please check out this [online signup form](#) to see what dates we need people; we'd love to have more folks pitch in (and if you're even a little bit of an extrovert, you'll enjoy it!). Or email suzemichels@gmail.com if you might be interested.



Forums for June Primary candidates

Here's where these stand:

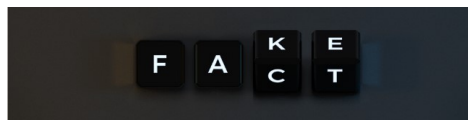
House of Delegates — We held one on April 26 (photo left, video online [here](#)) at the Jefferson School, co-sponsored by the Albemarle Dems.



City Council — We're holding a forum for this race on Wednesday, May 24; time, venue, and other details are still being worked out.

State Senate — The Executive Committee decided last month *not* to organize another forum.

Don't Myth This!



The Virginia Department of Elections has a helpful [Mythbusters](#) page where you can see common misperceptions and misinformation (and get the real facts!).



Help Wanted: Co-Chair

We have an opening for a party co-chair! Good people skills (we always have bridges that need building) and good organizational skills are two very desirable qualities. If you or someone

you know might be a good candidate, please let us know by emailing John McLaren at cvilledemschair@gmail.com .



Messages from the June Primary Candidates

We're giving each candidate $\frac{1}{3}$ of a page in each issue for campaign information updates, with the candidate sequence rotating each time to be fair. So without further ado...



Visit the Bellamy Brown [Campaign Facebook page](#)

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Building a Brighter Future for Virginia District 54



Deputy City Attorney and Albemarle County School Board Chair, [Katrina Callsen](#) is running for the seat being vacated by Delegate Sally Hudson. To show your support, please [request a yard sign](#). To learn more about Katrina, her recent endorsements or to volunteer, [visit her website](#).

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I support affordable housing, walkable/bikeable communities with safe sidewalks, and putting resources towards underlying causes of housing, food, and job insecurity. Please visit my website, www.Nat4Cville.com, to learn more or get in touch.
I look forward to meeting and working for you!

MICHAEL PAYNE

Charlottesville City Council

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- Facebook.com/MichaelPayneCville
- michaelpayneforville@gmail.com
- donate at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/michaelforville>

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Our Informational Zoning Plan Forum is a GO!

The Cville Dems will host a post-primary informational forum, likely a late summer or early fall in-person event, about the City's upcoming Draft Zoning Plan (Modules #1 and #2 of 3 are [now available](#)). Our party hasn't taken a position on the issue yet.



A planning group has started meeting to organize the forum and would like to know:

1. What issues are you most interested in (e.g. affordable housing, parking, density requirements, trees and environmental impacts)?
2. What are some of the takeaways and/or fears people have shared with you (in person or online)?
3. If you'd like to join our group!

For any or all of these, please reach out to us: communications@cville Dems.org .

Preaching BEYOND the Choir (Why electing Dems matters!)



Tuesday News: ex-Pres. Trump found civilly liable for sexually abusing and defaming E. Jean Carroll, who alleges he raped her. **Not News:** Trump's sexual abuse (now confirmed by this judgment) and non-stop lying remain insufficient reasons for Republicans to stop supporting him. *Politico*, 5/9/23

Republicans continue their push to restrict abortion rights, state-by-state and nationwide:

- **Virginia:** "[Attorney General Jason Miyares] endorsed GOP Gov. Glenn Youngkin's ambition to restrict access

to **abortion** procedures in

Virginia at 15 weeks of pregnancy. Virginia, which has some of the South's most permissive abortion laws, currently allows the procedure in the first and second trimesters. An abortion is allowed in the third trimester only if three physicians certify that the mother's mental or physical health is at serious risk."

Washington Post, 5/10/23

- **Florida:** "Planned Parenthood is launching an effort to put abortion on the Florida ballot next year....The move comes three weeks after DeSantis pleased up-for-grabs evangelical Republicans by signing a six-week abortion ban into



law." [Politico, 5/5/23](#)

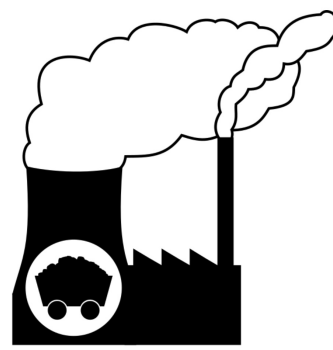
- **Maine:** "Maine legislature gives a public hearing to Republican-sponsored anti-abortion bills" [Maine TV8, 5/5/23](#)
- **North Carolina:** "Republican-led legislature passes 12-week abortion ban" [Reuters, 5/4/23](#)
- **Ohio:** "The Republican-controlled legislature on Wednesday approved a measure intended to make it more difficult for voters to approve a state constitutional amendment protecting abortion rights that Democrats and activists are working to get on the ballot in November." [Reuters, 5/10/23](#)
- **Oregon:** "The reproductive health care bill blamed for the walkout has lots of different policies in it, ranging from requiring insurance to cover gender-affirming care disallowing excessive noise meant to disrupt the work of medical clinics. Republicans walked out of the Oregon Senate this week in large part to avoid a vote..." [Oregon Public Broadcasting, 5/4/23](#)
- **South Carolina:** "A Senate bill that would ban abortion except in the earliest weeks of pregnancy is moving quickly through the South Carolina House in the first sign that Republican leaders may be close to restoring limits passed in 2021 but overturned by the state Supreme Court." [ABC News, 5/9/23](#)
- **Federal:** "The New Orleans-based appeals court panel that will oversee the next stage in the blockbuster legal challenge to the availability of medication abortion drugs is made up of three Republican appointees, including one Trump nominee who has called abortion a 'moral tragedy.'" [CNN, 5/8/23](#)



"After it was revealed Virginia State Police failed to fully check the mental health background of a former state trooper who killed three people in California last November while attempting to abduct a teenage girl he had chatted with online, Gov. Glenn Youngkin said he had requested a 'full investigation' into the agency's vetting process. 'And once the investigation is completed, there will be full transparency,' Youngkin told reporters in mid-

December. However, the watchdog agency believed to be conducting the investigation... has closed its probe into the matter and there is no official report on what it found." [Virginia Mercury, 5/4/23](#)

"The Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday will propose one of its most highly anticipated climate rules to date, compelling nearly all US power plants that generate the nation's electricity to capture or otherwise slash their planet-warming fossil fuel



BLACK LIVES MATTER

"A US Army sergeant who was [convicted of murdering a protester](#) at a Black Lives Matter rally in 2020 was sentenced to 25 years in prison Wednesday morning – even as Texas' governor [Republican Greg Abbott] pushes to pardon him....The prosecution requested a sentence of at least 25 years in prison, highlighting a stream of racist and inflammatory social media posts Perry wrote prior to the shooting." [CNN, May 10, 2023](#)

And finally... the two latest cases of Republican grifting/corruption:

"Rep. George Santos, R-N.Y., has been indicted on 13 criminal counts, including seven counts of wire fraud, three counts of money laundering, one count of theft of public funds and two counts of making materially false statements to the House of Representatives" [ABC News, 5/10/23](#) "House Speaker Kevin



McCarthy said that he will look at the charges before determining if he thinks Santos should be removed from Congress." [CNN, 5/9/23](#) [like this is a really close judgment call???]



"The conservative supreme court justice Clarence Thomas must resign, an ethics watchdog said on Tuesday, citing revelations about Thomas's failure to declare lavish gifts and financial support from a Republican mega-donor, Harlan Crow...Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, or CREW, cited a

'grave crisis of institutional legitimacy currently facing the supreme

Partner Organizations

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

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