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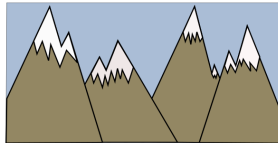
News and Updates from the Cville Dems (6/29/2023)

3 easy ways you can support Cville Dems today:

- Come have fun at the July 30 Cville/Albemarle Dems Summer Picnic (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](#), [Mastodon](#), and [Instagram](#) (and like some of our posts!).

Mark Your Calendars!

- **6/29** 7-9pm — [Dark Money Is Coming for Our Children: Exposing the Right-Wing Agenda to Destroy Public Education](#) (free webinar sponsored by the Fairfax Dems)
- **7/04** — 4th of July (fireworks illegal in the City)
- **7/12** 4:00 pm — Albemarle County Circuit Court hearing re: posthumous dismissal of the indictment against John Henry James (on 125th anniversary of his lynching)
- **7/24** 6:30pm — Cville Dems Full Committee meeting (location pending)



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- **7/29** 10am-7pm — 31st Annual [Chihamba African-American Cultural Arts Festival & Community Health Fair](#) (Washington Park)
- **7/30** 2pm — RESCHEDULED Cville Dems/Albemarle Dems Darden Towe Park picnic (see below)
- **9/17** — Charlottesville Pride at Ix Art Park (details TBA)
- **9/30** 5-10pm — [5th District Dems Extravaganza](#), 1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, VA

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Report: June Primary Results

We held our primary on June 20th. As Democrats, we believe in competition, and as a sign of our healthy, vigorous party, we had plenty of competition on the 20th! Our candidates for state and local races ran vigorous campaigns, full of positive ideas and proud Democratic values.

This is good for our party and for the Commonwealth, because it allows voters to see Democrats debating how best to move our economy forward to include everyone; to protect rights to healthcare; to increase access to housing; to prevent gun violence; to protect our environment; and to provide a better future for all Virginians. Republican primaries, on the other hand, tend to be contests to see which candidate can best attack the most vulnerable minority scapegoat of the moment; voters see this and notice the difference. Thanks to all of our candidates for making it clear what Democratic Party values are all about.

In the city council primary, [Natalie Oschrin](#), [Michael Payne](#), and [Lloyd Snook](#) won the nominations, congratulations to them... and thank you, Dashad Cooper and Bob Fenwick, for running and campaigning with honor and making us all proud.

In the 54th House of Delegates District primary, [Katrina Callsen](#) won

the nomination; congratulations Katrina, and thank yous to Dave Norris and Bellamy Brown for running and consistently promoting beautiful Democratic values.

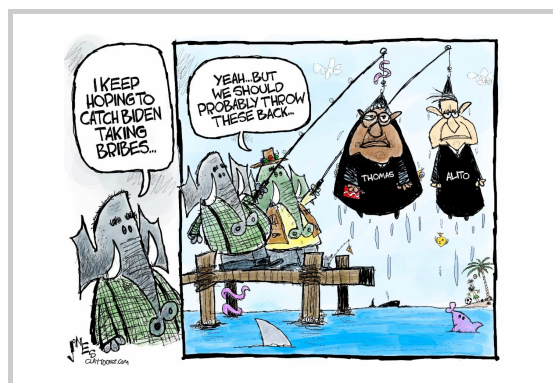
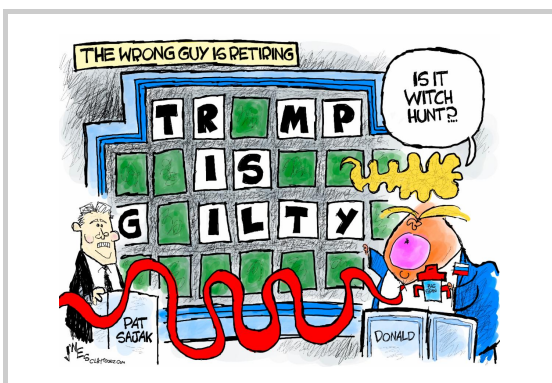
In the Senate District 11 primary, [Creigh Deeds](#) won the nomination. Congratulations, Creigh, and thank you Sally Hudson for running and standing for good government for all.

A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS to the volunteers at the polling stations on primary day, who greeted voters and provided useful information, as well as to the precinct chairs who organized them. And to all the campaigns' staff members and volunteers who knocked on countless doors and spread their candidates' messages; you've all helped our party grow!

The voters were the real winners of this affirmation of the democratic process. Now we look forward to the general election in November, where we need to ensure that our excellent candidates win the offices we nominated them for!

Speaking of November Elections...

Anyone who might be willing to join the critically important Voter Protection team (short-staffed now with co-leader Bekah Saxon's move out-of-town) should contact John McLaren at cvilledemschair@gmail.com.



RESCHEDULED to
Sunday July 30
"Summer Fun in the Sun" Picnic
with Albemarle Dems



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

Date & Time: Sunday, July 30, 2pm-??

Where: Darden Towe Park Picnic Shelter — Enter the Park, turn right at the T intersection, take the road to the end to reach the picnic shelter and Dog Park).

We provide: Hotdogs/Burgers/Vegan food options + games for adults and kids (we're bringing cornhole, balls for soccer/kickball, bocce/petanque, and bubbles for little ones; feel free to bring

more of the above or your own favorite picnic games/activities!).

You bring: Non-alcoholic beverages, a side dish or dessert, 1 chair per person, family and friends (kid-friendly!), and your Democratic Spirit!

Food, games, meet candidates, and lots of Dems... what's not to like?

Bring family and friends (especially those who aren't as politically engaged!) and help spread the word!

RSVPs (optional but helpful) to: karencombs6522@gmail.com

IMPORTANT: Do you have a flatbed truck (6' bed) that you could lend us for the afternoon (so we can bring the gas grill we're also borrowing for the event)? If so, please contact jem18_99@yahoo.com and put **TRUCK** in the subject line. Thanks!

Voter Outreach

1. Mary Ann Harris and Nancy Damon and other members of the Thursday IX crew hope to start up the Dems' weekly Thursday volunteer gatherings in the near future; contact communications@cville Dems.org if you might look to participate or just want info!
2. The Voter Registration Team members are shifting their awesome volunteer energy from regular activities (e.g. the Saturday text at Ix Market) into November general election work; in addition to local races that predictably lean Blue, Democratic candidates in



neighboring districts that lean Red really need our help ([Rural GroundGame](#) is a great option to consider for that!)



Draft Zoning Ordinance

As the City continues to discuss the draft Zoning Ordinance (all three modules are [now available](#)), a Cville Dems working group continues discussing how our party might contribute to the process by acting as an additional information channel. If you have thoughts on the matter, please reach out to us: communications@cville Dems.org.



Erin Monaghan Volunteer Profile

Whenever questions arise about bylaws, legalities, historical precedents, and coordination with the 5th District and State Dems, our first stop is usually Erin Monaghan; no one knows the ins-and-outs like she does because no one has the broad resume she does! Since 2008, Erin has been at various times:

- a local voter protection volunteer and liaison;
- a Cville Dems precinct rep, precinct chair, Secretary, and Co-Chair;
- a campaign manager for City Council campaigns and staffer for Congressional campaigns;
- a legislative staffer for our former Delegate David Toscano; and
- the point person for the pre-pandemic Pasta Supper fundraisers.

She's also a member of the Fifth Congressional District Democratic Committee and the DPVA Central Committee, and since January 2020 she's worked as the Virginia House Democratic Caucus's

Legislative and Policy Director (mostly remote from Charlottesville when the General Assembly isn't in session, with occasional 75-mile dashes when there's a need.)

How this unexpected path came about is a longer story. She was born in Charlottesville (while her father got a UVA Ph.D. in physics), but moved away as a toddler. After living in Delaware, Texas, and West Virginia as her dad's career progressed, she ended up going to high school in Wilmington, DE, where she volunteered for Joe Biden's Senate re-election campaign and saw him regularly. Erin returned here the first time as a UVA undergrad, then left for law school and 15 years practicing law in DC (including 10 years with the Federal Election Commission), and then returned the second time in 2007 to work briefly for the Jefferson Scholars Foundation and be close to family. It wasn't long before she threw herself into local politics and began working with local Dems as a career.

Her current Legislative and Policy Director position with the House Democratic Caucus requires her to, during sessions, keep all the delegates informed about what bills are coming up for votes on any given day and what delegates need to know about them (e.g. how they differ from the original after being tweaked and amended through the committee process). But she and her colleagues help delegates in myriad other ways too, both during sessions and also out of sessions (e.g. providing delegates information for end-of-session wrap-up Town Hall speeches or more detailed explanations of particular bills important to their constituents).

She's also remained highly involved in voter protection work (early on here in Charlottesville, more recently at the Congressional District level as Bekah Saxon and Jeremy Jones and others learned the local ropes).

What you may not know about her: she's a *big* dog lover and is particularly fond of Australian shepherds. She doesn't currently have one, but over the years she's adopted several as rescues. Candidates from years past may remember her furry friend Moxie, who often attended campaign meetings with her!

We're incredibly fortunate to have such a great resource to turn to for high-level help (e.g. updating our bylaws and dealing with redrawn district lines are two of the projects she took on for us just in the last year). All her under-the-radar behind-the-scenes work is greatly appreciated!!

Preaching BEYOND the Choir **(Why electing Dems matters!)**

"President Biden on Wednesday

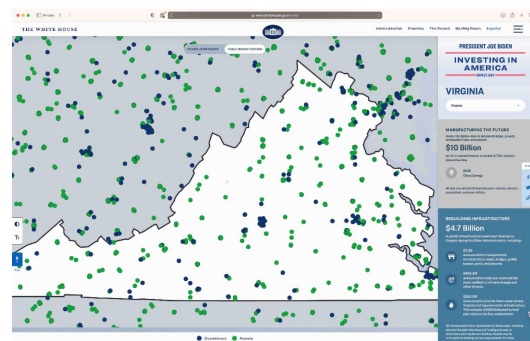
bashed the theory of trickle-down economics, while promoting what the White House has deemed "Bidenomics." "Here's the simple truth about trickle-down economics, it didn't represent the best of American capitalism, let alone America...It represented a moment where we walked away ... from how this country was built, how this city was built... Bidenomics is just another way of saying, restore the American dream. Because it worked before' he continued, arguing that 40 years of trickle-down economics has limited the American dream." [The Hill, 6/28/23](#)

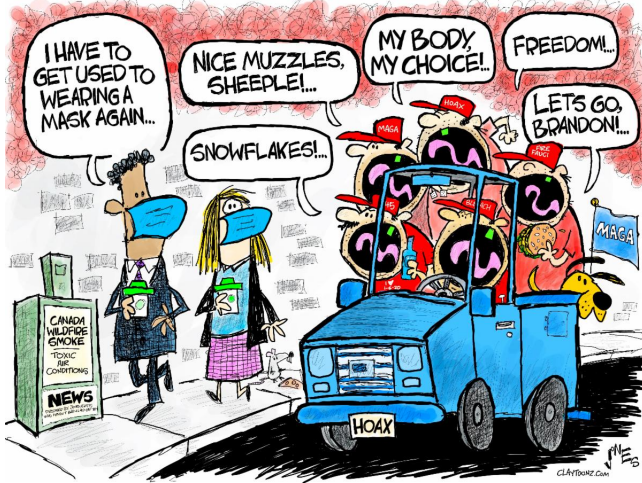


"President Biden on Monday announced more than \$42 billion in new federal funding to expand high-speed internet access nationwide, commencing the largest-ever campaign to help an estimated 8.5 million families and small businesses finally take advantage of modern-day connectivity.

The money, which the government plans to parcel out to states over the next two years, is the centerpiece of a vast and ambitious effort to deliver reliable broadband to the entire country by 2030 — ensuring that even the most far-flung parts of the United States can reap the economic benefits of the digital age." [Washington Post, 6/27/23](#) [Ed—The Biden Administration's [Invest in America website](#) shows where all the infrastructure funding is going!]

"Virginia will submit a plan late this year to ensure that every home and business in the state can connect to broadband networks for high-speed internet service, using a \$1.5 billion federal grant ... under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which the president signed into law in late 2021. Virginia is one of 10 states to receive more than \$1 billion each from the Broadband Equity Access and Development program under the infrastructure law." [Daily Progress, 6/26/23](#)





"Smoke from the Canadian wildfires is passing by northern and central Virginia after covering the Great Lakes region earlier in the week, and will likely impact local air quality. Central Virginia is expected to have Code Orange Air Quality on Thursday, June 29, while parts of northern Virginia and Washington, DC will be

Code Red." [WRIC Richmond, 6/28/23](#) [Ed- climate change is real and impacts us!!!]

"Virginia's chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, voting rights group Protect Democracy and law firm WilmerHale are taking Gov. Glenn Youngkin's administration, state elections officials and a handful of local registrars to court. The plaintiffs filed suit in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District on behalf of formerly incarcerated individuals. The suit comes months after Youngkin's administration quietly adjusted the process for restoring voting rights to formerly incarcerated people." [Daily Progress, 6/27/23](#)



"...Democrats led by Representatives Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) and Raul Ruiz (D-CA) introduced into Congress the Children's Act for Responsible Employment and Farm Safety, or CARE Act. It seeks to raise the minimum age for farm work from 12 to 14, repairing a carveout from the era of the Jim Crow

1930s that permitted children to work on farms at two years younger than in other sectors....This bill, Ruiz notes, has exemptions for family

farms. It is intended not to stop the passing of farming knowledge from parents to kids, but to protect Latinx children 'who are working in the fields because they're living in extreme poverty.' Pressure for federal legislation to protect children is mounting, in part because of the recent effort of Republican-dominated state legislatures to weaken child labor laws" [Letters From An American \(Prof. Heather Cox Richardson\), 6/14/23](#)

Finally, the latest Republican success in shielding their billionaire donors from paying their fair share of income tax:



"The White House and Congress recently agreed to claw back more than \$20 billion earmarked for the Internal Revenue Service. This deal was, ostensibly, part of a grand bargain to reduce budget deficits. Unfortunately, it's likely to have the opposite effect. Every dollar available for auditing taxpayers generates many times that amount for government coffers — and the rate of return is especially astonishing for audits of the wealthiest Americans..." [Washington Post 6/14/23](#)

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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