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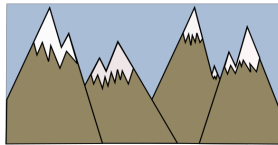
News and Updates from the Cville Dems (8/31/2023)

2 easy ways you can support Cville Dems today:

- 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, X/Twitter, Mastodon, and Instagram (and like some of our posts!).

Mark Your Calendars!

- **9/04** — Labor Day
- **9/14** 4pm — First public hearing on the consolidated Draft Zoning Ordinance (at City Hall or over [Zoom](#))
- **9/16** 2-9pm — [C'ville Sabroso Latin American Cultural Festival](#) at Washington Park
- **9/16** 2:00-3:30pm — [Democracy & Constitution Days Celebration](#) at the Free Speech Wall (coalition event)
- **9/17** 10:30am-5:30pm — Charlottesville Pride at Ix Art Park
- **9/26 6:30pm (Date Change)** — Full Committee meeting (location TBA)



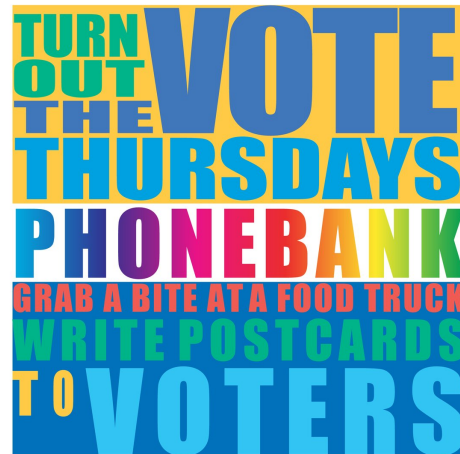
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Work for Democratic Victories on November 7!



Local Option #1: "Turn Out the Vote Thursdays"

We meet every Thursday 4-7pm at the Ix Art Park (on the Brazos Tacos lawn if nice weather, inside the restaurant when not-so-nice). Come when and for how long your schedule and mood dictate; it needn't be every week or the entire three hours.



Today (Thursday 8/31) we'll start writing GOTV cards to City of Charlottesville "Lean Democratic" voters, stressing the importance of turning out for Creigh Deeds. If you can, bring a chair and a clipboard/something similar to write on.



For the past three years, we've had many many dedicated people joining in. In 2022, we had 100+ volunteers who attended at least once to eat, drink, chat, and pitch in together to help our Democratic candidates win; many attended almost every week! If you've joined us before, please join us again. If you haven't tried it yet, come on down and meet fellow Dems and enjoy yourself while working for a big win on November 7!

There are lots of different ways to help over the next few months; do what's most comfortable for you! For example:

- Writing postcards and making follow-up phone calls to newly-registered voters. That combination has been very successful, resulting in this group voting at a consistent 75-80% rate in 2021-2023.

- Distributing "walk sheet" name and address lists of Dem-leaning people for our campaign canvassers to visit.
- Sending some specific issue-message postcards (a new idea we're considering).
- Writing postcards and phoning people we've previously registered.
- Writing postcards and phoning for campaigns near Charlottesville.

Questions? Please contact Mary Ann Harris: harrisma49@gmail.com



Local Option #2: Canvassing

We're partnering with the Albemarle Dems to ensure we win all our local races; with several uncontested City races, it makes sense to shift some of our energy.

- **State Senate:** Incumbent Senator Creigh Deeds is favored to win our crucial Senate District 11, but the district has some very conservative areas, and we can't be complacent if we're going to keep this seat. His opponent, Philip Hamilton, is quite a piece of work; among other claims to fame, he's publicly misgendered his own 12-year-old, claiming that school teachers had [poisoned his child's mind into being non-binary](#). And he favors schools outing gay students to their parents (see below in "Preaching Beyond the Choir"). This is *not* someone we want representing us; please donate to or canvass for (or both) the [Deeds campaign!](#)

- **House of Delegates:** [Amy Laufer](#) (our Albemarle County neighbor running in a competitive District #55 race) and Katrina Callsen (running unopposed in our District #54)
- **Charlottesville City Council:** Natalie Oschrein, Michael Payne, and Lloyd Snook (running unopposed)
- **Charlottesville School Board:** Amanda Burn, Shymora Cooper, Chris Meyer, and Nicole Richardson
- **Albemarle County Board of Supervisors:** Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, Ann Mallek, and Michael Pruitt
- **Albemarle County School Board (ACSB):** Rebecca Berlin,

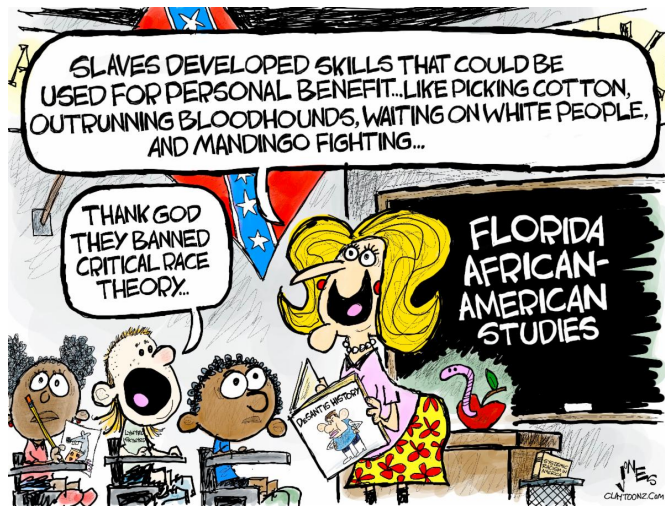
Judy Le, Ellen Moore Osborne, and [Allison Spillman](#). A few notes about Allison's race: she's running against Meg Scalia Bryce, the daughter of the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Scalia-Bryce is (a) very concerned that the ACSB has been treating LGBTQ kids with respect and support, and (b) is very [offended by its anti-racist curriculum](#). Scalia-Bryce has been winning the fundraising race by a wide margin, and we can't let extremists like her (e.g. a big fan of the Moms for Liberty book banners) start taking over our local schools (per [Forward Albemarle](#), all *her* kids attend private schools). Please help [Allison's campaign](#) any way you can, especially via donations and canvassing help.

If you'd like to canvass locally (figure a shift is roughly 3 hours):

1. On a weekday, please email karencombs6522@gmail.com .
2. On a weekend, use [SignUp Genius](#) to participate in one or more of these coordinated canvasses:

Date	Start Time	City	Location
Saturday, September 2	10:00 AM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, September 9	10:00 AM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, September 9	2:00 PM	Crozet	Mudhouse Crozet
Saturday, September 16	10:00 AM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, September 16	2:00 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, September 23	10:00 AM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, September 23	2:00 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, September 30	10:00 AM	Crozet	Mudhouse Crozet
Saturday, September 30	2:00 PM	Crozet	Mudhouse Crozet
Sunday, October 1	12:00 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Sunday, October 1	2:30 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, October 7	10:00 AM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, October 7	2:00 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, October 14	10:00 AM	Crozet	Mudhouse Crozet
Saturday, October 14	2:00 PM	Crozet	Mudhouse Crozet
Sunday, October 15	12:00 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Sunday, October 15	2:30 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, October 21	10:00 AM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, October 21	2:00 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, October 28	10:00 AM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, October 28	2:00 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Saturday, November 4	10:00 AM	Crozet	Mudhouse Crozet
Saturday, November 4	2:00 PM	Crozet	Mudhouse Crozet
Sunday, November 5	12:00 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office
Sunday, November 5	2:30 PM	Charlottesville	Combs Office

Please tell your friends and social media connections how important it is to vote (and maybe even volunteer!); we need to hit high vote counts in our area to offset more conservative areas!



Option #3 (Non-local): Help Key VA Races

Republicans control the House of Delegates and the Governor's mansion, and Dems barely hold the Senate; if Republicans take the Senate, then Virginia will become Florida, which means forced childbirth laws, schools teaching

whitewashed history, “don’t-say-gay” laws, and other measures to erase LGBTQ youth.

We can't let this happen; all Dems need to help in some way. Here are four non-local races where our help can make a difference:

- The state party's political staff say that two must-win races are Senate District 17 ([Delegate Clint Jenkins](#) looking to move up) and Senate District 24 (incumbent [Senator Monty Mason](#) running in a redrawn district). These races aren't in the neighborhood, but if you can send a few bucks, it can help us retain the Senate!
- In the not-so-far-away HD-57, Western Henrico/Eastern Goochland, Charlottesville native [Susanna Gibson](#) is running in a no-incumbent, competitive district; we *need* to win this seat to have a chance at a House of Delegates Democratic majority. January 6 insurrectionist John McGuire represented about 55% of current HD57 voters in the old HD56, so we have MAGA voters to beat!
- [Lily Franklin](#) is running for the HD-41 seat, around Blacksburg. Charlottesville Dems know her well from her excellent work on the Josh Throneburg campaign, and she's exactly the sort of person we need in the House! She's in a right-leaning district, but we believe Lily has a fighting chance if we pull together. The Thursdays at Ix group will be helping her campaign, possibly including a road trip to knock on doors there.

Whatever you choose to do, please do something to help the good guys hold the Senate and regain the House! Thank you!

PS— we've updated these website pages:

- [Precinct Maps](#)
- [Upcoming Local Elections](#)
- [Voter Registration and Voting Information](#)

Two September 16 Local Events to Take In!

As summer draws to a close, We'd like to flag two events worthy of your time and support (we and the Albemarle Dems are cosponsors of the first one).

WE WANT YOU...

... TO SUPPORT OUR DEMOCRACY!

A non-partisan, non-political, pro-democracy rally will be held at the Free Speech Wall to recognize and support our American Democracy.

Please join the rally on September 16th to celebrate our democracy and honor our Constitution.

Event sponsored by League of Women Voters, Piedmont Group Sierra Club, Charlottesville and Albemarle Democratic Parties, Charlottesville Center for Peace & Justice, Quaker Social Concerns Committee.

***** MUSIC! *** SPEAKERS! *****

Democracy & Constitution Days Celebration
Saturday, September 16 at 2 p.m.
Free Speech Wall on the Downtown Mall

#1. Democracy & Constitution Days Celebration

When: Sept. 16, 2:00–3:30pm
Where: Downtown Mall Free Speech Wall

As Republicans nationwide disenfranchise vulnerable populations with voter suppression laws, and online platforms polarize our politics and sow distrust in our institutions, voters are recognizing the urgent threat to our democracy and are looking to push back... hence this event!

Speakers at this pro-democracy rally include our own Josh Throneburg, Meg Heubeck, Chair of the League of Women Voters of the Charlottesville Area and Director of Instruction at UVA's Center for Politics, and Prof. Bruce Williams from UVA Media Studies Department. Local musicians Theocles, Jon Nafziger, and the Green Grannies will also participate. The League of Women Voters will register voters and provide important voting information.

For more information, check out:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1479365319505121>

And before or after this short but very important event, check out at least part of this second fun and celebratory event:

C'Ville Sabroso Festival

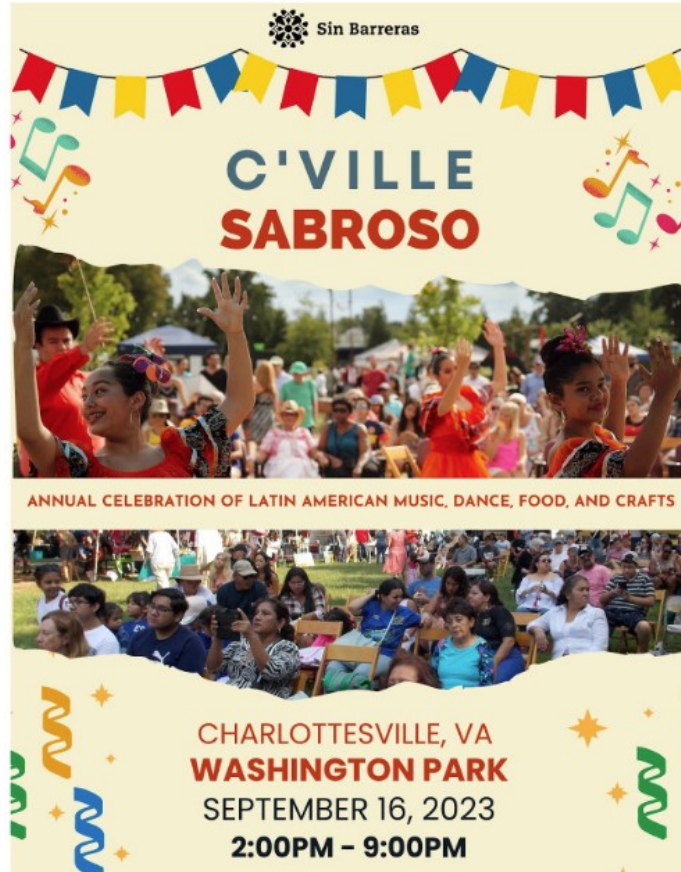
When: Sept. 16, 2–9pm
Where: Washington Park,
1001 Preston Ave

As the region's only Latin American music, dance, and culture festival, C'ville Sabroso has become a treasured regional celebration over its 11-year run; attendance should approach 5,000! It's a safe space for our diverse Latin American community to showcase and share the rich cultures of their countries of origin and of Latin America generally.

Some highlights from this year's event:

- Continuous music and dance on the main stage— including the festival's first-ever band from South America.
- A new adult-only beer garden.
- A kid's area with face painting, the JMRL bookmobile, and supplies for making traditional paper flowers and garlands.
- Cultural representation from Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico, and Uruguay.
- Food, food, food: twice as many vendors as last year!

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/cvillesabroso>



Voter Protection for the November Election

Jeremy Jones is looking to expand the VoPro Team to not only cover all the Charlottesville precincts in November, but also hopefully to help out in some other key VA races, so everyone who's eligible to vote gets to do so. Voter protection requires a lot of behind-the-scenes work, so there are many ways you can pitch in ([details in our July 23 issue](#)). If you might be willing to get involved in these efforts, please contact Jeremy: hijeremyjones@gmail.com

Voting in Virginia is: **PROTECTED**

- The Virginia Voting Rights Act provides comprehensive protections against voter suppression, discrimination or intimidation.
- You can't be denied the right to vote if you're legally qualified.
- You may ask an election officer for help to cast your ballot.
- You may ask for a new ballot if you want to change your vote before you cast it.
- You can vote a provisional ballot.
- You can vote if you are in line by 7pm when polls close.



Learn more about secure elections:
Vote.Virginia.gov



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National



"Words of hate create an ethos of hate, an atmosphere of hate, a political, social Petri dish of hate. Eventually, spoken words become deeds. On Saturday those deeds were the racist murders of Angela Michelle Carr, Jerrald Gallion and Anolt Joseph Laguerre Jr at a Dollar General store in Jacksonville, Florida, by a man who 'hated Black people'....We can't get lackadaisical. We need to recognize, as they did, that we are in a battle for civilization, a battle for

democracy. If you watched the Republican debate last week, you saw it. They're ramping up. They're not talking about poverty and healthcare. They're in one mode only: attack, attack, attack on cultural issues. We can't get distracted, and must expose fearmongers for what they are. Culture wars are distractions, but also potentially deadly. They seed hate, give license to hate. They reproduce hate until it's no longer in the mouth, but in human acts and deeds."

Reverend William Barber, 8/29/23

"[The Jacksonville tragedy] cast a shadow across the Republican presidential campaign this week as candidates faced uncomfortable questions about the party's increasing appeal among white supremacists and the GOP's fight against so-called 'woke' policies on race and gender.

While DeSantis has not mentioned his 'war on woke' in recent days, cultural issues have been the centerpiece of his campaign. Virtually all of the candidates have embraced a similar message aimed at appealing to the GOP's white conservative base by downplaying the existence of racism in America and restricting LGBTQ rights." *Associated Press, 8/29/23*



"The Biden administration unveiled Tuesday the names of the first 10 drugs subject to price negotiations in Medicare,



including blood thinners and diabetes medications. They are: Eliquis, Jardiance, Xarelto, Januvia, Farxiga, Entresto, Enbrel, Imbruvica, Stelara, and Fiasp and certain other insulins made by Novo Nordisk, including NovoLog....The controversial program was authorized by the [Inflation Reduction Act](#) that Democrats pushed through Congress last year. The drug industry and their supporters, however, are determined to quash the effort, filing at least eight lawsuits in recent weeks declaring it unconstitutional.....The

program is expected to save Medicare \$98.5 billion over 10 years" [CNN, 8/29/23](#)

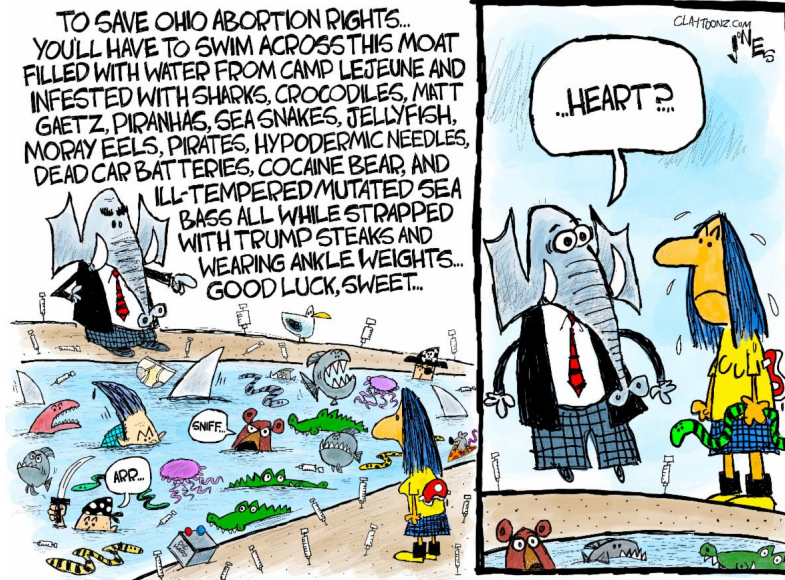
Republican Presidential Candidates Debate #1 Lowlights

"The eight Republican presidential candidates on the debate stage were asked to raise their hands if they believed human behavior is causing climate change. Not a single hand went up. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis shut down the question and attacked the 'corporate media.' Echoing the words of former President Donald Trump, Vivek Ramaswamy called climate change 'a hoax' and a 'wet blanket on our economy.' Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., insisted that more serious environmental threats are coming from China, India and Africa."



[Associated Press, 8/24/23](#)

"Prompted for their thoughts on abortion, the Republican candidates differed over whether states should decide to restrict the procedure, or if they would push for a federal ban." [The Guardian, 8/24/23](#)



"All candidates except Christie and Hutchinson say they would support Trump if he's convicted"
[CBS News, 8/24/23](#)



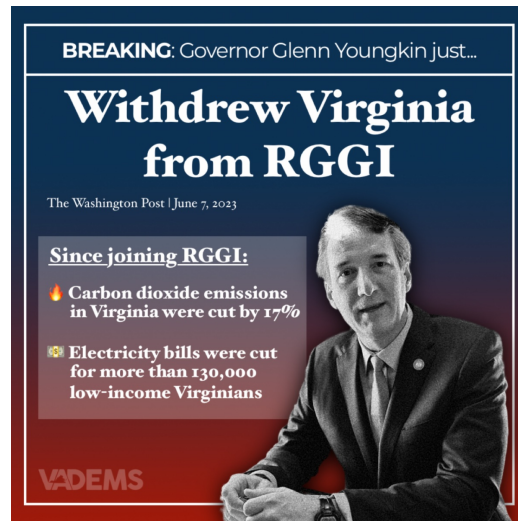
Virginia



"A bill killed this year in the Virginia General Assembly that would have required schools to out students that identify as a gender other than their biological sex to their parent or guardian still has support among Republicans

hoping to retake the state Senate this November. Philip Hamilton, a Charlottesville resident and Republican nominee in Senate District 11...vowed to support the bill...Hamilton said he sees 'culture wars' going on in the state and nation and believes Christians and conservatives 'need to take a stand against the wokeness that's going on.' [Daily Progress, 8/18/23](#)

"A coalition of environmental groups [led by Charlottesville's Southern Environmental Law Center] filed a lawsuit Monday...to try to keep Virginia in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, also known as RGGI, which involves power plant emissions...'Carbon dioxide emissions from Virginia power plants have declined by 16.8 percent in the first two years of participation' the lawsuit stated...Virginia's Republican governor has made withdrawal from the compact a priority" [ABC News, 8/21/23](#)



Partner Organizations

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

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