

# C'VILLE DEMS

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## News and Updates from the Cville Dems (1/10/24)

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

- Help us publicize the Jan 13 event (see below)!!
- Forward this to friends who aren't politically engaged but might want to know what the Cville Dems do and stand for.
- Follow us on [Facebook](#), [X/Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Mastodon](#), and like some of our posts!
- [Make a contribution](#)

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Note: if **Gmail isn't showing you all of this newsletter**, look near the email's bottom for a link reading "[Message clipped] View entire message." Or... read the complete issue on our website once we upload it (usually within an hour of sending this mail).

## Upcoming Events!

**1/10** — Virginia General Assembly Session began

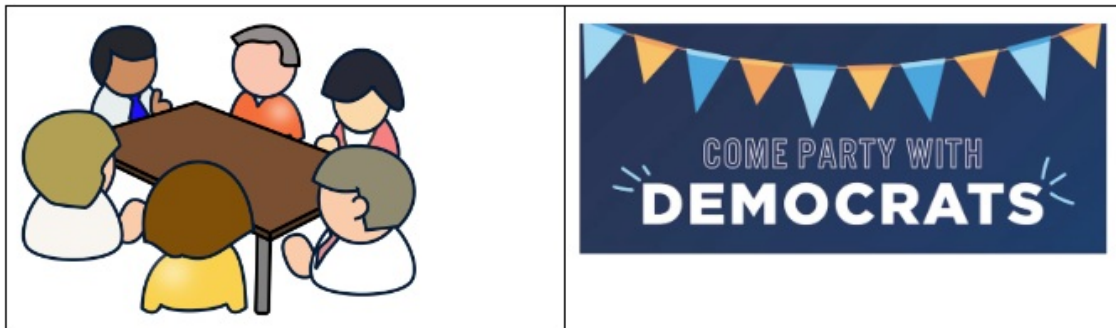
**1/13 2:00pm** — Cville Dems Reorganization Meeting at Carver Rec Center (see below)

**1/15** — Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**1/15** — Richmond [rally + lobbying](#) for sensible gun laws (free bus transportation from Charlottesville Coalition for Gun Violence Prevention)

**1/19** — Start of [early voting](#) in VA for 3/5 "Super Tuesday" Presidential Primary. In-person voting at City Hall Annex, 120 7th St. NE, Room 142 is best/safest, open most weekdays 8:30am-4:30pm

**1/27 7:00pm & 9:30pm** — [24/7 Fundraiser](#) for Jefferson School (7 new plays written in 24 hours)



**RESCHEDULED**  
**January 13 Reorganization Meeting**  
**(with music and food!)**  
***Opportunities for New People with New Ideas!***

**Date/Time: January 13 at 2pm**

*(you must arrive before 3pm to vote!!)*

**Location:** Carver Recreation Center, 233 4th Street NW

**Schedule:**

- **2-3pm Registration:** We'll be chatting with attendees and signing up volunteers. We'll have light food (fresh apple juice, coffee, and homemade scones) and live acoustic music. Current precinct committee members should arrive early to greet attendees, especially those new to us, and help them find the volunteer signup table(s) that match their interest(s) such as GOTV, event planning, helping with petitions, media, etc.

- **3pm sharp:** Doors close (no one arriving after 3pm will be allowed in) and we switch over to election business (should only take about an hour):
1. Attendees signed in by 3pm will elect Precinct Representatives, who then choose either a chair or co-chairs for each precinct. ]]
  2. Anyone who lives in and is registered to vote in Charlottesville is eligible to stand for election to become a member of our committee and have a voice in shaping our local party's actions and positions on issues.
  3. The Precinct Representatives and ex officio members, who together make up the Charlottesville Democratic Committee ("the Full Committee"), will then elect candidates for the following offices (listed with all candidates who have so far generously offered to run for them):

**Co-Chairs: Josh Throneburg and Nancy Damon**

**Vice-Chair: Dashad Cooper**

**Treasurer: Jason Vandever is willing to stay on.**

**Secretary: Ruth Goldeen**

Note: there are four other appointed positions on the Executive Committee:

**Communications: Mary Jane Gore**

**Voter Registration: Suzanne Michels is willing to stay on.**

**Voter Protection: Jeremy Jones is willing to stay on.**

**Fundraising: *Still seeking candidate(s).***

Layperson descriptions of these offices are [on our website](#); full descriptions of the precinct roles (and officer roles) are in our [bylaws](#).

These "changing of the guard" elections are critically important for every organization, including ours. It's always important to have fresh faces and new ideas in the leadership mix.

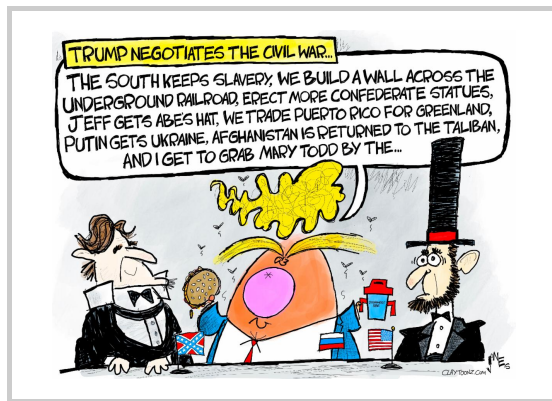
To put it bluntly, we need you! We all know that the 2024 election will be a struggle for the future of this country. If we don't grow the party (bring in new people with new energy and ideas), we'll have to live with a re-elected President Trump and more MAGA extremists in all branches of government. If that's not an acceptable future to you, then please rise to the challenge and play a part!

- If you're on our mailing list but haven't ever gotten formally involved, this pivotal election year would be a really good time to give engagement a small try! Two of the ways you might do this (neither a big time commitment):
1. Become a precinct representative, which gives you a voice in shaping the party and plugs you into our volunteer network and all the practical ways you can work for good.

2. Join one of our teams (Communications, Voter Registration, Voter Protection, etc.).

- If you're already a little bit involved, contribute just a bit more by joining a precinct committee or taking on one of our open leadership positions.
- If you know people who could make good contributions to the Cville Dems, encourage them to check us out (all of our meetings are public, including January 13).

If you'd like more information or have a question about a role you might consider taking, please contact John McLaren as soon as possible at [cville Dems chair@gmail.com](mailto:cville Dems chair@gmail.com), and he'll be happy to explain all.



## NOW...Help us Publicize the Rescheduled Saturday Jan 13 Event!

Reaching new people and getting a big turnout is really important. It's so important that we ran this *C-Ville Weekly* display ad twice:

# What Do We Want?



# EQUALITY





# How Will We Get It?



Images: <https://www.freepik.com>



The Charlottesville Democrats are gearing up for the 2024 election, organizing at the precinct level and electing officers; help us in the fight to save our democracy!

**Rescheduled to  
Saturday, Jan. 13 at 2pm**

Carver Recreation Center, 233 4th St NW

### **2-3pm Socializing with Food**

Enjoy music and drinks/snacks, meet new people,  
& sign up to VOLUNTEER in 2024!

### **3-5pm Voting**

Precinct Rep and Officer elections  
***You must arrive before 3pm to vote!***

### **Who's invited?**

Any City of Charlottesville resident who's a registered voter, supports the Democratic Party, and is willing to do a bit of organizing work to help us win in November (especially newcomers!).

**More info: [www.cvilledeems.org](http://www.cvilledeems.org)**

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**But to really get the word out, we're asking every local Dem (including you!) to post our meeting announcement on your own social media pages:**

1. Please go to our [Facebook event](#). If you can attend the Jan. 13 meeting, please click “Going”; if you can't attend, please click “Interested.” Then, VERY IMPORTANT, click on the “Invite” button and *invite every non-Republican Cville resident who's in your Facebook list*. Then go to our [Facebook page](#) and “Like” and “Share our post about the event.” These two things will increase our visibility a lot.

2. Download our *C-Ville Weekly* display ad above (or make a screenshot of it, or [email us](#) and we'll email it to you!), and then post to whatever social media platforms you're active on:

- Nextdoor.com — click [here](#), then comment, like, and share.
- Reddit — click [here](#), comment, and upvote.
- Twitter/X —click [here](#) and reply/retweet.

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

So much is happening now, we thought we'd inject some talking points and a lowering-our-blood-pressure perspective on the upcoming Iowa caucus:

(Hunter Biden's business partner Devon Archer testified under oath) “...President Joe Biden wasn't involved with Burisma, didn't talk business with his son's



associates, and didn't take bribes, effectively shredding each of the Republicans' core claims. We know this for certain because GOP investigators released a transcript of the testimony. Once the

information came to light, it was Democrats who were eager to draw attention to Archer's answers, since they did fresh harm to the Republican's crusade. That was five months ago. Now, evidently, (Republican Rep. Jim) Jordan expects the public to believe that the information provided by Archer to congressional investigators was the most 'damning evidence' they've uncovered to date." [MSNBC, 1/8/24](#)

"I don't think it's mutually exclusive – focusing on the economy, focusing on the threats to our rights as women, focusing on what matters most to an individual voter as they sit at their kitchen table is not mutually exclusive from recognizing that Donald Trump is a threat to our democracy. Here is a man who did the unthinkable; he did not concede an election, he did not willingly submit to the peaceful transition of power. And in fact he's made jokes about being a dictator, at least for one day. So the threats to our democratic republic are real, and if those threats are ever realized under a future Trump presidency, every other discussion – about our economy, about our freedoms – becomes secondary." Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA07)



[Blue Virginia quoting CNN, 1/8/24](#)



"In fact, Iowa has a terrible record of picking the Republican Party nominee. In the seven contested Republican races since 1980, the Iowa winner has captured the party's nomination only twice: Senator Bob Dole of Kansas in 1996 and Gov. George W. Bush of Texas in 2000. Even in

competitive years, fewer than 200,000 Iowans typically participate in their party's caucuses. That number could be even lower this year, given the subzero temperatures forecast for next Monday night."

[NYTimes, 1/8/24](#)

## 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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