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Upcoming Events!

4/04 – Tim Kaine in Charlottesville, April 4, 11am-1pm. Register at <https://www.mobilize.us/timkaine/event/613231/>

4/07 – Democracy on Tap, 3:30-5pm, Kardinal Hall (722 Preston Ave), speaker Sterling Howell, Albemarle/Charlottesville Historical Society

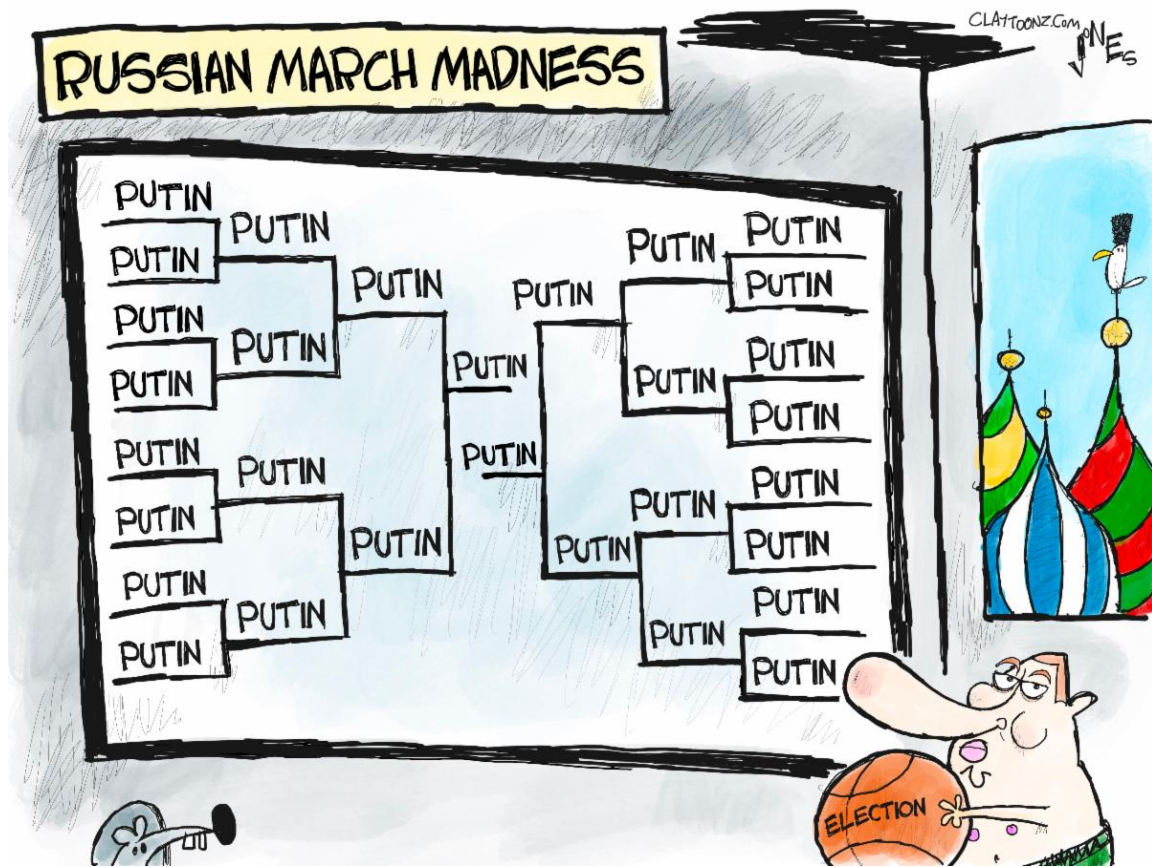
4/22 – 6:30pm Full Committee Meeting, 7pm Caucus Registration, 7:30pm Caucus (Swanson Case Room of Central Library)

5/18 – 5th Congressional District (5th CD) Convention in Fluvanna County

6/07 – Cville Dems Summer Bash, Jefferson School on the lawn (next day if raining)

6/18 – Senate & Congressional Primary

6/22 – Democratic Party of Virginia Convention in Richmond



Caucus and Full Committee Meeting on April 22

There will be a brief full Cville Dems meeting followed by a Caucus in Charlottesville on Monday, April 22, Swanson Case Room, Central Library branch (explained below). Doors will open at 6 pm, followed by the meeting

6:30-6:50 pm. Registration for the Caucus will begin at 7pm, and the

Caucus will begin at 7:30pm.

Read more information in the formal Call to Caucus, which is [here](#) on the Cville Dems website.

The Caucus is an event to elect Charlottesville delegates and alternates to attend both the Fifth Congressional District Democratic Convention (May 18 in Fluvanna County) and the DPVA State Convention (June 22 in Richmond). If you'd like to be elected as a Charlottesville delegate or alternate, you must pre-file (see article just below). We need to elect 14 delegates plus three alternates at the Caucus – yes, we need 17 people to volunteer for this important Democratic representation of Charlottesville at both the Fifth District convention and the DPVA State convention in Richmond. Delegates must attend both conventions. It is satisfying and enjoyable to be part of this political process, which goes all the way to determining the next President and Vice President.

How Can I Become a Charlottesville Delegate at the Caucus?

Every Presidential election year, Democrats in each city and county must meet in a Caucus to elect Delegates to attend both the Congressional District Convention(s) and the State Convention and help elect Virginia's delegation to the National Democratic Convention in August. The Charlottesville Democratic Committee (Cville Dems) calls and runs the Caucus, which is open to every Democrat registered to vote in the City of Charlottesville.

This year, Charlottesville Democrats need to elect 14 Delegates and 3 alternates to the 5th Congressional District Democratic Convention and to the DPVA State Convention.

Some frequently asked questions:

What does a Delegate do?

- A Delegate attends the Congressional District Caucus in May and the State Convention in June, both single day events (see below for dates).
- At the Congressional District Convention, Delegates from the Fifth District will elect 5 District-Level Delegates to the National Convention in Chicago, as well as a District-level Presidential Elector.
- At the State Convention, Delegates from the Commonwealth will elect Virginia's state-wide representatives to the National Convention in Chicago (At-Large Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention, Pledged Party Leaders and Elected Officials), two At-Large Presidential Electors, and Virginia's members of the Democratic National Committee for the next four

years.

What does an Alternate do?

- An Alternate fills in for a Delegate if the Delegate is unable to attend the District or State convention.

When are the District and State Conventions?

- May 18 — 5th Congressional District Convention, 11am, at Fluvanna County High School
- June 22 – State Convention, 10am, Richmond Convention Center

How do I get to be a Delegate or an Alternate from Charlottesville to the Congressional District and State Conventions?

- You must pre-file to be a Delegate or Alternate, so that your name can be on the ballot for the caucus. To pre-file, fill out the online 2024 State Delegate and Alternate Filing Form. You can pre-file from now until 5pm on April 15. You do NOT need to be a member of the Full Committee to become a delegate or an alternate from Charlottesville – any Democrat registered to vote in the City of Charlottesville can pre-file and, if elected, serve as a delegate or alternate.
- Delegates will be elected at the Charlottesville Democratic Caucus on April 22 at 7:30pm.
- The Call to Caucus has been issued on our Cville Dems website and other sites/publications and has more information about location and rules (see the link in the article above).
- If the number of people who have pre-filed is less than the number of slots to be filled, all candidates who have pre-filed will be automatically elected and the Caucus will be canceled.



Fifth District Candidates and More

Get to know the Fifth District
US Congressional

Democratic candidates (so far) who are working hard to get their names on the ballot for the June 18 Primary Election. The election is for the US Senate and House of Representatives.

Our prospective VA-05 House of Representatives candidates are:

Adam J. Madden	https://www.maddenforcongress.com/
Paul Riley:	https://paulrileycongress.com/
Gary Terry:	https://garyterryforcongress.com/
Gloria Witt:	https://www.gloriawittforcongress.com/

The Senate candidate is our incumbent Senator **Tim Kaine**. Go, Tim!

And of course, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are running hard against Trump for the White House and American democracy -- not demagoguery -- for all. Here's the latest Biden ad:

<https://x.com/BidensWins/status/1770850924379983919?s=20>

Everybody vote! Early voting will be May 6 through June 15.

2024 Election — Calendar of Events (DPVA)

Mark your calendar and vote for a healthy US Democracy!!

- Early Voting for US Senate and Congressional Primary – May 6-June 15
 - 5th District Convention – May 18, 10am-2pm in Fluvanna
 - U.S. Senate and Congressional Primary – June 18
 - DPVA Convention – June 22, in Richmond
 - Democratic Party National Convention – Aug.19-23, in Chicago
 - General Election – Nov. 5
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Coming Soon – 2024 Campaign Efforts

Stay tuned for more information on our 2024 GOTV efforts, including our weekly meetings at IX Park (scheduled to resume June 27) where we will write postcards and send out canvassers to Cville and Albemarle County residents. Additionally we will be working with Rural Groundgame to increase Democratic turnout throughout the 5th District by writing postcards and manning texting banks for them. Plan to join us and have fun doing this with friendly folks.



Next "Democracy on Tap," April 7 with Local History Expert Sterling Howell

The next "Democracy on Tap" event will be on Sunday, April 7, 3:30-5:00pm, at Kardinal Hall, 722 Preston Ave. Sterling Howell, Programs Manager of the Albemarle Charlottesville Historical Society, will describe the changing role of the Society since its founding in 1940, and discuss the value of local history and why it

should be supported in our time when history, books, and other institutions are under attack. Sponsored by the Cville Dems and the Albemarle Dems.

Talking Points for Democrats About President Biden

Watch and repost/distribute the new ads for President Biden's campaign. He quickly lists his areas of focus and accomplishment, with his humor close by, and it's good to keep them in mind:



<https://x.com/MeidasTouch/status/1766485444873666741?s=20>

Here's a second ad ("Are you better off than you were in early 2020?") released by the Biden campaign:

<https://x.com/Victorshi2020/status/1770863794090287493?s=20>

For more in-depth discussions, especially on particular topics as Democrats see them, this synopsis from the recent State of the Union may help. Click [here](#).



We Need Office Space – Know of Any?

The Cville Dems are searching for a full-time office location for 2024-25. With the most important election of our lives this year and an important

governor's race next year, Cville Dems are hoping for a space to serve as a gathering spot for phone banking, canvass launches, training, and much more.

If you know of an affordable location with parking, please contact Nancy and Josh at cvilledemschair@gmail.com.

Join our Fundraising Group

We still need help with fundraising. If you'd like more information or have a question about a role or volunteer opportunity, please contact Cville Dems Co-Chair Nancy Damon at nancycdamon@gmail.com, and she'll be happy to explain.



Join our Voter Registration Team!

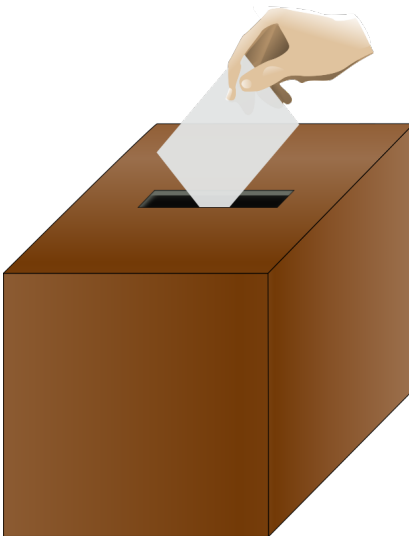


It's fun to see citizens become voters before your eyes!

For more information about how to help new voters get registered in the city, contact Suzanne Michels at suzemichels@gmail.com.

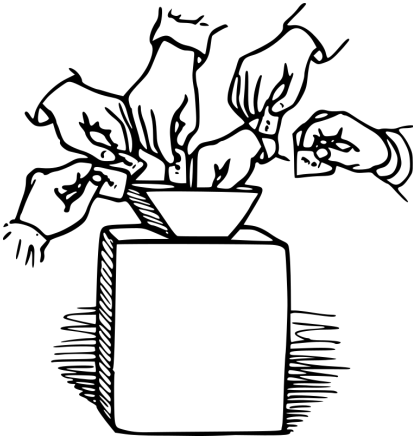
Preaching BEYOND the Choir (Why electing Dems matters!)

This year's election cycle, we don't need to tell you, is not going to be a joyride in the Blue Ridge. A lot of factors are making election outcomes uncertain. Unfounded fear of a wonky economy (see talking points at whitehouse.gov or above to address this with friends and frenemies). Possible evidence of more forgetfulness, verbal blunders, and violent language from the Former Guy. Additional candidates running for president and people using their Democratic primary votes to register protests. The point is, we need all the votes we can get for Joe Biden as the candidate who can and once already did beat Trump.



"More recently, his [RFK JR.'s] activism has veered into conspiracies and contradicted scientific consensus, [most infamously on vaccines](#). Some members of his family have publicly criticized his views. Dozens of his family members posed with President Joe Biden at a St. Patrick's Day reception at the White House in a photo his sister Kerry Kennedy posted to social media. Kennedy founded Waterkeeper Alliance, which works to secure clean water, and Children's Health Defense, an anti-vaccine group that saw its reach grow

rapidly during the pandemic. Children's Health Defense has a lawsuit pending against a number of news organizations, among them The Associated Press, accusing them of violating antitrust laws by taking action to identify misinformation, including about COVID-19 and COVID-19 vaccines. Kennedy took leave from the group when he announced his run for president but is listed as one of its attorneys in the lawsuit." [WBUR, 3/18/24](#)



"The organisers of Listen to Michigan — an effort to protest Joe Biden's policy towards Israel's war in Gaza — have a message for the United States president: The conflict is not a 'niche' issue for only some segments of the political left. Listen to Michigan emerged earlier this year as a grassroots movement focused on the state's primary. It called on voters to cast 'uncommitted votes' instead of backing Biden's reelection effort, in an attempt to signal displeasure

over the president's stance on the war.... Layla Elabed, a key Michigan organiser, said during a news conference on Monday. [Elabed:] 'Today, we launched our national movement to let you all know uncommitted voters aren't going anywhere, and we aren't backing down until we achieve a permanent ceasefire.'" [Al Jazeera, 3/18/24](#)

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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